

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 - TBD

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

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

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



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 9 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - Safety Forces & Their Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Medical Professionals

MONDAY, MARCH 11 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Patricia Klemanek

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Eugene & Elizabeth Rich

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Jimmy Cosgriff - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

4:30 PM - Seminarians & Those in Formation

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - Widows & Widowers

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for March 3rd \$5,421.00
Maintenance \$4,171.00
Student's Weekly Offering (7 Envelopes) \$19.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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Please email infor@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, March 11

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 5 VB Practice - Gym

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 1/2 Practice - Field

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 3/4 VB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 8 VB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, March 12

11:30 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 7 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA - Church

Wednesday, March 13

2:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross - Church

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 7 VB Practice - Gym

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 1/2 Practice - Field

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baseball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, March 14

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 5 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 3/4 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission Mtg. - Church

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 8 VB Practice - Gym

Friday, March 15

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Confessions - Church

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baseball Practice - Gym

Saturday, March 16

Utopia Rental

Sunday, March 17



"EGG-STRAT-GANZA"

Join the Parish Pastoral Council for their annual "Egg-Strata-Ganza" on Sunday, March 24th in Utopia Hall from 10am until 1pm.

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events at St. Thomas More:

Saturday, April 20th - Women's Guild Music Bingo

Saturday, April 27th - PTU's Night at the Races

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

We continue with the Scrutiny’s for the our RCIA group, and we also continue with the stories from the *Old Testament* of **God’s** mercy and how we are all saved according to **St. Paul**. The *Responsorial Psalm* stretches that link between the *First* and *Second* readings, singing that we must never forget **God**. The fun comes to us in the *Gospel of St. John*, in the middle portion speaking of **God’s** love, and how we “...*that the world might be saved through him. [Jesus]*” We are saved by just believing in **Jesus**. Remember the sporting events with the placard simply showing “John 3:16”? We all recall the phrase, “*For God so loved the world...*” **Yes**, a popular sign at the sporting games growing up. *But do we believe it?*

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Working through the season of **Lent** we have been trying our best to adding additional opportunities for *Eucharistic Adoration*, the celebration of the sacrament of *Confession*, *Stations of the Cross*, and even spiritual talks. We know that we can all attend the various gatherings to help ourselves grow in our faith. *We thank all those working to pull these times together*, but do we remember to invite our family and friends to these different times of prayer and growth?

Feel free to invite others!



TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Tony & Keith Kozak.

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 2024.**

VOCATION CORNER

Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament
Our Vocation of the Month are the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. Please visit incarnate-wordorder.org to learn more about their story and to meet the Sisters. Please keep the Sisters of the Incarnate Word 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 6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130.



March 16/17			
MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Denise Puening Terri Cottos Barb Mundson	Stephanie Liebert Steve Cottos	Blake Liebert Noah Nguyen
9:00 AM	Jennifer Mladineo Vern Recker Jaclene Zauszniewski	Dolores Hules Mary Lou LoBue	Danny Coughlin Noah Redloske
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Joanne Uhl Madelyn Koranda	Mike Sommers	Jackson Colon



Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bognar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara Bridle, Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Tracey Carlisle, Shawn Calvey, Christopher Davis, Jim Davis, Michael Davis, Rosemarie DeJesus, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Ruth Giaco, Chet Givens, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoad, Dianne Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Melissa Korhely, Diane Kunath, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Eileen Lombardo, Deacon Dave Lundeen, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Audrey Roginsky, Richard Roman, Mike Sekerak, Irene Sheridan, Susan Sidley, John Skubie, Elaine Smet, Myles Sparks, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spritz, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sam Urban, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Stan Witowski, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak, 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 REEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Rosemarie Weber (mother of Rev. Christopher Weber), Lenor Pang, Chuck Brennan, Pat Gorisek and John Girardi. God grant them eternal rest.

MY DAILY PRAYERS

"My Daily Prayers" is a free daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and delivered each day directly to you through your email. Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day and offers encouragement to enter into deeper personal relationship with our living God. Come together in prayer with "My Daily Prayers." Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

CRM's Traveling Healing Charismatic Mass for March will be held at St. John Vianney Chapel on Friday, March 15th at 7pm. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445 or visit crmweb.org.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12th in Utopia Hall at 11:30am. Sr. Jane will be our speaker and her topic will be "Understanding and love for the Eucharist renewed." A "lite lunch" will be served. Please join us!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SAINT QUOTE

"The public ceremonies of the Church," the saint once remarked, "draw the people by their pomp and magnificence, and by degrees win them over in spite of their prejudices. The people hear with their eyes more than with their ears; they are at first captivated, then captured by the sight."

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (1751-1820),

Redemptorist Priest, Feast Day: March 15th

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

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for your prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For New Martyrs - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

An inter-parish men's group will meet April 5th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then and inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, April 2nd to make a reservation. Cost is \$16.00

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

Cleveland Clinic Main Campus is in dire need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer for ministry. For more information, please call Barb Kovacic: 440-946-7875 or Marcy Fritz at 440-885-1232.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

On February 22nd, the 6th-8th grade classes had the wonderful opportunity to visit Severance Hall and a performance of the Composer's Toolbox. The performance showed our students the variety of pieces that make up orchestral music, like melody, harmony, rhythm, form, and dynamics. It was wonderful to have our students not only experience the orchestra but to also provide them with the opportunity to visit one of the best music venues in the country. I am a believer that the arts help a student become more well rounded. It was also great to have our students be engaged in a lesson that showed people using their God given gifts and talents to bring joy to others.

As our students are moving forward with the Lenten season, our 8th graders have started the exciting process of preparing for the Living Stations that will be prayed with our parish community on Friday, March 22nd at 6pm in the church. Students have been given their roles and have been rehearsing for a special moment in their 8th grade year. We look forward to having you share in the presentation and prayer that is the Living Stations of the Cross.



God bless,
Mr. Adam W. Cottos

ST. THOMAS MORE PTU

We're excited to invite you to support our upcoming Night at the Races on Saturday, April 27th! Your donation will help make this event a success and directly benefit our school community. Whether you choose to donate a gift card, a basket, or make a monetary contribution, every bit of support makes a significant difference. To donate, please contact Kristine Redloske at ptu@stmschool.com.

TETÉLESTAI

The long-running musical passion play Tetélestai will be coming to St. Rocco Parish March 15th, 16th, and 17th 2024! The cast & crew of this visually moving passion play is excited to share the Good News of Easter with you. Tetélestai brings the Gospel to life with a cast & crew, full theatrical staging, sound & lighting, costumes and live singing. Watch the church website and newsletter for details and to see how you can attend or volunteer to help. Seeing the passion reenacted through Tetélestai is a powerful and moving way to prepare for the holy season of Easter. It has become a tradition for families across northeastern Ohio. Please visit LiveThePassion.org for more information. We hope to see you there!



Good Friday, March 29th, is a day of abstinence from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also a day of fast. The day of fast is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

Prayer opportunities include Eucharistic Adoration from 5-6pm and Stations of the Cross at 6pm on the following Fridays: March 15th and March 22nd. Children's Stations of the Cross on the following Wednesdays at 2pm: March 13th & March 20th.

An almsgiving opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

2024 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

The following Fridays from 5-6pm:
March 15th and March 22nd or by appointment

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

LENTEN TALK

Join us on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm in Utopia Hall as Friar Johnpaul Cafiero will lead a talk on The Passion of Jesus based on the Shroud of Turin.

CRS RICE BOWL

Increasing Disasters, Increasing Resilience - Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how - with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours - Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

ST. ELIAS

The annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays are held in the Gathering Hall (lower level). Dine in or Carry Out every Friday from 5:30 to 8pm until March 22nd. The Lenten Mission, Commitment, will run on Thursdays during Lent, ending on March 21st. For more information, please visit St. Elias' website: steliasmelkitechurch.org.

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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: 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 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.

ST. LEO'S BUS TRIPS

RIVERS CASINO - Wednesday, April 17th
Casino Bonus: \$20 slot play, \$5 food credit
\$46 per person
Deadline: Tuesday, March 26th

HARTVILLE - Monday, May 13th
Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included)
\$78 per person
Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd

SENECA NIAGARA - Thursday, June 27th (overnight stay)
Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play, \$20 food credit
Buffet Open
SENECA ALLEGANY - Friday, June 28th
Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play, \$5 food credit
Buffet Open
Deadline: Monday, May 20th

Contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or to make a reservation.

THE WOMEN OF THE PASSION

Lenten Retreat for Women at Mary Queen of Peace on
Friday, March 15th from 6-9pm
Fr. Doug Brown will be the speaker
Prayers, Confessions & Stations of the Cross
RSVP by March 12th
Dinner provided by Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Free Event - Donations Appreciated

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. (2Chr 36:15-16)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 ©LPi

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 and 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.