

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

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Business Manager

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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 1 -

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 2 -

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Gloria Palcisko

*11:00 AM - Orlando Marzola

MONDAY, JULY 3 -

ST. THOMAS

8:15 AM - Richard Koranda

TUESDAY, JULY 4 -

INDEPENDENCE DAY

9:00 AM - The United States of America

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 -

SS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA & ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, JULY 6 -

ST. MARIA GORETTI

FRIDAY, JULY 7 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, JULY 8 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Lou Kazimer

*4:30 PM - Nancy Williams

SUNDAY, JULY 9 -

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Alex Gordon

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for June 25th \$3,234.00

Maintenance \$902.00

Student's Weekly Offering (18 Envelopes) \$164.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Congratulations and welcome Joseph Jacob Steward who was baptized on June 25th. God bless you!

Monday, July 3

Rectory Closed

Tuesday, July 4

Rectory Closed

9:00 AM - Mass



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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Think of the usage of the term “**oxymoron**,” the simple phrase that presents one – then another. The phrases “*crash landing*”, “*controlled chaos*”, “*exact estimate*”, and (my favorite) *jumbo shrimp*... Two words or phrases that mean different things, but come together for one usage.

NOW, in the *Second Reading*, think of **St. Paul's** talk about “*baptized into his death*” and “*died with Christ... live with him.*” Then we have **Jesus** pointing out in *St. Matthew's Gospel* passage of “...*whoever finds his life will lose it...*” and “...*whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*” This week, we see the differences of the worldly life, and the heavenly life – that life of **God's** glory, forever. **Jesus** doesn't want to confuse us by any means, but rather that we see the difference **and** live for **God**!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

This week leads us into the Fourth of July weekend. We may be visiting friends and picnicking, or simply relaxing alone these days. We see that we are now starting the second half of the summer months, and it is time to think as we relax. We need to think about those who have helped us get to where we are, as a nation – good or bad. We need to start thinking, and educating ourselves on how we need to exercise our hard-earned freedoms. Yes, we can be talking about being a “well informed voter”, as well as being one who encourages others to be sure to exercise their freedoms. It will be a crazy political season, but let us start the discussions while helping others to better understand the issues upon us.

Happy Fourth of July!



TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Peggy Palumbo.

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 8/9

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Jim Higgins Barb Mundson David Marks	Stephanie Liebert Tim Lozar	Blake Liebert Noah Nguyen
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Vernon Recker	Al Margevicius Carole Flanagan	Aidan Cepek Aubrey Rankin Danny Coughlin
11:00 AM	Joyce Stutzman Sue Poole Bernice Barker	Jeff Stutzman	Roger Kalbrunner

Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Lisa Bodnar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Christine DeMarco, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Ken Galaida, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Shirley M., Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Marlene Mohnickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Annette Pirozek, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Irene & Tom Sheridan, Elaine Smet, Margie & Don Spits, Anthony Tedesco, Sam Urban, Betty Wozniak and 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 Stanley Sovizral, Marie Smolik, Steven Jablonski, Jerome Wanchow, Helen Hanslik, Carole Popow, Barbara Eichman and Rev. Paul Wysocki in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

FUNERAL SERVERS

We are still in need of adult servers for funerals. If you are interested, please call the rectory or Vernon Recker at 216-351-1531

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles are available to be displayed for six months for \$100. Forms are available at the rectory.

CHURCH FLOWERS

PLEASE DO NOT WATER THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH.

We really appreciate the effort, but we have volunteers that have a schedule set to water the flowers. If you would like to volunteer, please call the rectory and we can set you up with one of our ministry groups!

SUMMER FORMATION SERIES

Join us on Thursdays, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3 beginning at 6:30pm for Catholic Summer School in Utopia Hall. The topics will include: the Bible (July 13), the Catechism (July 20), the Eucharist (July 27), and a Catholic Q & A on August 3. Each session will give a basic overview of the topic, provide some simple resources, and allow for questions (and hopefully some answers). Come for one or all of the sessions and bring friends, family and neighbors.

SAINT QUOTE

"Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Benedict of Nursia (480-547),
Monk, Patron of Europe,
Feast Day: July 11th

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

ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL WINNERS

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

First Prize: \$10,000 - TJ & Michelle Kiscoe

Second Prize: \$1,000 - Laura Royer

Third Prize: \$500 - Dina Verchio

THANKFUL CORNER

Thanks to all who participated in the raffle and attended the event. It proved to be a very enjoyable day for all involved!

WE OUR VOLUNTEERS

A great big **THANK YOU** to our Festival Committee, especially our chairpersons, Terri Sozio, Renee Cepek and Greg Ans, the Parish Pastoral Council, our Ministry groups and all of the gracious volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success! Mark your calendars for next year's festival on June 23, 2024!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL 2022-2023 4TH QUARTER HONORS

FIRST HONORS

Sophia Adkins, Faith Akateh, Nevaeh Aldridge, Luna Basen, Brandon Breeden, Emma Brown, Reagan Burke, Nicolas Cajo Rubio, Jonathan Collins, II, Leyna Crew, Isabella Diaz, Jahaira Figueroa, Brodie Hill, Carter Gregg, Nathaniel Infante, Brendon Kiscoe, Blake Liebert, Lucia Nunney, Ania Oshaben, Carter Pedraza, Taylor Ramsey, Aubrey Rankin, Parker Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Mathew Rydzewski, Emily Schillo, Jacob Schillo, Chloe Scott, Jordan Thomas, Sofia Torres, Ethan Tran, Alaina Vandal, Leah Viera, Mia Viera, Emma Wright, Cora Yankovitz

SECOND HONORS

Joel Akateh, Dominic Azap, Jayden Cardenas, Camila Castillo Caridad, Jackson Colon, Jariana Figueroa, Mia Glover, Layla Jacobson, Daniel Kilongo, Rylee Kingery, Ayden Lin, Elijah Lopez, Giovanna Magistro, Macie Meehan, Holly Roberts, Kadam Rochford, Abel Solley, Faith Stanley, Kaydence Thompson, John Valencik, Samuel Widdowson

END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Principal's Award: The following students achieved First Honors (3.5 or higher) for all four quarters:

Sophia Adkins, Luna Basen, Reagan Burke, Nicolas Cajo Rubio, Jonathan Collins, II, Leyna Crew, Isabella Diaz, Jahaira Figueroa, Nathaniel Infante, Blake Liebert, Lucia Nunney, Aubrey Rankin, Parker Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Jacob Schillo, Chloe Scott, Jordan Thomas, Sofia Torres, Leah Viera, Emma Wright, Cora Yankovitz

Academic Achievement Award: The following students received First (3.5 or higher) or Second Honors (3.0 or higher) each quarter.

Faith Akateh, Dominic Azap, Brandon Breeden, Emma Brown, Jackson Colon, Carter Gregg, Layla Jacobson, Rylee Kingery, Ayden Lin, Giovanna Magistro, Macie Meehan, Kadam Rochford, Abel Solley, Kaydence Thompson, Ethan Tran, John Valencik, Alaina Vandal, Samuel Widdowson

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Saint Ignatius High School honors the following alumni who have received honors for the second semester: Anthony Amoroso, Dillon Fall, Jose Figueroa, Quinten Ha-Lambert, AJ Hill, Jared Liebert, Tyler Liebert, Christian Schillinger, Joseph Valencik and Richard Widdowson.

Trinity High School honors the following alumni who has received high honors for the fourth half term: Abigail Close.

ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Our athletic program is in need of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Mark Butler, our Athletic Director, at mbutler@stmparish.net

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy see and the charitable works of Pope Francis. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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.

VOCATION CORNER

For all of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Sponsored by the St. Elias Ladies Guild. Saturday, July 22nd. Cost is \$60 and the reservation deadline is July 8th. Please call Andree at 440-759-6665 or Deneen at 440-666-4708.



LITURGY NOTES

Lorrie Wenmoth, Music Director

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324). **The Eucharist is not an object but a person who is alive and transforms lives.** The person of Jesus Christ is at the heart of this Eucharistic moment in the United States. This is the work of revival"

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, parishes are encouraged to look at the way Mass is celebrated, and to discern how we might rekindle our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. The first pillar of the revival is to reinvigorate worship. We need many hands to accomplish this. This is not the job of Father Mike. Each of us is called to give in some way, according to our circumstances. Some parishioners served on committees and as ministers for many years, and now have passed the mantle to the next generation. If you hear or feel that call, we have opportunities for you. If you wish to participate in any ministry, you may call the rectory, or email your name, and phone number to liturgy@stmparish.net.

Servers

You have probably seen many new servers in the past few weeks. We had a wonderful response to our request for new servers, and they are in the process of being mentored by some of our more experienced servers. If your child will be entering 3rd grade or higher in the fall, and they would like to serve, we will have another training session in the fall when school resumes.

Adult Servers

We particularly need adults who can serve for funerals. We are in the process of training some older kids, but would like adults as well, to serve on their own and to mentor the young people after we train them.

Lectors

We had a few lectors move away from the parish and could use a few more, especially at the 11:00 Mass. If you feel called to proclaim Scripture, and can read loudly and slowly, then this is a perfect way to give back to your fellow parishioners. Anyone high school age and up is welcome. If you were a lector in grade school and have now graduated, we need you!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The diocese expects to hold training sessions in the fall, so we would like to collect names and contact information to help get you registered when the time comes.

Ushers/Greeters

Friendly faces make STM feel welcoming to newcomers. This is a ministry families can do together. You can open the door and say hello to people, hand them a bulletin, answer questions, and make them feel comfortable. Some people take up the collection, assist in finding people to take up the gifts, and help those with mobility challenges. There is always room for more "St. Martha's".

Music Ministry

Choir was rebooted last year, and we made music, made new friends, and enhanced the liturgy. We will be starting again after Labor Day, so if you are interested in singing in the choir, playing an instrument, or being a cantor, please email Lorrie at musicministry@stmparish.net. She will be happy to discuss the various options with you.

New email for any liturgical ministry: liturgy@stmparish.net. Several people monitor this email and can respond to your question.

ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild installed the following officers for 2023/2024 Executive Board: President - Bernice Barker, Vice-President - Peggy Hovan, Treasurer - Eileen Kovacik, Recording Secretary - Madelyn Koranda and Corresponding Secretary - Beverly Welky. Thank you all for the support this past year!



SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 8 ON ISSUE 1

A special election will take place in Ohio on August 8, 2023 to vote on Issue 1, which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment."

As our bishops remind us, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" *Faithful Citizenship*, No. 13. We urge you to register to vote in the upcoming election:

July 10: Deadline to [Register to Vote or Update Voter Information](#)

July 11 - August 6: [Absentee and Early In-Person Voting](#)
Tuesday, August 8: ELECTION DAY

Please note: The Bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 as it does not have moral content.