



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

Parish Staff

Father Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Deacon

Father James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Frank Budziak

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Jennifer Francis - Principal

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Charlotte Carosco

*11:00AM - Sandra Ann Stevens

MONDAY, MARCH 22 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Joseph Yencha

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 –

ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

6:45PM - Robert & Loretta Marks

7:15PM - Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 –

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Anselmo & Nazzarena Montali -
Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - March Birthdays

*4:30PM - Brandon Kirby

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 –

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Theresa Rasch

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 14th.....\$4,586.00

Faith Direct as of 3/4.....\$9,410.00

Maintenance.....\$1,127.00

Votives.....\$53.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Celebrating
75 Years of
Building
Our
Faith

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. (Heb 5:8)

Gospel:

Amen, amen, I say to you, 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 20:24)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Plank

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...

"This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God..." Isn't that a nice line to pray over as we sit with an ill relative or are even sick ourselves? Can you imagine a priest going into a sick call at the hospital quoting this one? Even with Jesus *'running late'* for the appointment with Lazarus, and even Martha calling Jesus out by saying, *"...if you had been here, my brother would not have died."* (I like a lady who is not shy in calling out the Son of God!) **BUT**, this is where Jesus is making his point – the statement to his friends and even Mary and Martha. This is what is talked about in the short passage from Ezekiel and Paul's letter to the Romans – ***That Jesus rules over even death itself.***

This week we continued with our funeral ministry for a tragic death of one of our young members of our family of faith. **Yes, it is hard to tell the family that this is all in God's plan and we look for God's glory in it – but** this is where our faith leads us, ***to go deeper and grow in our faith relationship with God.***

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

With the celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph and our parish foundational 75th Anniversary we look to not only continue the celebration, but we offer to St. Joseph our call for guidance and protection in a special way. The fundraising and the events are starting to take form. If you are looking to include St. Thomas More in part (or all) of your estate planning – NOW is the time to do so. These conversations are so very hard once people pass-away – BELIEVE me! The physical plant repairs will always continue and our hope is also moving towards buttressing-up our school funds for families in need. Rest assured that the fundraising we talk about is very necessary. As a family of faith we need to continue well into the future here at St. Thomas More.

THANKFUL CORNER

This week we must thank Alex Ulle, our Music Director and the Music Ministry. It has not been easy for them in their ministry during this "time of silence." We thank them for all they have done and are continuing to do as they are slowing bringing music back into the liturgy.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the church on Friday, March 26th starting at 6:45PM for an hour.



Congratulations and welcome Brody Bukovina who was baptized on March 13th at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Terri Sozio.

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 2021.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Christ said, "I am the Truth:, he did not say,
I am the custom."

*St. Turibius of Mongrovejo (1538-1606),
Patron of native rights, Feast Day: March 23rd
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes;
www.azquotes.com)*

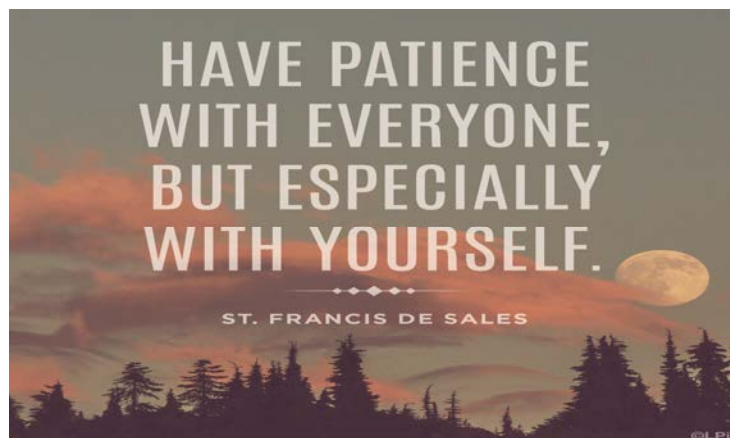
VOCATION CORNER

**For those in the Diaconate Program
at St. Mary Seminary**

To learn more visit dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/clergy-religious/diaconate. Please keep those men 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 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

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.





Please remember Dianne Stoltz, James Malames, Nancy Romano and Sean Acierno in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



Bill Barrett, Peggy & Larry Bennett, Donna Biehl, Bob Bonus, Sr., George Bouchahine, Avianna Burgos, Samantha Call, J. Caraballo, Jeremy Cheetham, Meagan & Levi Chisholm, John & Kathy Cigas, Frank Colonna, Gladys Colon, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Mary Ann Cowgill, Marge Davis, Baby Divina, Diana Downes, Pierce Downing, David Elmore, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Arielah Feliciana, Maureen Finneran, Michael Frey, Norma Gademer, Alice Gruden, Terri Hammond, Bobby Hengoed, Ed Hengoed, Sr., Patricia Hinko, Ida Jean Hopkins, Heather Hudak, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Mick Jones, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Doris Kaczmarek, Ann Marie Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Gene Klemanek, Melissa Korhely, Michael Kovach, Stefani Krese, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Martha & George Kysil, Barbara Laughlin, Bill Malames, Arthur Markee, Theodore Maslanka, Richard McClelland, Jeff McCormick, Anne McElroy, Vinny Mercurio, Tim Misch, John Misch, Arlene Mobley, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, James Mortach, Dale Nagy, Iola Natal, Jayne Neelon, Peg Nicholay, Betty Novatny, Christine Marie Nugent, Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Fr. Dennis O'Grady, Marilyn Olsen, Ellen Omilanowski, Jean Palumbo, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Sally Phillips, Doris Polander, Bryan Poole, Mary Ellen Popovich, Paula Ritter, Tino Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Haley Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Jennifer Stancato, Alice Stokes, Marlene Sutowski, John Szill, Sean Szill, Cynthia Tedesco, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Debbie Tomusko, Lorrie Turner, Juliana Turner, Joy Turner, Pam Turner, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Jim Viets, Emilee Walsh, Patricia Ann Werley, Karen Willett, Grayson Wilmot, Erica Wilmot, Betty Wozniak, Meg Zalar and Stephanie Ziolkowski. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Join us on Saturday, March 27th for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Reservations are required. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, you must call to reserve a time slot. For tickets (\$8/person) and reservations please contact Judy Wrenn or Brittney Egan at 216-741-3685 or brittney.egan@maryqueenofpeaceschool.com. All reservations and payments must be made by Tuesday, March 23rd. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Pre-Cana - Pre-Cana has gone virtual. This year's retreat is digital. You can find all the information needed on the Pre-Cana registration form on the parish website at <https://stcharlesonline.org/pre-cana>.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Don't forget to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing. Forms are available online at leothegreat.org or at the rectory office.

Please support our cluster parishes with their Lenten Fish Frys. Please call their offices for more information.



Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/
Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/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 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

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

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

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

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/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

LENTEN REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd, are days 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.

2021 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday, March 23rd from 6:00-6:30PM

CRS RICE BOWL

Community in Madagascar: Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and well-being of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Monday, March 29th:
Mass at 8:15AM

Tuesday, March 30th:
Mass at 6:45PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:15PM

Wednesday, March 31st:
Mass at 8:15AM
Prayer Service at 6:45PM

Thursday, April 1st: **HOLY THURSDAY**
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:45PM

Friday, April 2nd: **GOOD FRIDAY**
Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3PM

Saturday, April 3rd: **HOLY SATURDAY**
Blessing of Food at 11AM
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30PM

Sunday, April 4th: **EASTER SUNDAY**
Mass at 9AM
Mass at 11AM

DIOCESAN SURVEY

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey is accessible online at:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/k03a72a3a7>

or visit our St. Thomas More web site (www.stmparish.net) for a link to the survey. The online survey will be available through **March 21st**. Paper copies are available at the main entrance to the church as well as a drop off box for completed forms. If you need any additional information, please call the rectory at 216-749-0414.

PARISH CENSUS

We have received a number of completed census forms, both online and paper, and we thank everyone who has taken a few minutes to complete the form. We still need to hear from many others who have not yet done so. If you have not done a census form please take a few minutes to do so. The census can be accessed on our website by visiting stmparish.net/census. Paper forms are available at the main entrance to the church where they can be dropped off as well. For any additional information, please call the rectory.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the 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 on how to give.

CALLING ALL ST. THOMAS MORE ALUMNI

Please help us stay connected with you, especially during this special 75th Anniversary year. We want to hear from you! Please send an email to rectory@stmparish.net with your name (as it was at graduation), married name (if applicable) and your year of graduation.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

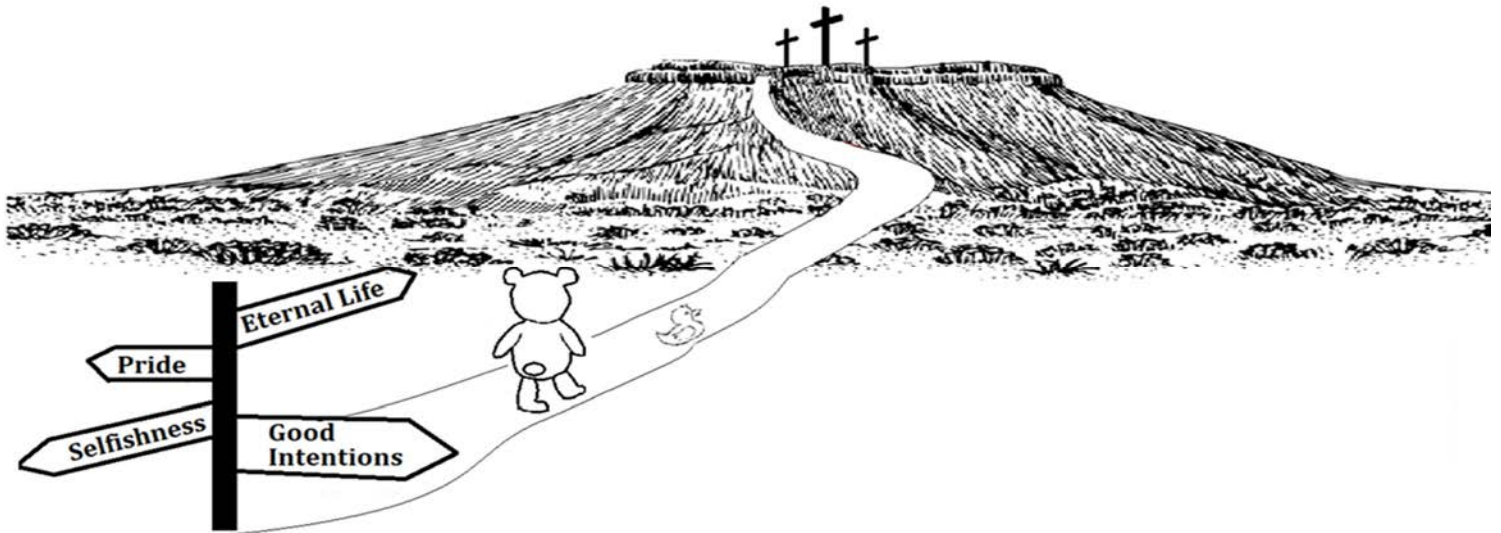
Watch for this logo to pop up all around the campus this year!

March 8th: founding of the parish and April 7th is the anniversary of the first Mass.

There are special "75th Anniversary" envelopes in the back of church and are also available at the rectory.

More exciting details to come.....





So, we started on our Lenten journey together over thirty days ago. We've traveled far but hopefully we've had the company of others. Traveling with others can make a journey easier.

Are we still on the path? Have we gone astray? Did we set goals back on Ash Wednesday as our compass and follow them or have we maybe lost our way just a bit? OK, I know I stepped off the path at least once but I think I'm "back on the trail again" with all of you. The road may be rocky and steep, but how long, agonizing and hard was His journey; a journey He made for us? We all have our crosses but just keep in mind that following Him, OH! What a final destination.

Grace, Love & Fellowship to you and yours,

Frank Budziak

Pastoral Associate

DONUTS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Join members of the high school youth ministry this Sunday, March 21st following the 11AM Mass for Donuts with the Easter Bunny. Weather permitting the Easter Bunny will be outside the church for pictures, donuts, coffee, juice and Easter eggs. A free will offering will be accepted. Should the weather not cooperate, an indoor plan will be in place to ensure social distancing.

FAITH DIRECT

Thinking about spring cleaning? Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for St. Thomas More and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to make the switch to eGiving - you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19, and as we work to reopen more of our programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/OH684.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Fr. Mike

"YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH"

Pope Francis has declared an entire year dedicated to St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and continues until December 8, 2021.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (here make your request).

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

(This prayer, from a 19th-century French prayer book, has been recited by Pope Francis every day for more than 40 years (cf. Patris Corde, [†]10).

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>)