



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

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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Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, MARCH 5 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Billy Bartley

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6 –
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Robert Loria

**MONDAY, MARCH 7 –
SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY**

8:15AM - Women's Guild

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8 –
ST. JOHN OF GOD**

6:45PM - Marie Jablonski

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 –
ST. FRANCES OF ROME**

8:15AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10 –
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11 –
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Pat Klemanek - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12 –
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Marie Jablonski

4:30PM - People of the Parish

6:00PM - Poole/Ashwood Validation

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13 –
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*9:00AM - Annette Csak

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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 27th.....\$3,922.00

Maintenance.....\$961.00

75th Anniversary.....\$25.00

Christmas.....\$28,383.40

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

III - Jennifer Poole (St. Thomas More) &
Forrest Ashwood (St. Thomas More)

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading:

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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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...

Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving are often all recognized as the basic themes of the *Lenten Season*. *Buuuut*, how about the themes of *Remember, Call-out, and Challenge*? This year let us all go deeper in our journey towards **God**.

The *First Reading* has **Moses** speaking to the people and saying (*basically*), hey, remember when... **St. Paul** in the *Second Reading* reminds us that everyone who even calls the name of the **Lord** will be saved! The story of **Jesus** returning from the desert in the gospel reading of **St. Luke** speaks of the temptations, and this is only conquered by **Jesus** challenging the devil... Yes, the devil leaves for a time. With these three themes, we can go deeper in our journey, closer to **God** with the three themes of *Remember, Call-out, and Challenge*.

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

This week as we begin our Lenten journey, we complete our 75th Anniversary journey as March 8th marks the closure of this very special year. Now 76 years after Archbishop Hoban established in Brooklyn, the new parish of St. Thomas More, naming Msgr. Smith as the first pastor – we remember all of our parishioners both living and in the communion of saints. For all the hard work of all of our parishioners, benefactors, priests, religious, staff, and volunteers, we say another “**THANK YOU**”. Without all of the hard work over the years, we would not have the parish that we have today. Despite having so many of the challenges, we continue together to *Build for Our Future* and grow in our faith together - as *St. Thomas More Parish*.

Lenten announcement:

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 9th (StE), 16th (StE), 23rd (STM), 30th (STM), and April 6th (StE) from 6:30-7:30pm.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Christine McGann.

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

“With outstretched arms Jesus begs us to turn toward Him, to weep for our sins and to become the servants of love, first for ourselves, then for our neighbors. Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sin.”

*St. John of God (1495-1550),
Patron of Booksellers,
Feast Day: March 8th*

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

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.

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.

Thank You!

At the 4:30 Mass this weekend, Bishop Malesic installed six men to the ministry of lector. Afterwards, the permanent deacons and their families shared in a reception in Utopia Hall. We want to thank the Women's Guild and their volunteers who did such a great job organizing this event. We really appreciate all the work that went into the evening.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT



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, Alice Gruden, 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, 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, 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, Rev. Robert Chabot, SSS (Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament), Jack Sword and Mary Elizabeth Ryba in your prayers.
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 to meet. 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **February** – Hung, Trang, Amy & Brandon Vu ♦ Mariah Rodriguez and Bobbie Hayes. Welcome to you!

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccce.

NATIONAL BLACK & INDIAN MISSION

Today, our parish will take up the 138th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Envelopes can still be dropped off at the rectory or in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.



Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next 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

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Hello St. Thomas More Families!

Hope this finds you all well! This week, we celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Each day our scholars had an opportunity to dress up accordingly to a specific title of one of Dr. Seuss' books. We truly have some creative scholars and families as seen below in their Dr. Seuss inspired attire.

Additionally, starting next week, we are super excited to start rolling out more of our after-school clubs. Each club is led by a one or two teachers and provides the students with an opportunity to socialize with one another while also applying some of the skills they have been taught within the classroom in a more hands-on way. Examples of these after-school clubs include: Lego Club, Coding, Board Game Club, Yearbook and Directed Drawing Club.



Sincerely,
Mrs. Dykstra
Co-Principal of St. Thomas More School

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This Thursday, March 10th, is our **Marco's Pizza Night** Fundraiser. Plan on ordering lunch or dinner. It's a win-win situation; you get a great meal and the school gets a donation! The classroom that brings in the most sales will win a pizza party, so don't forget to mention a class when you place your order. Thanks, as always for supporting our school.

PARISH HELP NEEDED

If anyone feels the Holy Spirit encouraging them to engage more in the parish, please give the rectory a call. We are in need of:

- ♦ Lectors (especially at the 4:30pm & 11am Masses)
- ♦ Ushers & Greeters
- ♦ Altar Servers
- ♦ Adult Servers for funerals
- ♦ Arts & Environment (help decorate the church)
- ♦ Sacristans (Thursday mornings starting at 8:30 for about an hour)
- ♦ Mop & Glo (clean the church on Wednesdays after the 8:15am Mass for about an hour)

To sign up for server training, that will be scheduled soon, please go to our parish website and fill out the interest form at stmparish.net/altarservers.



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 8th, 22nd and April 5th or
by appointment

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

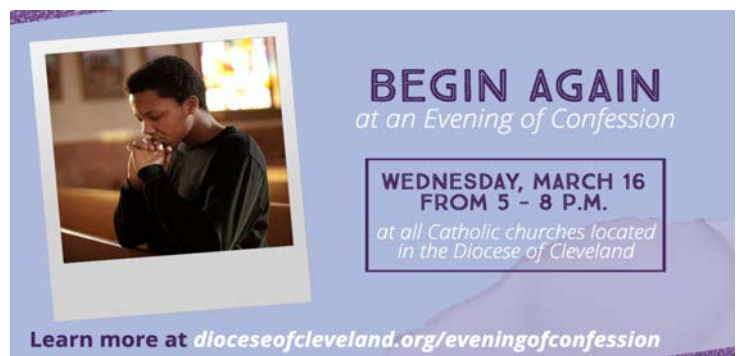
HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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

CRS RICE BOWL

The Pillars of Lent - As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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.

VIRUS PREVENTION

An update from Bishop Malesic on keeping people safe against the COVID-19 virus:

Data indicates that the rates of infection of the COVID-19 virus are rapidly dropping in our area and will continue to drop. As a result, local health care systems are lessening operational restrictions. Consequently, after consultation with local medical experts and a review of the latest information from public health officials, I offer these revised guidelines.

1. Signs may be removed from the church regarding the request to wear masks.

2. The mandate requiring masks to be worn during the distribution of Holy Communion is lifted.

3. Distribution of the Precious Blood to the congregation remains prohibited until further notice.

Here at St. Thomas More we will be removing the mask signs, but if you are still not comfortable, please continue to wear your masks, especially during the cold and flu season.

Those parishioners who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

The information seems to be ever changing. Please stay connected to information coming from medical and other experts, and stay home and get tested for COVID when not feeling well.

BUS TRIP

Join St. Leo's for a bus trip to Rivers Casino on Monday, April 25th. Cost is \$48/person. Bonus: \$20 free slot play, \$5 food credit. Contact: Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or for reservations. Save the date for a trip to Hartville on Friday, May 27th. Cost is \$75/person (lunch at Hartville Kitchen included). More details to come...

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 or call 877-208-5585.

AM1260 THE ROCK

Lent is a great time to change your habits. Turn off the noise and turn on Catholic radio! Join us for Lenten Devotions, daily Mass, rosary, apologetics and much more on AM1260 The Rock. Tuesdays at 3pm we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus and Fridays at 3pm Stations of the Cross for Priests. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will continue to air on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3pm throughout Lent. Prayers and program guides can be found at <https://am1260therock.com> or call us at 216-227-1260.



**THEOLOGY • ON • THE •
ROCKS • WEST**
FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Monday, March 14 - 7:00pm

New Location: La Centre, 25777 Detroit Road

Speaker: Deacon Dave Pecot

St. Basil the Great



Forgiveness is a struggle for all of us. When we have been wronged, it is tough letting go of the hurt and forgiving the person who caused the pain. Many times it is ourselves we need to forgive. We invited Deacon Dave Pecot to help us get in touch with how we forgive others, ourselves, and recognizing God's mercy and grace in our lives.

Reminder: we are now meeting at La Centre, 25777 Detroit Road in Westlake- right off of I90. Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizer - Cash bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way.

Register in advance at:

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west