

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

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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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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 23 –

VIGIL

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25 –

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8:15 AM - Anna Repko

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 –

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

NO MASS THIS EVENING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 –

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8:15 AM - Ethelle Mirande (Living 100th
Birthday) - Student Liturgy

6:45 PM - Tenebrae Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 –

HOLY THURSDAY

6:45 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper -
Most Rev. A. James Quinn

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 –

**GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE
LORD**

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)

3:00 PM - Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 –

HOLY SATURDAY

11:00 AM - Bless of Easter Food

8:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 –

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

9:00 AM - Benefactors & People of the Parish

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, March 25

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

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, March 26

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - 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 27

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

6:45PM Tenebrae Service- Church

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

Thursday, March 28 NO SCHOOL

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

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

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

Friday, March 29 NO SCHOOL

RECTORY CLOSED

12:00 PM Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30

11:00 AM Blessing of Food - Church

Sunday, March 31



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"EGG-STRATA-GANZA"

Join the Parish Pastoral Council for their "Egg-Strata-Ganza" this Sunday, March 24th in Utopia Hall from 10am until 1pm. Donations graciously accepted to help feed the homeless.

CANDLES

In order to prepare for the Holy Triduum, we kindly ask that you **DO NOT** light any candles starting Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday. Thank you for your co-operations!

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email infor@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 17th \$3,749.00

Maintenance \$1,679.00

Student's Weekly Offering (15 Envelopes) \$57.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The time is now for us to *tighten up our laces* and start the journey with **Jesus** into Jerusalem. Today we have the start of our **Holy Week** services with this weekend's *Palm Sunday* celebration. The use of *two Gospel* readings prepare us for the importance of this week. The *first Gospel* from **St. John** introduces the procession into Jerusalem after we bless the palm branches. The readings and responsorial psalm for the *Holy Liturgy* all speak to us in our humbling ourselves for **God's** glory, and not to feel abandoned. Words that we may find on our lips at the most difficult time, but when paired with the words of **Jesus** during his passion we realize that we are not abandoned – so much as it is joining us with **Christ's** suffering for the *Glory of God*. This is why we should be *living our lives* to grow closer to **God**, *help others* grow in their relationship with **God**, which (*ultimately*) is for the *greater glory of God*.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

This week we will be joining Jesus in the journey into Jerusalem and with **Jesus** through the *Passion of the Cross*. **PLEASE** – be sure to take time to slow down, reflect, and pray – so that you can go deeper in your relationship and look for those opportunities to help others go deeper in their own relationship with **God**. We all know that this past year has been crazy and doesn't seem to be letting up any, so it is through the strength of *the Cross* and **Christ's Passion** that we persevere.

Together as a “**Family of Faith**” we support each other and journey together
~ **with Christ Jesus!**

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Tina Westfall.

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.

HOLY WEEK & WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday 3/28

MASS 6:45 PM	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Dolores Hules Marilu Slimak Vernon Recker	LECTORS Jaclene Zauszniewski Sheryl Finohr	SERVERS Emma Wright Faith Stanley Edan Ha
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Good Friday 3/29

MASS 3:00 PM	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Vernon Recker Sheryl Finohr Marilu Slimak	LECTORS Stephanie Liebert	SERVERS Blake Liebert Danny Coughlin
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March 30/31

MASS 8:30 PM	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Marilu Slimak Sheryl Finohr Jaclene Zauszniewski Terri Cottos	LECTORS Mary Lou LoBue Stephanie Liebert Steve Cottos	SERVERS Blake Liebert Parker Redloske Noah Redloske
9:00 AM	Denise Puening Vernon Recker Jamie Decllet	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jeannine Decllet	Danny Coughlin Edan Ha
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Joyce Stutzman Madelyn Koranda	Barbara Kish	Paige Madison Gabriella Madison Faith Stanley



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

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, Rafaela Guerra, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoed, 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, 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 Judith A. Schuerger, Jose Feliciano, Deacon Robert J. Dybo, Stan Witowski, Dennis Hengoed, Daniel Enovitch, Margaret Creter and Deacon Dave Lundeen.
God grant them eternal rest.

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

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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Your Life—and the World—Will Never Be the Same

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Jesus invited you to take and eat of his Body and Blood every time you attend Mass. This summer, Jesus is inviting you to encounter him in a new way. He wants to work wonders in and through you, making YOU a part of salvation history in ways you never could have imagined.

Ready to see what God has in store? Come and witness his transformative power at the National Eucharistic Congress.

For the first time in nearly a century, the Catholic Church from every corner of the United States will gather in one place. Together, we will be healed, converted, formed, unified, and launched into a new chapter of Eucharistic mission—on fire with love for Jesus Christ. Learn more at Eucharistic-Congress.org.

What: 10th National Eucharistic Congress

When: July 17–21, 2024

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN

LENT

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.

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

CRS RICE BOWL

Modern Day Simon of Cyrene - Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or a lack of resources. How - like Simon of Cyrene - can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

In music class, students are exploring the definitions of beat, rhythm, tempo, and learning to read rhythms. They have played several kinds of classroom instruments, including the popular Boom Whackers. In grades 2-6, students are layering several sections of songs so that they are singing in harmony. Ask them about the Fruit Canon!

Grades 6-8 had an incredible experience at the Cleveland Orchestra. They were seated in the box seats, and had the best view in the house. The program revolved around the elements of music that composers use when creating a piece. Using music vocabulary, the students are learning to describe music more accurately. After Spring Break, they will apply these skills to a project on the Soundtrack of their lives. They will choose songs from their lifetime that impacted them, and describe what they like about them using their new vocabulary.

St. Thomas More is lucky to be a participant in the Cleveland Orchestra's Mindful Music Moments. Each week, the Orchestra provides short selections along with some calming reflections which the school listens to after lunch/recess to prepare for their afternoon. Pictured are students performing a movement exercise to Vivaldi's "Winter".



Mrs. Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Teacher

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The 4th and 5th graders have been hard at work in the third quarter! In math, we have begun diving into fractions. Some students even admitted that fractions are fun! As a class, 4th grade read the novel The One and Only Ivan. They took the book and created a brochure about it. We highly recommend this book! The 5th grade read Number the Stars, which is a favorite of 5th grade language arts.

We have enjoyed the extra events happening at STM. PTU brought a great assembly to us to learn about the spread of germs. At the beginning of March, STM celebrated Read Across America week. As a collective group, their favorite part was the "Drop Everything And Read" time that we had each day. I am excited to enter the fourth quarter with this great group of students and end the year with such positive momentum.



Emily Viskocil
4th and 5th Grade ELA/Math

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.

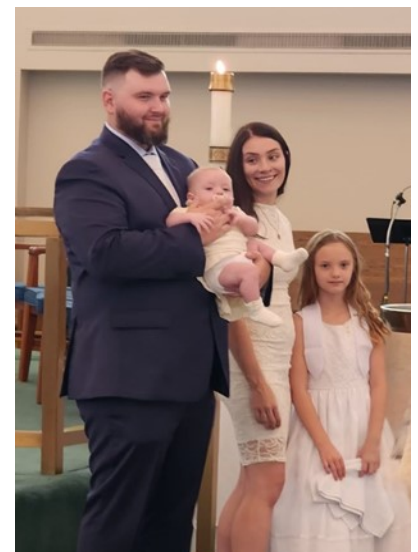
ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

We are excited to announce that we have a new Athletic Director joining our team at St. Thomas More! Lou Martin has been appointed to the Athletic Director position for St. Thomas More (STM) Athletics and has eagerly joined the current Board to continue to build and enhance the STM Athletics Program for our community!

Lou grew up here in Brooklyn, Ohio and is a parishioner of St. Thomas More and attended PSR at STM as a child. Lou graduated from Padua High School where he played football. He is married to Mackenzie Martin (Previts), a longstanding parishioner and STM alumni. Lou and Mackenzie have two beautiful children, McKenzie (Lil' Kenz), a third grader and athlete at STM, and Maximus who just turned one and is a future Wolverine in the making! Lou has been a dedicated coach for the STM Athletics Program for almost four years and volunteered as a coach at Metro Catholic for two years as well. Lou is excited to take the helm and lead the St. Thomas More Athletics Program staff and volunteers as the program continues to grow and thrive in support of our young athletes and community! Please join us in welcoming Lou Martin to the St. Thomas More Athletics Family!

For general questions or to learn more about how you can volunteer and support the STM Athletics Program, please contact us at athletics@stmparish.net.

To contact the Athletic Director, please contact Lou Martin at athleticdirector@stmparish.net.



St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

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.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha - which is translated Place of the Skull - . (Mk 15:22)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 24, 2024

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33 -34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15 -15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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