

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

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Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, MARCH 16 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - Seminarians & Others in Formation

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - Widows & Widowers

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 18 –

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 –

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

6:45 PM - Father's Day Enrollment

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Joseph Yench

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Jonathan Cehelnik - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 –

ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

8:15 AM - March Birthdays

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 –

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - Bishops of the Diocese of Cleveland

11:00 AM - St. Thomas More Parish & School Staff

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 10th \$3,570.00

Maintenance \$2,354.00

Student's Weekly Offering (19 Envelopes) \$60.50

Faith Direct as of 3/4 \$4,585.00

Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,633.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, March 18

3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

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 19

5:00 AM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

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 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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 Lenten Talk - Utopia Hall

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

Friday, March 22

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

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

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

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 23

Utopia Rental

Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PPC "Egg-Strata-Ganza" - Utopia Hall

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



Congratulations to Shannon White & Ryan Brown who were married at St. Thomas More on March 8th. May God bless you!

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The *Scrutiny's for our Elect* continues this week at the **Vigil Mass**, and the **Lenten** journey through the readings of the *Old Testament* and the *Gospel* of **St. John** with this week including the familiar story of the *Grain of Wheat*. Now, if you are thinking it is not really that frequent that we hear it, well the *Grieving Ministers* and the volunteers helping at our funerals recognize it as a passage often used as the funeral Gospel reading. The **First Reading** from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah* continues about **God's** covenant and it is reinforced with the **Second Reading** of **St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews**. The simple *Grain of Wheat* – falling, dying, and producing much fruit. This simple trilogy can really make us think about our lives; but for now, in our **Lenten** journey – let's look at if Jesus is growing in us and out to others.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

Talking about **Jesus** growing in us and out to others – and as part of our journey through the **Season of Lent...** I want to again be sure to “acknowledge, and thank” all of the ones out there who are the **Mr. and/or Mrs. (or Ms.) Anonymous**. The donations for the “*help of someone in need*” have really been appreciated in these hard economic times. I know that we are all called to the almsgiving and works of charity (*especially* at this season of **Lent**) **BUT**, your special envelopes with the polka-dot cards are quickly passed on to those in need. *One person was moved to tears that someone cared enough for them – that is all you!* I'm just the messenger –

So, truly THANKS!



TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Carole Flanagan.

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 incarnatewordorder.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 23/24			
MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Nina Ferguson Mary Lou LoBue David Marks	Sheryl Finohr Tim Lozar	Emma Wright
9:00 AM	Terri Sozio Meegan McKenna Bonnie Kaznoch	Al Margevicius Jennifer Mladineo	Edan Ha
11:00 AM	Sue Poole Joanne Uhl Brandy Emery	Mike Sommers	Faith Stanley Gabriella Madison Paige Madison



Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bogнар, 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, Rafaela Guerra, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Noel Hernandez, 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, Annette Santos, 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, 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 Patricia Gorisek, John Girardi, Judith A. Schuerger, Jose Feliciano, Deacon Robert J. Dybo, Stan Witowski and Dennis Hengood.
God grant them eternal rest.

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)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Italy Pilgrimage with Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM
Rome - Venice - Siena - Padua - Assisi - Florence
Monday, August 26 - Friday, September 6, 2024

For more information visit www.friarjp.com

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MQP LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the MQP Preschool

Saturday, March 23rd from 11am-1pm

Pizza/Chips/Cookies/Juice/Water

Children 3+/Adults \$10 advance ticket sales only

Children 2 & under are free

NO Admittance without a ticket

Tickets available at the school or in the rectory office

Any questions, please contact Judy Wrenn or

Brittany Egan at 216-741-3685

MARTHA'S DAY OUT: YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REVIVAL RETREAT 2024

Place: St. Adalbert Church - Father Keller Center
66 Adalbert Street, Berea, OH 44017

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Time: 8am - 2pm

Check-in begins at 8am and includes continental breakfast

Program begins at 9am

Catered luncheon will be served

Program includes presentation(s) by Fr. Bob Ramser; Celebration of the Mass; Confession; Adoration and Benediction

Speaker: Rev. Rob Ramser

Administrator - Our Lady of Angels Parish

Registration Fee: \$22.00 Makes checks payable to St. Adalbert Sanctuary Guild

Mail Registration to: St. Adalbert Church

Please include your name, phone number and name of your parish. Mark on the outside of the envelope:

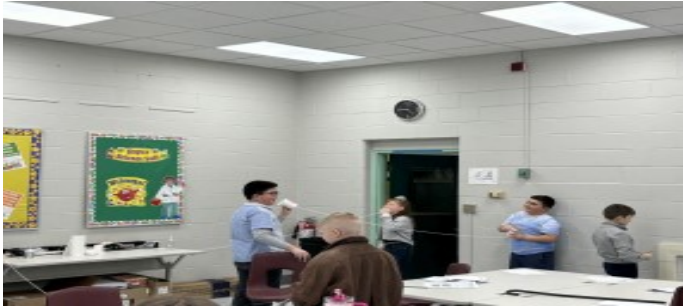
Martha's Day Out or to register by phone: 440-234-3443

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

To finalize our unit on waves, the fourth graders conducted sound and light experiments to explore how these mechanical and electromagnetic waves interact in our world. The students created cup telephones to test if sound travels through vibrations! What a great and fun way to explore the world around us!



Mr. Urban
4th and 5th grade

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.

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.

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.



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 22nd. Children's Stations of the Cross on the following Wednesdays at 2pm: 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 22nd or by appointment

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

CRS RICE BOWL

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

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Embrace the celestial power of savings during Youth Month at Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union.

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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.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

March 21st - 7:45pm
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted in Merici Chapel after the 7pm Mass on the third Thursday of each month. Questions? Please contact Michael Coyle at michael-coyle685@gmail.com.

LORD JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 17, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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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 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.