



# 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



## St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Co-Principal

Meg Cosgriff - Co-Principal

216-749-1660 | [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com)

## 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

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Music Director

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Youth Minister

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, MARCH 12 –  
VIGIL**

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13 –**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

\*9:00AM - Annette Csak

\*11:00AM - Alex J. Zamblauskas, Sr.

**MONDAY, MARCH 14 –**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15 –**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

6:45PM - Nick Hill

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 –**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17 –**

**ST. PATRICK**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18 –**

**ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM**

8:15AM - Eugene & Elizabeth Rich

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19 –**

**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**

8:15AM - Joseph Yench

4:30PM - Father's Day Enrollment

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20 –**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

\*9:00AM - Sean Butler

11:00AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for March 6th.....	\$5,873.00
Maintenance.....	\$2,759.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$75.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Congratulations and welcome

Jack Michael DeAngelo and

Colton Louis Shoemaker who were baptized on  
March 6th at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

### **First Reading:**

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

### **Psalm:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

### **Second Reading:**

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

### **Gospel:**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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## 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...

“...*it is good that we are here...*” Our friend **St. Peter** is the first to recognize the magnitude of what is going on at this time on Mt. Tabor with the others. The readings this week will slowly guide us in the “movement” or motion of change, or turning back to God. We know that this is one of the facets of the season of Lent – the turning or “*metanoia*.”

The **First Reading** from *Genesis* has Abram and God celebrating the covenant, the calling of the Israelites being the chosen people. **St. Paul** in the **Second Reading** challenges the *Philippians* to be imitators of him, and realize that our citizenship is in heaven [...not here...]. This all connects with the psalm response of “The **Lord** is my light and my salvation” This now brings us full circle back to the statement – It is GOOD that we are here... **Jesus** briefly gives us a glimpse of his divinity in a way that not only points to the future, but also in a way that shows us how the human person of **Jesus**, can also be the **God-Son of Jesus**. This can also show us how simple bread and wine, earthly gifts..., can be the true body and blood of **Christ**. (But that is a different day.) Let’s all see where our turning back is, as we hear Jesus say ...It *is good that we are here...*

Fr. Mike

### ***From the Pastor’s Desk:***

It is hard to believe that the 75<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Year** of celebration is over, but here we are. I want to keep thanking the Parish Pastoral Council and all of the subcommittees for all of their work. We will continue with the fun activities and will be looking for special events. So, thank you all.

Now, as we move into the *business side of the news* – would it surprise you if I said, “*we have a lot of issues to deal with, and things will not get fixed on their own?*” It will really involve a whole lot of tough decisions and we will be having more than a few tough talks. I ask for all of your prayers and support as we move forward into our next 75-years... It is no secret that the church sound system is bad, that the total physical plant of the campus is poor (and even unsafe in areas...), and that major items are breaking faster than we can get them repaired. This is similar to ourselves, in that we all are not getting any younger and without a healthy lifestyle things break-down if not maintained. The many years of lack of maintenance and **NOT** being proactive have caught-up with us. The finances are not readily in the bank, so that presents a few other concerns.

Know that the staff, volunteers, and I are working extremely hard to rectify the situation and deal with all of the concerns. *As I mentioned at the 9am Mass last Sunday*, my first concern is for things to be safe for everyone. The process of getting things back in order will not happen overnight and this will be for a few years, possibly. But **PLEASE** rest assured – that we will get through this all. We will grow closer as a parish community, a family of faith! I will be planning town hall style meetings, and other manners to communicate with you all on where things stand. I am a huge supporter of the transparency that is needed as a family. We owe it to each other and those who will be coming after us, to do more than our best to look forward and build for our future. This is already a bit too long, but just know we are moving forward.

***Thanks for your prayers and support.***

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Jim & Paulette Higgins.**

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 2022.**

## SAINT QUOTE

“Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God’s mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician’s skill.”

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386),  
Doctor of the Church,  
Feast Day: March 18th*

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

## 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](http://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.



Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff that work so hard to keep things running around here. We thank you and appreciate all that you do!



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Frank Bielski, Fran Blaha, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Celia Caraballo, Jeremy Cheetham, Gladys Colon, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Lorene Frantz, Yolanda G., Norma Gademer, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Chrissy Grafton, Andy Guelker, Helen Hanslik, Mila Haun, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood Sr., Alex Hogan, Ida Jean Hopkins, Pat Jackson, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Joe Kastelic, Jesse Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Brent Keller, Madelyn Koranda, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Paul & Bobbi Matysiak, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Dave Muran, Jack Murphy, Josalyn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Augustus Peterson, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers Sr., Ed Readence, Paula Ritter, Diane Rodes, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mike Sekerak, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Anne Smith, Dolly Smith, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Robert Strunak, Karen Syroka, Anthony Tedesco, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, William Udics, Jim Viets, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, 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.



Please remember John Mark Radford,  
Fayelou McDonald, Jack Sword,  
Mary Elizabeth Ryba, Mary Slaby and Alice Gruden  
in your prayers.  
God grant them eternal rest.

## RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Please **DO NOT** leave religious articles anywhere in the church. If the items are blessed, you can bury or burn them. You can always donate them as well.

## CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! The money collected helps to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ceec](http://www.usccb.org/ceec).

## NATIONAL BLACK & INDIAN MISSION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 138th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last week-end. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

## CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

St. Charles Borromeo - Join us on Thursday, March 17th at 7:45pm for the Chaplet. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted in Merici Chapel after the 7pm Mass on the third Thursday of each month. Any questions, please contact Michael Coyle at [michael-coyle685@gmail.com](mailto:michael-coyle685@gmail.com). **LORD JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!**

## MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Join us for the next FREE Catholic Movie Night on Sunday, March 20th at 6pm in the Parish Center Upper Hall (*Of Gods and Men* - 2010).



## Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11[8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



### MUSIC MINISTRY

Lent is a time of reflection and readjustment. Our lives are filled with complications and busyness; but let's take a step back and carve out some time in our day to remember why we celebrate the season of Lent, and the deep significance it can have on us. I have always loved the simplicity and solemnness of this time of year. Slow down and take a deep breath.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that this week-end will be my last at St. Thomas More. I am and will be forever grateful for everything I have learned here, but more importantly, for all of the relationships that have formed. I want to send a sincere thank you for welcoming me with open hearts and minds, and know that this decision was not easy to make, but when an opportunity presents itself, even if the timing is bad, you have to take it. Until we meet again, God bless you all.

Kind regards,  
Alex Ulle  
Music Director

### WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15th in Utopia Hall with at 12pm. Come join us for conversation and Lenten Reflections with Sr. Jane. A "lite lunch" will be served and bagged door prizes are always appreciated. Please join us!  
St. Patrick | March 17

### ST. LEO'S BUS TRIPS

RIVERS CASINO - Monday, April 24th - \$48/person

Bonus: \$20 free slot play & \$5 food credit

Deadline for reservations & payment - March 25th

HARTVILLE - Friday, May 27th - \$75/person

Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - included

Shop/browse - Hartville Flea Market

Downtown Hartville

Harry London Chocolates

NAUTICA QUEEN - Wednesday, June 29th -

\$70/person

Lunch Cruise - included

Shop/browse - West Side Market

SAVE THE DATE: Seneca Niagara & Seneca Allegany  
Monday, July 11th (overnight stay & Tuesday, July 12th)

Contact Sandy Diaddario - 216-926-3123



### LENTEN REMINDERS

Good Friday, April 15th, is a day of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days 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 the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings immediately following the 6:45PM Mass (around 7:15ish). An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule.

### 2022 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 pm

The following Tuesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm  
March 22nd and April 5th or  
by appointment

Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession:  
Wednesday, March 16th 5:00-8:00 pm


### HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 12th from 6:00-6:30 pm

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

### CRS RICE BOWL

**Perseverance to Succeed** - Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



**BEGIN AGAIN**  
*at an Evening of Confession*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**  
**FROM 5 - 8 P.M.**  
*at all Catholic churches located  
in the Diocese of Cleveland*

Learn more at [dioceseofcleveland.org/eveningofconfession](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/eveningofconfession)



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Day Retreat: "The Power of the Holy Spirit" will be held here on Saturday, March 26th. The day will begin at 8am with a continental breakfast and will end with 4:30 Mass. If you are interested in attending, please contact the rectory or Paulette Higgins (440-783-1054) for a registration form. Deadline to register is March 19th.

## "NO GREATER LOVE OR MERCY" REFLECTIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

Friar Johnpaul will lead us in a reflection on the seven last words of Jesus in his engaging and informative style. His storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' words to us, his disciples today. Topics such as: faith and doubt, addictions and conversion, depression and surrender, death and new life will be explored. An enjoyable and faith strengthening experience for junior high students through senior citizens. Come, bring a friend or family member for a Lenten reflection they will not soon forget. Join us on March 20th, 21st and 22nd from 7-8pm in the church. Hospitality will be served after the service.

## LENTEN SERIES WITH ST. ELIAS

Together with St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Church we will be offering a 5-week Lenten Series with an evening of discussion and prayer of the Ten Commandments. Fr. George and Fr. Mike will be the speakers to guide the discussion and prayer. The gatherings will be mixed between St. Thomas More and St. Elias parishes. The evenings will be March 16th (St. E), 23rd (STM), 30th (STM), and April 6th (St. E) from 6:30-7:30pm.



Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family. His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPI

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at the Holiday Inn Rockside. Outstanding Speakers ♦ Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Mass. Featured Speakers are Fr. Nathan Cromley and Kevin Reilly. Bishop Edward Malesic will celebrate Mass at 4pm. For information or to register, go to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com) or call 877-208-5585.

## HOLY CROSS: PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 26th at 1pm. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery - 14609 Brookpark Road, Brook Park, 216-641-7575 ext. 3 or email Bob DeJohn at [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually. For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

"A Closer Walk With Thee" -

CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

CCA's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at [rabrabs@clecem.org](mailto:rabrabs@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

You're invited to the Walking with Purpose Women's Lenten Mini-Retreat on Thursday, March 24th from 7:30-9pm at St. Luke the Evangelist Church (1212 Bunts Rd., Lakewood). This free evening will be filled with worship music, adoration, and reflection. Confession will be offered throughout the evening as well. Come experience what your heart has truly been longing for! No previous attendance at Walking with Purpose is required. For more info, contact: [WWWLakewood@gmail.com](mailto:WWWLakewood@gmail.com).