

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Office Manager

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

John Mastandrea

Development

Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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SATURDAY, JULY 15 -

VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Helen Barber

SUNDAY, JULY 16 -

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Stanley Sovizral

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 17 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Eleanor Durica

TUESDAY, JULY 18 -

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

6:45 PM - James Walter

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Mary Marky

THURSDAY, JULY 20 -

ST. APOLLINARIS

FRIDAY, JULY 21 -

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI & BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN

8:15 AM - Rose Marie Bloom

SATURDAY, JULY 22 -

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

8:15 AM - Ketola Family

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 23 -

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Marie Smolik

*11:00 AM - Steven Jablonski

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 2nd	\$4,949.00
Maintenance	\$3,029.00
Student's Weekly Offering (21 Envelopes)	\$45.00
Collection for July 9th	\$3,629.00
Maintenance	\$1,664.00
Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes)	\$62.00
Faith Direct as of 6/15	\$1,910.00
Faith Direct Maintenance	\$370.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 PM Fall Sports Parent Meeting - Utopia Hall

Thursday, July 20

6:30 PM Catholic Summer School - Utopia Hall

Saturday, July 22

4:30 PM Outdoor Mass

****DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS****

Hot Dog Cookout immediately following Mass on the church grounds

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register online or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email infor@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify you, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Here we go as the *Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time* continues to roll-on... We can all agree that time here in this life and on this earth – **does not stop, for anyone**. We all know that our time is limited, and even more limited for most of us as we come to these pews each week. This week, each of the readings and the responsorial psalm all speak of the fruitfulness of the seeds planted and the creation of **God, which we are “in the here and now.”** The **Prophet Isaiah** talks of the word of **God** being fruitful. The psalmist sings of the seed falling on good ground. As **St. Paul** tells the **Romans** that we are **God’s** creation, “...*have the firstfruits of the Spirit.*” **Jesus** continues to teach us of the seed falling on rich soil and the other types of soil. We are called by our nature to be fruitful, we also live in a time and culture that so often redefines what it means to be fruitful. We need to ask: are we being fruitful? Are we being fruitful for our **God** and our families so that we continue to grow, even as our mortal bodies stop, do we keep rolling on?

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The theme/lesson that we are dealing with this week can be seen as “Fruitfulness!”. How are we as a parish and family of faith being fruitful? I would have to say that with the mid-summer weeks now upon us, I want to use the time to thanks the **Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous** (*individuals and families*) out there in our community. You are being very **Fruitful** in your simple – yet effective way! The *Help for the Poor* envelopes are making their way to families and individuals on the streets of our community. The “**Legacy Gifts**” are starting to come in to ensure that we can keep the roof above us, the necessary repairs, and the lights on. **Thank You!** The cost of the repairs, the payroll, and the utility costs all continue to grow, and without the help of our benefactors and helpers we could not continue to be fruitful, so *Thank you, again*.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
The Badza Family.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send in any pictures that you take to the rectory. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2023. The statue can be picked up from the Music Office in the church after Mass on Saturday or Sunday, but must be returned by the following Saturday to the Music Office by 4pm.



July 22/23

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	David Marks Greg Booth Nina Ferguson	Jeff Stutzman Steve Cottos	Blake Liebert Isabella Diaz
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Jaclene Zauszniewski Dolores Hules Vernon Recker	Rob Cepek Al Margevicius	Aidan Cepek Aubrey Rankin Danny Coughlin
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Brandy Emery Heather Roberts Joanne Uhl	Al Hein	Brendon Kiscoe Nathaniel Infante Faith Stanley

Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Baby Eli, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Lisa Bodnar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Shawn Calvey, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Ken Galaida, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoed, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Shirley M., Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Marlene Mohanickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Frank Mosia, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Annette Pirozek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Irene & Tom Sheridan, Elaine Smet, Margie & Don Spits, Jennifer Stancato, Anthony Tedesco, Sam Urban, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Betty Wozniak and Deacon Chuck & Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Charles Mackey, Jack Baatz, Anthony Busser, Dorothy Hoover (mother of Abbot Gary Hoover) and Elmer Davtovich in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

THE FEST - MOMS ARE SPECIAL!

We all know that moms (and grandmothers, aunts and sisters) are special...very special!!! When you come to The FEST on Sunday, August 6th in Wickliffe, you can have an amazing day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE - and have the chance to get special giveaways from our friends at Marc's. More information can be found at www.theFEST.us.



Congratulations and welcome Kaylee Nguyen who was baptized on July 2nd. God bless you!

SAINT QUOTE

"Let a man fear, above all, me, his God, and so much the gentler will he become toward my creatures and animals, on whom, on account of me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion."

St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373),
Visionary, Foundress,
Feast Day: July 23rd

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received all the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called RCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

PSR - Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be available soon at the rectory or by contacting psr@stmparish.net.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Confirmation - If you will be in the 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

VOCATION CORNER

**For all of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary
and for all those in formation**

You can learn more about this order by visiting: www.humilityofmary.org. Please keep the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to PO Box 534, Villa Maria, PA 16155.

THANKFUL CORNER

Again this summer, there is a lot of work going on around the campus. Thank you so much to all of those that are working so hard to make sure the work gets done. Also, a big thanks to all those working on our summer of fun events. We appreciate all of you!!!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**Exciting News for Catholic Education!**

Thank you to all the parishioners who heeded the call to contact your Senators and Representatives in the State of Ohio Congress! On Friday, July 1, both the House and the Senate passed the state budget and it was signed into law on Monday, July 3. The biggest news for us is that income-based EdChoice is to become universally available, with full scholarships awarded up to 450% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and a sliding scale thereafter, with the minimum scholarship being 10% of a full scholarship.

Number in Household	450% of FPL	500% of FPL	550% of FPL	600% of FPL	650% of FPL	700% of FPL	750% of FPL	Above 750% of FPL
1	\$ 65,610	\$ 72,900	\$ 80,190	\$ 87,480	\$ 94,770	\$ 102,060	\$ 109,350	>\$109350
2	\$ 88,740	\$ 98,600	\$ 108,460	\$ 118,320	\$ 128,180	\$ 138,040	\$ 147,900	>\$147900
3	\$ 111,870	\$ 124,300	\$ 136,730	\$ 149,160	\$ 161,590	\$ 174,020	\$ 186,450	>\$186450
4	\$ 135,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 225,000	>\$225000
5	\$ 158,130	\$ 175,700	\$ 193,270	\$ 210,840	\$ 228,410	\$ 245,980	\$ 263,550	>\$263550
6	\$ 181,260	\$ 201,400	\$ 221,540	\$ 241,680	\$ 261,820	\$ 281,960	\$ 302,100	>\$302100
7	\$ 207,390	\$ 227,100	\$ 249,810	\$ 272,520	\$ 295,230	\$ 317,940	\$ 340,650	>\$340650
8	\$ 227,520	\$ 252,800	\$ 278,080	\$ 303,360	\$ 328,640	\$ 353,920	\$ 379,200	>\$379200
K-8 Scholarship	\$ 6,165	\$ 5,200	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,300	\$ 900	\$ 650.00
9-12 Scholarship	\$ 8,407	\$ 7,050	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,250	\$ 950.00

Income eligibility is based on "family's adjusted gross income" rather than "family income."

In addition to expanding scholarship opportunities to every student in the state of Ohio, they have increased the scholarship amount. The cost to educate a student at St. Thomas More School is approximately \$6800. The increase in the scholarship amount (\$6,164) will be instrumental in us improving the financial stability of the school.

Why is this important for you to know?

- It is reassuring to know that the phone calls and letters we sent to the Legislature were heard! Democracy at its best.
- The school will no longer be relying on the parish for subsidy. We have already reduced the subsidy by more than \$200,000 this year.
- If you know of any families with children, 3-years old through Grade 8, please have them contact Mrs. Schultz, our Admissions Director, for more information: sschultz@stmschool.com. It would be wonderful if every parish family sent their children to the parish school!

If you have any questions, please feel to email Ms. Cosgriff, mcosgriff@stmschool.com.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Church is preparing to celebrate the 3rd Word Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on Sunday, July 23, 2023, near the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. This year's motto is, "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young." Pope Francis' theme expresses the link with World Youth Day (August 1-6, 2023). (vaticannews.va)

At our outdoor Mass next Saturday, July 22nd, we will celebrate our grandparents. We will be passing out little tokens of appreciation.

Grandparents, please join us that weekend as we celebrate "YOU" and your importance to not only your family, but to our family of faith.



ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

RIVERS CASINO - Wednesday, August 16th (Pittsburgh, PA)
\$48/person
\$20 slot play \$5 food credit
Deadline: Monday, July 17th

AMISH COUNTRY - Monday, September 11th
Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included)
Shopping at Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery and Farm Market, Hillcrest Orchard, Kauffman Bakery and Heini's Cheese
\$80/person
Deadline: Monday, August 21st

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO - Overnight stay
Thursday, October 12th
Casino Bonus: \$35 slot play \$15 food credit
SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO - Friday, October 13th
Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play
Deadline: Friday, September 1st
Cost: \$287.00/person (single occupancy)
\$196.00/person (double occupancy)
\$188.00/person (triple occupancy)

For reservations or questions, please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Join us for our annual Summer Celebration Friday, July 14th - Sunday, July 16th. For more information, please visit: stcharlesonline.org/summer-celebration.

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SUMMER OF FUN '23

RSVP/REGISTER AT STMPARISH.NET/CALENDAR



Catholic Summer School - The Catechism

Thursday, July 20, 2023 (6:30pm in Utopia Hall)

Each session will give a basic overview of the topic, provide some simple resources, and allow for questions (and hopefully some answers).



Outdoor Mass and Hot Dog Cookout

Saturday, July 22 (following 4:30pm Mass)

Join us for Mass & a free picnic. RSVP requested, but not required.



Catholic Summer School - The Eucharist

Thursday, July 27, 2023 (6:30pm in Utopia Hall)

Each session will give a basic overview of the topic, provide some simple resources, and allow for questions (and hopefully some answers).



Catholic Summer School - Questions and Answers

Thursday, August 3, 2023 (6:30pm in Utopia Hall)

Each session will give a basic overview of the topic, provide some simple resources, and allow for questions (and hopefully some answers).



Ice Cream Social

Saturday, Aug. 12 (after 4:30pm Mass) | Sunday, Aug. 13 (after 11am Mass)

Come enjoy some Honey Hut Ice Cream. RSVP requested, but not required.



Back to School Outdoor Mass, Backpack Blessing & Cookout

Sunday, August 27 (11am Mass - Picnic to Follow)

Join us for Mass & a free picnic. RSVP requested, but not required.

*We're also looking ahead to the fall & winter months.
Stay tuned to our website calendar - stmparish.net/calendar*

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work and the community.

Pass on our faith tradition.

Strengthen, love and support all of God's people.

Nurture our gifts and share them with others.

Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.