

St. Thomas More

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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.

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Administrator

Rev. James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Don Brandt
Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate

Alex Ulle
Music Director

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

Melissa Wensing
Business Office

Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday - 6:45 p.m.

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.

Holy Days - 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Holidays

To Be Announced

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8

4180 North Amber Drive

P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis
Principal

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 6 –

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Helen Finowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 –

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Sue Coughlin

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 8 –

ST. JOHN OF GOD

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 –

ST. FRANCES OF ROME

6:45PM - Holy Name Society

7:15PM - Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Patricia L. Klemanek - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Albert & Louise Sbeghen

*4:30PM - Chester & Steven Galazka

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Joseph Bonadio

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for February 28th.....\$4,195.00

Maintenance.....\$1,918.00

Votives.....\$37.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Celebrating
75 Years of
Building
Our
Faith

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

Gospel:

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn 2:19)

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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...

Are you thirsty? There is the phrase, “*you can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink...*” I often tell priests and ministers this same thing when they tell me that they are frustrated as the work they are doing seems *fruitless*, that it is just *a waste at times...* Well, that may be true actually, people may not be ready to drink of the living water, to listen to the Gospel message, and they *simply - may not be ready* to listen to Jesus telling us – to love others as ourselves. YES! That is a huge problem, a major hurt to all of our hearts. **BUT BEING A PEOPLE OF HOPE**, we pray and live in ways that are *examples to others*. Hoping, that they look at *our lives, our families, and our parish family* and say, “*I want what they have!*” or “*I want to drink in that living water!*” As we celebrate *75-years of faith*, let’s all look around and see who we can *help to drink it all in...* Asking who among us needs a *deeper thirst...* Asking *who wants to go deeper in our faith and relationship with God.*

Fr. Mike

HERE WE GOoooo! This week, **March 8th**, we begin the celebration of the **75th Anniversary** year, at least for the parish... The next few years will be more celebrating, as we note the important dates of the parish and school. ***The Founding of the Parish*** is listed as, **March 8, 1946**, with the **First Mass** on **April 7, 1946**. There was a whole lot happening back in 1946. The *City of Brooklyn* was in its postwar growth, the price of a gallon of gasoline was 15-cents (as was a doughnut), and coffee was 85-cents for a 2 pound bag! **NOW**, before you say, Father – *you’re always worried about money...* **No**, it is just what we are able to show the many changes since 1946. Believe you me (!), I’ll be the first one to buy a few dozen *Jack Frost Doughnuts* if they would roll back the costs to celebrate **St. Thomas More’s 75th Anniversary!** So, let me work on that one for a bit. Let’s all keep an eye out for the special anniversary happenings and celebrate together, **as we go deeper in our faith and help build for our future...**

Thank You!

THANKFUL CORNER

This week we would like to thank all of the founding families of St. Thomas More Parish. Thank you for providing the foundation that we still strive to keep vibrant today. It was their faith and commitment that developed this parish into such a strong community!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Ronald & Karen DiCaprio.

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

“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)

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **February** – Megan Hollenbeck ◇ Ashley, Michael, Regina, Aidan, Gavin & Celina Ginley and Garrett, Shannon & Jordan Thomas. Welcome to you!

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 and it also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the church on Friday, March 12th, March 19th and March 26th starting at 6:45PM for an hour. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

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 Theresa Rasch, Juanita Renta, Steven Galazka, Fr. Tim Buyansky, OSB, Mary H. Murphy, James Stefanik, Vincent Ross and Edward Meister 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 Hengood, Ed Hengood, 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, James 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, 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, Grayson Wilmot, Erica Wilmot, Betty Wozniak, Meg Zalar, John Zindroski 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

Community Meal - First Sunday Community Meal is this Sunday, March 7th from 1-2PM. It will be drive-thru only. Drive up to the back doors of the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to come and take a meal home!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Lenten Retreat Series - Join us each Wednesday starting with Mass at 7PM. Each week, our guest celebrant's homily will focus on one of the Seven Catholic Sacraments. Masses will be livestreamed and taped for playback. Visit stcharlesonline.org for details.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Red Cross Blood Drive - The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Tuesday, March 16th from 4-8PM. Please register online at redcross.org. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

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



Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

- 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 or 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:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/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 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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. Please refer to the confession schedule.

2021 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

The following Tuesdays from 6:00-6:30PM:
March 9th and March 23rd.

LENTEN PROGRAM



Please join The Spiritual Life Commission for a beautiful and spiritual presentation on Sunday, March 14th and Monday, March 15th at 6:30PM in the church. Come listen to the words of Fr. Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M as he presents in his own special way The Last Words of Jesus from a Franciscan point of view. The presentation will touch you in a very special way and bring you closer to Jesus and our brothers and sisters in Christ. This will be an audio/video presentation of about an hour both nights.

PARISH-WIDE 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

Our parish is conducting a census. The census can be accessed on our website by visiting stmparish.net/census. Paper forms are also available at the main entrance to the church where they can be dropped off as well. For any additional information, please call the rectory.

FAITH FORMATION

Hello fellow parishioners,

We are a little over two weeks into Lent, the time of year that can be considered a "spring training" for Catholics.

Lent is an opportunity for us to renew and strengthen our spiritual life preparing for the glorious resurrection of our Lord on Easter. Let's keep working toward being there for others and spreading kindness and love as Disciples of Christ.

We are a team - we are a community of faith, working together for God's kingdom.

May this lent bring us to the next level in our faith as we all grow together in God's love.

God's love and blessings,

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CRS RICE BOWL

SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR - Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques - and a new generation of young farmers - are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit **crsrice-bowl.org** to learn more.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

March 8th is the anniversary of the 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.....



Monday, March 8 – 7:00pm
VIA Zoom – Dan Guion, CORE Ministry at
St. Joseph Academy in Cleveland
Topic: St. Patrick and St. Joseph:
Their Connection to
Christ, Church, and Culture



It is March in Cleveland, so what comes to mind? St. Patrick's Day, right? But, the Catholic Church calls us to examine the life of St. Joseph and his example.

Dan Guion, St. Joseph Academy CORE ministry team, will join us to take a look at both saints: their connection to Christ, the Church, and to our culture. Join us for a wonderful evening exploring the lives of these two saints. We will again have breakout discussion time. We hope you can join us!

Limited to 90 Computer Audience
Register in advance
www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD **FOOD DRIVE**

On Sunday, March 7th, the Sisters of the Incarnate Word will be kicking off Catholic Sisters Week with a food drive from 12 noon to 2PM. We are asking our friends, neighbors and fellow Catholics to honor all Catholic Sisters by participating in a "drive thru" food drive at our property located at 6618 Pearl Road in Parma Heights. Sisters will greet you as Incarnate Word Academy students collect your donation of non-perishable food items. Monetary gifts will also be accepted. All donations will be donated to local food pantries. If you would like more information, please call 440-886-6440, ext415.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2021 Catholic Men's Conference will be a virtual event on Saturday, March 13th beginning at 9AM. For conference registration, visit cmfneo.com. Those who register for the program will receive information on how to access the online portal for the event. Cost for the day is \$25 for individuals or group members. Student fee is \$10; religious can attend for free. For more information, contact Ray Andreas at rayandreas44@gmail.com or 216-403-5336.

"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.

A father "in the shadows," centered on Mary and Jesus

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: "In him, we never see frustration, but only trust," write Pope Francis. "His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust." Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that "needs fathers," and not "tyrants"; a society that "rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with welfare, mentality, power with destruction."

True fathers, instead, "refuse to live the lives of their children for them," and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that "he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes 'useless' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied." Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, "has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a 'sign' pointing to a greater fatherhood": that of the "heavenly Father." To be continued...

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

JOSEPH MOST JUST

Joseph was first and foremost just unto God, rendering to Him what was His due. Since all things are due to God, Joseph was perfectly religious in prayer, in labor, and in love giving to God, even as an infant, the energy of his whole life.

(<https://yearofstjoseph.org/resources/virtues-of-st-joseph/>)

DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

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>)

