

# 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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 –

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - Vocations

\*11:00 AM - Sr. Jerome Fitzgerald, SIW

MONDAY, MARCH 4 –

ST. CASIMIR

8:15 AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Ken & Marie Jablonski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 –

SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 –

ST. JOHN OF GOD

8:15 AM - Gina Kozak (Living) - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 –

ST. FRANCES OF ROME

8:15 AM - Leigh Grombol

4:30 PM - Safety Forces & Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Medical Professionals

\*Mass of Remembrance



Monday, March 4

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 5

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 6

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

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

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 7

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 8

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

6:00 PM 8th Grade V. Faculty Game - Gym

Saturday, March 9

Utopia Rental

Sunday, March 10 Daylight Saving Time Starts

9:00 - 11:30 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

12:00 PM Winter Sports Banquet - Gym

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 25th ..... \$3,722.11

Maintenance ..... \$1,377.00

Faith Direct as of 2/15 ..... \$1,786.00

Faith Direct Maintenance ..... \$367.00

Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) ..... \$25.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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



Congratulations to Braxton Ace Ratliff who was baptized at St. Thomas More on February 25th. God bless you!



## FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The next three weeks we have the time of the season for the “*Scrutiny’s*” as part of the RCIA program. The readings will be from the *Cycle A*, while the Sunday liturgies will be from *Cycle B*, our regular cycle for this year. The unique look at both cycles of readings deal to a degree with the covenant of **God and us**. The *Cycle B* reading dive into the *Law of Moses* (the **Ten Commandments**), the law of the **Lord**, what **St. Paul** shows as the crucified **Christ** as a challenge to some people, and then **Jesus** in the temple. Seeing the passion of **Jesus** for the sacredness of the temple, should cause us to question for ourselves – “*How sacred do I see our church?*” Do we realize that **Jesus** is present in the *Most Holy Eucharist*, in how we act, dress, and treat others when we come to this church? Live out the passion that **Jesus** shows towards the sacred space of our church. We should be acting with reverence, dressing the part, and treating others – all as we are in the *Holy Presence of God*.

Fr. Mike

### ***From the Pastor’s Desk:***

The movement of the scrutiny’s this week lend us to thinking and thanking those who are all involved, not only with the RCIA program, but all of our educational programs – the PSR, the day school, our occasional talks, and even our booklets and resources that we share all year. The various talks, classes, and resources would not be possible without the financial help of the donors and benefactors who donate to the educational programs. Thank you to you all for your support!

### 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.**

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of February - Nickolas Jablonski ◇ Philip, Crystal & Austin Mielke ◇ Michael, Jerrica, Lillian, Evelyn & Michael Smith ◇ Cassandra Eschweiler ◇ Gloria Schoepf and Giacomina Pulito.

### 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](http://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.

### THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for your patience as we have been working in the church. We appreciate your generosity for your donations to the maintenance fund for these repairs!



### March 9/10

<b>MASS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>
4:30 PM	David Marks Marilu Slimak Sheryl Finohr	Chet Omilanowski Peggy Palumbo	Emma Wright
9:00 AM	Jamie Declat Jessica Noga Nathan Noga	Jeannine Declat Carole Flanagan	Elisabeth Jackiewicz Edan Ha Dolly Magistro
11:00 AM	Joanne Uhl Heather Miksch Brandy Emery	Madelyn Koranda	Parker Redloske Noah Redloske



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, 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, Ruth Giaco, Chet Givens, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, 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, 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 Rev. Joseph C. Pednekar, MSFS, Rosemarie Weber (mother of Rev. Christopher Weber), Lenor Pang and Chuck Brennan. God grant them eternal rest.

#### PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time for you. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

#### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY - PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 16th at 1pm. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at Holy Cross Cemetery by calling 216-641-7575 ext. 3 or by emailing [bstrauchon@clecem.org](mailto:bstrauchon@clecem.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

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### SAINT QUOTE

*"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."*

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955),  
Patron saint of racial justice, Feast Day: March 3rd  
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

#### FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Mass - Adoration - Music - Confession at St. Charles Borromeo on Thursday, March 7th. Mass begins at 7pm,

#### ALHAMBRA

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. In 2023 they celebrated their 75th year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, and the agencies that serve them. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month on the near east side of Cleveland. Anyone interested in joining in the service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. To contact the Carmona Caravan and for more information on the founding, history and mission of Alhambra, visit [carmonacaravan.org](http://carmonacaravan.org). Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support.

#### CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRY EVENTS

UNBOUND - a day of Healing Prayer with Matt Lozano on Saturday, April 6th at St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville (doors open at 8am; program runs from 9am-4:30pm). Postmarked by March 25th: \$85 includes continental breakfast & lunch. For more information, call Marge Zampino at 216-990-0919 or Mary Cusack at 330-687-8843.

TRAVELING HEALING CHARISMATIC MASS - Friday, March 15th at 7pm at St. John Vianney Chapel, Mentor

PENTECOST MASS CELEBRATION - Sunday, May 19th

41st ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Saturday, July 27th at St. Albert the Great Parish

For more information on any of these events, please visit [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org).

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Middle school students recently took a trip to the Cleveland Orchestra. Grades 6, 7 and 8 traveled to Severance Hall to listen and learn about classical music and the instruments used. It was a great experience for them.

What we are learning: Sixth grade math is focusing on expressions. They practiced matching terms and expressions. In science they are wrapping up their unit on cells. Seventh grade math is starting a unit on equations and in science we are starting a new unit on how energy cycles in ecosystems. Eighth grade math is finishing a unit on functions and graphs and will be starting geometry concepts next. In science students are learning about Punnett squares and genetics.

It is hard to believe we are into third quarter already. This year is flying by.



Stefanie Relic  
Math/Science  
Grades 6, 7, 8

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 8th, March 15th and March 22nd. Children's Stations of the Cross on the following Wednesdays at 2pm: March 6th, 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 8th, 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

**Raising Chickens to Support Her Family** - Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://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](http://steliasmelkitechurch.org).

# 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.

## 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:**

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

### **Psalm:**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

### **Second Reading:**

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

### **Gospel:**

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

### March 3, 2024

- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday: 2Kgs5:1-15ab/Ps42:2,3;43:3,4/Lk4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9/Lk11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next 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 ©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.