

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

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

Office Manager

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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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MAY 8 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - Paul & Mary Lou LoBue -
50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 9 –

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

MONDAY, MAY 10 –

ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

8:15AM - Mary Frey

TUESDAY, MAY 11 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00PM - Confirmation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 –

SS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS & PANCRAS

8:15AM - Steffie & Chester Janas

THURSDAY, MAY 13 –

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FRIDAY, MAY 14 –

ST. MATTHIAS

8:15AM - Peter Carnivale - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MAY 15 –

ST. ISIDORE

8:15AM - Johnny Kazimer

*4:30PM - Robert Bonus, Sr.

SUNDAY, MAY 16 –

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Stella Buszko

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for May 2nd.....\$3,929.00

Maintenance.....\$1,790.00

75th Anniversary.....\$25,586.00

(We are up to 37 new parishioners for the year!)

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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.



WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

Gospel:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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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...

So are you tired of me saying it yet? “The *Easter Message* of PEACE continues!” As we talked about last week, being more than halfway to Pentecost, we continue in the *peace of Christ*. This is a **VERY** big thing and one I don’t think we really realize. If it was my choice, I would change the liturgy to include a much longer period of time for the *Sign of Peace*. I might even let the Deacon loose on the assembly and I know that he would be “*yacking it up!*” with everyone. Because that is what someone excited about the faith does – they share that **peace and love!**

The *Gospel of John* has Jesus talking about the love of the Father and how Jesus loves us – **ALL!** We in return need to follow that commandment ... “*love one another as I love you.*” There you go! Both the *First* and *Second Readings* echo that call to love, so the message is simple, spread the love and peace of Christ to others.

Happy Mother’s day to all our moms, foster-moms, aunts, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and “fathers serving as moms” – **keep spreading the love!**

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

Moving into May, the month of Mary, I do want to bring your attention to the small table near the Mary & Joseph shrine. I put a number of rosaries on the table for the *taking, exchanging, and sharing*. If you have a rosary at home not being fruitful, bring it up to share. If you need a rosary or need to gift a rosary to someone, feel free to *take* a rosary. This *exchanging* is all a part of our sharing our resources and being good stewards.

Speaking of Good Stewardship, I want to **keep thanking** all of the *volunteers* and generous *benefactors* who make it possible for STM to continue. It is no secret that there are a lot of necessary repairs needed and bills that need to be paid, but it is only through your help and that of the benefactors that we can keep things moving forward. You’ll see the repairs and construction starting the next few weeks, so be **CAUTIOUS**, as we (continue to) **Build for Our Future**, here at St. Thomas More.

Thank You!

Thank you to the “after hours elves” that so beautifully decorated the church last weekend for our First Communion.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

The Liebert Family.

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

“A single ‘Blessed be God’ in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity.”

St. John of Avila (1500-1569),

Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: May 10th
(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.

75TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Raffle will go on sale after Masses this weekend in the main vestibule. Tickets are \$75 each with only 750 tickets being sold. Prizes are \$7500, \$2021 and \$1946. Drawing is August 1, 2021.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This Thursday, May 13th, 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!

CATECHETICAL SERVICES COLLECTION

Please be generous and support the collection to support the Catechetical Ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation and Education. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MOTHER’S & FATHER’S DAY CANDLES

Candles are available to honor both living and deceased Mothers and Fathers during May and June for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Forms are available at the rectory or online on our website. Candles are \$25/month or \$45/both months. One name or one family name per candle please.





Sharon Augustine, Bill Barrett, Peggy & Larry Bennett, 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, Dee Fedak, Arielah Felicana, Maureen Finneran, Michael Frey, Norma Gademer, Alice Gruden, Terri Hammond, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood, Sr., Patricia Hinko, Ida Jean Hopkins, Coletta Hreha, Heather Hudak, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Mick Jones, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Doris Kaczmarek, Ann Marie Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Gene Klemanski, Melissa Korhely, Michael Kovach, Stefani Krese, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Martha & George Kysil, Barbara Laughlin, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Arthur Markee, 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, Keisha Newton, Peg Nicholay, Owen Noga, 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, Samantha & Baby Polidori, Bryan Poole, Mary Ellen Popovich, Elizabeth Ralstrom, Paula Ritter, Tino Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Jeff Romaniw, Mary Ryba, Haley Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Jennifer Stancato, Alice Stokes, Marlene Sutowski, John Szill, Sean Szill, Cynthia Tedesco, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Debbie Tomusko, 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, Marian Zawadzki and Stephanie Ziolkowski. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.



Please remember Collin Nemet,
Theodore Maslanka, Rev. James R. Becherer and
Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Catholic Movie Night - MQP will be hosting a Catholic Movie Night once a month with some great Catholic movies. All movies start at 6PM. The next movie is May 16th - "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" (1952).

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Save the Date - Summer One Day Getaway on Thursday, June 24th from 8:30AM - 6PM to the Historic Kingwood Mansion & Gardens & The Ohio State Reformatory (Mansfield, OH) Only \$55/person (boxed lunch included). Barons Motor Coach equipped with UV lighting, continuously kills 99% of viruses! Proof of Covid-19 vaccination & masks required.

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.

PARISH CENSUS

If you have filled out a census, thank you! If you have not completed one, please do so by visiting our website: stmparish.net/census or picking up a paper form from the main entrance to the church or the rectory. This information stays here at the parish and will be used to accurately update our parishioner records.



Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all those who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st. God Bless!

Sophia Adkins	Anayeli Rivera
Sadie Biacsi	Kali Rought
Emma Brown	Angelina Sandate
Ryan Dunn	Camden Schillinger
Aubree Haynik	Hailey Schmidt
Nathaniel Infante, Jr.	Faith Stanley
Grant Korfant	Julia Tesch
Gabriella Madison	Jordan Thomas
Kelly Nguyen	Penelope Troche

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, May 11th at 7PM with Bishop Gries presiding. Please keep our Candidates in your prayers.

FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

As some spring-like weather is finally returning, St. Thomas More's Youth Ministry is starting to get back in the swing of things (safely). First, for any high school student, please join us on Sunday, May 16th for Cornhole and a Cookout from 6-8PM. This is also the first event that we are inviting the current 8th graders to participate. If you have a teen in your household (8th-12th grade), encourage them to attend. In the coming weeks we hope to have more activities for high school students and their friends.

If parishioners hear some fun coming from the parking lot on Friday, June 4th from 7:30-10PM it's because we are bring back our Junior High Youth Group dances! This dance, however, will be outdoors (rainout date is June 11th). More information regarding the dance will be sent to the day school and PSR students. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza and beverages.

God bless,

Jeff Stutzman, Youth Minister

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for parishioners who would like to help out around the campus. There are a lot of grounds to cover, so let us know if you would be willing and able to "adopt" an area to help take care of. There are lots of opportunities for volunteering...the grounds, the 75th Anniversary celebrations and much more. Also, if you are a woodworker or candle maker, give us a call (216-749-0414).

GARDEN AREAS

CHURCH

1. Pots by small handicap lot side - pots needed
2. Handicap area

SCHOOL

3. Cove area between school & Utopia Hall
4. Medium size garden (roses) (by Utopia Hall)



A MOTHER'S LOVE

By: Joe Carnivale

A mother's love is special, you have often heard it said,
this understanding lies inside, not simply in one's head.
A mother's love is constant, no, it does not change with time,
it is not based upon your wealth or how high in life you climb.
It does not rest in riches nor in what it is you drive,
it is not something you can touch, but yet it's so alive.
A mother's love does not depend upon your changing moods,
it does not matter how you act, that love, it still exudes.
A mother's love is knowing when something is going wrong
it's just then when you need it most that this love is so strong.
A mother's love is acceptance when you struggle with your quirks,
but no matter how the world responds, a mother's love still works.
A mother's love is Godly, of more worth than mankind owns,
it is more durable than steel and more brilliant than precious stones.
Yes, a mother's love is unconditional, in a world where this is odd,
a love that's truly unsurpassed apart from the love of God.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has been busy working on our 75th Anniversary, but need your help! They are looking for parishioners who are willing to head up and lead events or are interested in assisting as well. We are also looking for network leaders who can connect with alumni and former parishioners to reach out and contact them about our events.

Sunday Grief Support Groups

3:00 pm - 3rd Sunday of each month

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey.

We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event, so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a face covering throughout the session. Please RSVP to rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

2021 Meeting Dates

January 17	July 18
February 21	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 27	December 19

Locations

(Cemetery Offices)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

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ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MAY CROWNING



TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

ROSARY 6:15 PM

LITURGY 6:45 PM

MAY CROWNING 7:30 PM

Crowning of the Blessed Mother immediately following the liturgy
Please feel free to bring flowers for the May altar



VOCATION CORNER

Our seminarians of the month are

Deacon James Winings, Deacon Cameron Popik, Deacon Alexander Clark and Deacon Alexander Spenik.

They will be ordained on Saturday, May 15th at 10AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Please keep them and all seminarians in your prayers, as we continue to pray for vocations.

Please feel free to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards to them at Borromeo Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092.

You may view the online broadcast at www.dioceseofcleveland.org as well as on the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Facebook page.

