



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 - 3pm until 4pm

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

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Melissa Wensing

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Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Co-Principal

Meg Cosgriff - Co-Principal

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4 –
VIGIL

*4:30PM - Kayla Haller

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 –
PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00AM - Sisters of the Incarnate Word

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 6 –
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8:15AM - Mark & Irene Downes

TUESDAY, MAY 7 –
WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Barbara Laughlin

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 –
WEEKDAY

8:15AM - James Banasik

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 –
ST. EPHREM

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 –
WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 –
ST. BARNABAS

8:15AM - Brian & Mary Ann Sowers (Living) -
Anniversary

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 –
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9:00AM - Msgr. Howard W. Smith

*11:00AM - Vincent Mercurio

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for May 29th.....	\$4,236.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,515.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$50.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. (Rom 8:14)

Gospel:

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I had told you.” (Jn 14:26)

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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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass 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.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” [!!!] This is from the *Gospel Acclamation*, and as we celebrate the **Feast of Pentecost**, we look for that desire and the sacred fire to burn in our hearts. This time after the **Ascension** has the Apostles and disciples together in the upper room, waiting on “*The Advocate*” and still together as the rest of the Jewish people celebrated the **Feast of Pentecost**. We remember that the Jewish Feast of Pentecost celebrates the covenant of **God** with *Noah*, right? Well, in fine Christian manner, there is the “next step” of continuing in an even greater way – with the coming of “*The Advocate*” the **Holy Spirit!**

The *First Reading* from *Acts* has *St. Luke’s* view of the time in the upper room. *St. Paul* in the *Second Reading* speaks of the **Holy Spirit** and how we are all called and baptized by the **Holy Spirit**. Even in the *Gospel of John*, the main points are spoken from **Jesus**. *St. John* has Jesus telling us, “*Peace be with you.*” and “*Receive the Holy Spirit.*” Two very important lines to take forward and **ALWAYS** remember. We take the peace of **Christ** and the gifts of the **Holy Spirit**. Throw your shoulders back and remember these two ever important lines – “*Peace be with you!*” and “*Receive the Holy Spirit!*”

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful...” even this first part of this (so) important *Gospel Acclamation* is a prayer to be prayed. I know that I often pray it as I deal with all the fun that happens between the Corner Office and the Holy Altar. It is our calling as Christians and Catholics to let the **Holy Spirit** inspire us, guide us, reassure us, and comfort us.

The continual “*call out*” for servers and liturgical ministers will always be high on my list of requests. **I thank those** who continue to donate for the church parish *Maintenance Fund* and that of the *School Maintenance & Scholarship Fund*. These are two very important funds that will keep us in the game of growing our parish community. **Please** be sure that your refrigerator has the **Summer of Fun** list, as there are still more near the church doors. This will be a big summer, and will continue to grow after all the hard work and fun we completed last year. *May I say* (again...) “*Peace be with you.*” and “*Receive the Holy Spirit.*”

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, if you take any pictures, send them in to the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2022.**

SAINT QUOTE

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.

Ephrem the Syrian (306-373),

Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: June 9th

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **May**– Frederick & Judith Breen ♦ Jessica Brown ♦ Nathan Noga and Kevin & Dorothy McCarthy . Welcome to you!

ROSARY

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will lead us in the rosary one half hour before all Masses next weekend. Please come early and join us!

VOCATION CORNER

Mercedarian Sisters and Friars

To learn more visit mercedariansisters.org for the Sisters and orderofmercy.org for the Friars. Please keep those Sisters and Friars 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 Mercedarian Sisters, 1355 West 710th Street, Cleveland, 44102 or Mercedarian Friars, 6398 Drexel Road, Philadelphia, PA, 19151

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are planned for June and July at parishes across the diocese. If you are interested in attending, please call the rectory to get registered.



Thank You!

Thank you to all of the faithful volunteers who tend to the gardens around the campus. You all do such a great job at making the grounds look so beautiful. We truly appreciate all the hard work and dedication.



Sally Andreczek, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Frank Bielski, Fran Blaha, Avianna Burgos, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Celia Caraballo, Jeremy Cheetham, Gladys Colon, Nelcida Colon, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Julie Ersek, Maureen Finneran, Maureen Flynn, Patricia Foerster, Yolanda G., Norma Gademer, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Chrissy Grafton, Andy Guelker, Helen Hanslik, Mila Haun, Bobby Hengoad, Ed Hengoad Sr., Laura Hengoad, Alex Hogan, Ida Jean Hopkins, Pat Jackson, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Joe Kastelic, Jesse Kazimer, John Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Brent Keller, Madelyn Koranda, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Martin Laughlin, Maggie Leonardo, Paul & Bobbi Matysiak, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Barb Mundson, Dave Muran, Jack Murphy, Cindy Murray, Josalyn Murray, Rose O'Horo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers Sr., Monica Puleo, Ed Readence, Paula Ritter, Diane Rodes, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Anne Smith, Dolly Smith, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Karen Syroka, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, William Udics, Sandy (Sam) Urban, Jim Viets, Conrad Wallen, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak, Marian Zawadzki and Carol Zebresky. **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.**



Please remember Rev. Joseph Rodak, Matthew Roggenburke, Sr., Robert Vogel and Karen Czajkowski, Carole Phillips and Audrey Dobrinic in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

EAGLE SCOUT BAKE SALE

After all Masses this weekend, Victor Roberts will hold a bake sale for his Eagle Scout Project. All goodies will be \$1/each and any donations will be greatly appreciated.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will hold its 2022/2023 officer installation luncheon on Tuesday, June 14th at 1pm at Das Schnitzel Haus (5728 Pearl Road in Parma). All are welcome!

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Father's Day cards before and after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. They are also available in the rectory. The price of the cards are \$2 for living fathers and \$1 for deceased fathers. All fathers registered will be remembered at five Masses throughout the year.



Readings for the week of June 5, 2022

- Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/ Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

MUSIC MINISTRY

Thou Shalt Not Steal (Exodus 20:15)

Copyright and music licensing is a very complicated topic, but I am going to attempt to simplify the basics here because the question I have received most since starting work here is, “Why don’t we sing _____ (fill in the blank) song?”

Copyright

The person or people who compose the melody and the lyrics copyright their work in order to receive just and fair compensation for the use of that work. In the U.S., a copyright grants the author exclusive rights to make copies of the original work, to make "derivative works" that vary from the original, and to publicly perform, display, or transmit the work. This means that it's illegal for anyone else to use the work in these ways without the author's permission.



Music License vs Copyright: What’s the Difference?

A music license is a “lending license” for others to use your song for a set time period for a fee. So, you can use licensing to “lend” the song, but the intellectual property of the song itself stays with you. A music license is when a copyright holder (you the artist) grants the right to use his or her work publicly, and in return receives a flat fee and/or royalties based on an agreed contract.

There are separate music licenses that cover the rights to perform a song, the rights to post to the internet, the rights to print the lyrics or the music, etc. To help churches navigate this complicated process, many parishes use a company called OneLicense, who collects a monthly fee from a church who is a member, and then pays the correct fees to the correct composers. The Church’s responsibility is to report which hymns they used for how many Masses, and whether they were reprinted, or streamed. This reprint license is reasonably priced, and for Catholics, validates a justice issue regarding composers and their rights to sharing their music compositions, and compensation for their publications. *(To include the clip art for this article, I had to search royalty free stock images in order to not steal someone’s art.)* OneLicense represents the largest number of publishers “grouped together” in the U.S.

OneLicense has many songs and publishers that it covers, but it does not necessarily cover every song in every hymnal. OCP is the publisher of our Breaking Bread hymnal, and they negotiate fees with composers and publishers in order to include the hymn in the hymnal. **By purchasing the hymnal, we have the right to sing anything in the hymnal, but not the right to reprint or livestream that material.** Therefore, not every hymn in Breaking Bread is covered by the streaming/reprint license we hold with OneLicense.

OneLicense does continue to add to its list, and I will continue to check on some of the songs you have suggested. I am not against any particular song or style of song, as long as we can justly provide compensation to the composer.

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

CHOIR REBOOT



The choir meeting on May 25th was well attended. We have a nice group interested in returning to choir in the fall, and there is always room for more. If you are interested in singing in the choir, you need to be able to carry a tune, but you don’t necessarily have to read music or be a soloist. If you aren't sure what your voice part is, or if you can carry a tune, I am happy to meet with you privately and help find your most comfortable singing range. **There are no auditions.** We can decide together if choir is a good fit for you.

Practices are one evening a week for 60-90 min. We will choose the best night for our schedules. I am surveying the members to see if they want to sing at one particular Mass or rotate Masses. I want to make the choir experience fun, and suitable to the schedules of your busy lives. If you're interested and want to give input while we are making these decisions, please email me at musicministry@stmparish.net. I will send you a google form survey so your voice can be heard! If you do not have email, call the rectory and leave a message for me to call you. I look forward to starting in the fall!

FROM THE DESK OF SR. JANE...

If we can remember from the readings at Mass from the Acts of the Apostles towards the end of the Easter season, we have a simplified version of the **synodal process**. Peter and Paul used this process concerning the issue of whether the Gentiles had to become Jewish before they could become Christians. Representatives of diverse voices and perspectives joined this “journeying together process” as early leaders moved the Church forward in those early times. The goal of Pope Francis is to have us realize we are here to listen to the Holy Spirit and each other, celebrate and pray together, and share in responsibility of the Church’s mission, by fulfilling the call of our baptism as active participants in this discernment process.

The “Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity” is very important today, as we begin the synodal process on synodality. Before continuing the content of this decree, we might ask, “What is a decree?”. Simply put, it does not have the same level of authority as the four Apostolic Constitutions, but does tell us how we are to accomplish the tasks and duties given in these documents. The “Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity” communicates how we, as lay men and women, are to implement the teachings about the laity’s role in the Church, Divine revelation, Liturgy, and the Modern World. There are 9 Decrees; and to finish-up, there are 3 Declarations which are not binding, but deserve respect because they represent the wisdom of the Church Fathers’ position on 3 topics: Christian Education, Non-Christians, and Religious Freedom.

The Holy Spirit gives the faithful special gifts which they have the right and duty to use in the Church and the world in the “freedom of the Holy Spirit and in communion with their brothers in Christ, especially their pastors who are not to extinguish the Spirit but to test all things and hold what is good.” The success of the laity’s input depends on our living in union with Christ nourished by active participation in the Mass. Our spiritual life should not separate us from family concerns, secular affairs, or ordinary daily life. *Only by reflecting on the word of God can we make correct judgments about temporal things and be dedicated to the improvement of the temporal order always **impelled by love**.* The perfect example of lay spiritual and apostolic life is the most Blessed Virgin Mary. Not many realize that Mary was truly one of us – a *LAY PERSON!*

Even though we are “think tanks,” we also need to give our hands to the Church.

Bishops and Pastors do not need to know our every thought, complaint, or suggestion. Think in terms of the “common good” and “B-Positive.”

Even now, do we listen to the Holy Spirit and try to hear what others are saying **or** do we jump on social media (whatever form that takes) to get people on our side?

ST. THOMAS MORE’S SUMMER OF FUN!

Feast of St. Thomas More

Wednesday, June 22nd - 6:45pm Mass followed by an ice cream social

Outdoor Mass & Hotdog Cookout

Sunday, June 26th - 11am Mass with cookout

St. Thomas More Festival with Raffle

Sunday, July 24th from 12-7pm

Junk in the Trunk

Saturday, July 30th from 9am - 12pm. Buy a spot and sell your stuff. Free admission to browse the trunks. More details on the parish website.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 13th after 4:30pm Mass
Sunday, August 14th after 11am Mass

Back to School Outdoor Mass & Blessing of Backpacks with Cookout Sunday, August 28th - 11am Mass

Visit stmparish.net/calendar to view all the Fun events!

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS - WEST FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Join us on Monday, June 13th at 7pm at La Centre (25777 Detroit Road, Westlake). “The Blessings of Our Fathers” - Fr. Kevin Fox, Fr. Richard Gonser, Fr. Vince Hawk & Fr. Ed Weist. Father’s Day is coming up and we wanted to bring in a panel of priests to discuss how formation and seminary life has grown and changed over the years. There will be plenty of time for questions. Cost is \$15/person & includes light appetizer - cash bar. Pay online or at the door. Be sure to RSVP either way. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE

Join us on Sunday, August 7th for The FEST at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The Holy Spirit will take the many people from across our region and Diocese and bring them together for a GREAT day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE - at The FEST. At the end of the day, the Spirit will bring us all together around the Table of the Lord for Mass at 8pm. Visit www.theFEST.us for more details.