



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 - Principal

216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

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Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 –
VIGIL**

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 –
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

*9:00AM - Mary Dolinak

*11:00AM - Ed Rogers

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 –
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**

8:15AM - Stella Buszko

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 –
SS. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND &
GERTRUDE**

6:45PM - Theresa & Peter Tamas

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 –
ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**

8:15AM - Loretta Paskert

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18 –
ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Living & Deceased of the Gadamer
Family

4:30PM - James & Beverly McGinty -
60th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 –
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 7th.....\$6,116.00
Maintenance.....\$1,725.00
75th Anniversary.....\$703.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

This year we will be collecting men's and women's winter hats, gloves and socks. Please bring them to church by November 20th & 21st. Thank you for your generosity in helping keep others warm this winter.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

Second Reading:

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

Gospel:

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

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Please follow the latest directives from the Diocese: it is **highly** recommended that masks be worn. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Please distance yourself as you process up to receive Communion as well as in the pews. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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 (*are we...*) *in communion as one Family of Faith?* This is an interesting question to ask ourselves, our families, and our parish of St. Thomas More.

The readings this week definitely prepare us for the end of the Church year. We have the **First Reading** from the *Book of Daniel*, discussing the sending of Michael. This is a passage that we need to pay attention to as it leans us towards the end of times, but it also tells us how the “...*wise shall shine brightly...*” We are all called to shine bright! The *Letter to the Hebrews* reminds us of the great sacrifice of **Christ** and how this too lays the foundation for our journey. By the time we arrive at the **Gospel** reading from **St. Mark**, we can (*understandably be ...*) simply be Exhausted! Now we have **Jesus** talking in this *apocalyptic style of literature...*

But, let’s get back to the question, “*Are we in Communion?*” We might even rephrase the question to, “*Are we on the same page?*” Ourselves, our families, and even our parish here at St. Thomas More will need to answer the question – *are we on the same page?* The same page as, **Jesus** - with **God Almighty** and **God the Holy Spirit**. So, let’s ask again – *Are We in Communion?*

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

Thank you for the inquiries from those interested in joining the *Parish Pastoral Council*. I wanted to “*float the idea*” and see if there would be much response and discuss it with the current members. The basics for this parish group is to be leaders within the community. They meet (about) once a month and help gather ideas and thoughts. The **PPC** is the eyes and ears of the parish, and then work with the pastor (administrator) to help in the growth of the parish. I (we..., **PPC** and I) like to say that we are looking to grow as individuals, families, and a parish. This growth is personally and spiritually.

As mentioned in the readings this week, we know that we are not here forever! This year was spent celebrating the **75th Anniversary** and we will continue to do so, in fine (*fun*) fashion. As we turn the page and look at the approaching holiday season, we recognize the various fundraisers and events quickly filling the calendar pages. But we cannot be stagnate in our quest to grow and have fun as a parish, as a family of faith. Continue to keep your ear to the ground and your eyes open for the next opportunity to stay engaged in our family. Continual thanks also, to the **PPC** and **Anniversary** committees in making *St. Thomas More* such a **great Family of Faith!**

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Gil & Joan Vanza.

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

“It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for “God is Charity.”

*St. Albert the Great (1200-1280),
Dominican, Church Doctor,
Feast Day: November 15th*

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

VOCATION CORNER

Society of Jesus & Congregation of Holy Cross

To learn more about the Society of Jesus visit www.jesuits.org and www.holycrosscongregation.org for the Congregation of Holy Cross. Please keep all of the Brothers and Priests 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 USA Midwest Jesuits, PO Box 6713, Carol Stream, IL 60197-6713 or Holy Cross Office of Vocations, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, PO Box 541, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

WOMEN’S RETREAT

Beth Brandt will be leading a six-week reflection from St. Thérèse of Lisieux, “The Way of Trust and Love” on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the church through December 14th. Please call the rectory to sign up or register on the website. The book will be provided at no charge.

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 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 pick up a paper form from the main entrance to the church or the rectory.



Hania Alkhatib, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Yolanda G., Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood, Sr., Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Mila Haun, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Alex Hogan, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Paul & Bobbi Matysiak, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Dave Muran, Josalyn Murray, Keshia Newton, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers, Sr., Ed Readence, Paula Ritter, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Mike Sekerak, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, 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.

Readings of the Week ©LPi

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

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Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Catholic Movie Night - Join us for our next Catholic movie night on Sunday, November 21st at 6pm in the Parish Center for a screening of *I Confess*.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted in Merici Chapel after the 7pm Mass on Thursday, November 18th. Any questions, please contact Michael Coyle at michaelcoyle685@gmail.com. **LORD JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!**

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Trinity Tour Travels: The Holy Land Pilgrimage - May 16 - May 25, 2022. Cost is \$3,400 and includes: airfare, 5 star hotels, Catholic tour guide, 2 meals a day, entry fees to all sites, and air conditioned motor coaches. For more information please visit trinitytourtravels.com or call the rectory.



Please remember
 Clairelaine Dunlap, Kathleen Hudson,
 Richard McClelland, Darlene Waters and Jan Loya
 in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation will once again offer a program to help all those who are hurting through the loss of a loved one, especially during the holiday season. Cassandra Zabor, of Zabor Funeral Home, will be our guest speaker next Sunday, November 14th at 2pm in Utopia Hall. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



Thank you to the Finance Council and Melissa Wensing for working so hard to keep St. Thomas More Parish in "check!" The year-end numbers are done and we hope to have the information in the bulletin within the next few weeks.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL
MEET THE TEACHERS

Miss Kim Szypulski

My name is Kim Szypulski. I'm also known by the name Miss S. in school. I work with Mrs. Hovan in the Kindergarten room as her Aide. This is my 4th year working at STM in the Kindergarten room. I absolutely love my job, the kids and teachers and staff.



I have a son Kadam who attends STM in the 4th grade. He has been attending since pre-school. We also have a goofy English Bulldog named Lincoln. As a family, we like to go swimming in our pool, play board games and take our annual vacation to Myrtle Beach! I also enjoy shopping and doing yard work.

CHRISTMAS CASH REWARDS

St. Thomas More School is holding a fundraiser - *40 Days of Christmas Cash*. Each ticket is \$10 and will be entered into a drawing from November 25, 2021 through January 3, 2022. Daily drawings will be held for a cash prize of \$50. On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day with a \$500 cash prize! Once a ticket is pulled, it will be returned to the hopper so you have the chance to win more than once!

Please call the school office at 216-749-1660 to purchase tickets. All tickets and payment (checks made to St. Thomas More School) must be turned into the school office by Tuesday, November 23rd.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2022 will become available on Wednesday, November 17th at the rectory starting at 9AM until 4PM. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. Mass intentions will only be taken **in person** on that day and may be called in starting Thursday, November 18th. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15AM Masses. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule two Masses per family.**

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11th for an "Advent Day of Reflection" with Brother Johnpaul Cafiero. More details to come...

ADVENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) after the 11:15am Mass or Sunday, December 12th (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) after the 11am Mass for a soup and salad luncheon in Utopia Hall followed by prayer and reflection provided by Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, HM. The theme is "Praying **with** and **to** Mary."

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Dear Family of St. Thomas More,

In the five months that I have been here, I have concluded that this is a busy, friendly, wonderful place to be. Much is going on, but many of you might feel that you can't be a part of it. You say, "I don't drive anymore (at least at night); I don't have the energy; or I am in such pain." Well, Sister Elaine Theresa, SIW (lovingly called "E.T." by some) started a ministry that was continued by Frank Budziak, a former Pastoral Minister, called THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER & PRAISE. This is a ministry for those who want to contribute to the Parish by being a powerhouse of prayer and offering your suffering, loneliness, and disappointments in union with Jesus for support for our Parish, School, and those in hospice, hospitals, health care facilities, and the homebound. St. Thomas More Church is an "equal opportunity" prayer support, so younger people can sign up too. Starting in January, we would like to publish a Ministry of Prayer and Praise newsletter. The hardest part of doing this is getting the names of the people who want to join our P&P Ministry and current information. If you want further information, Call Sr. Jane at 216-749-0414, Ext. 15

What do I have to do?

Spend some time every day praying for our parish intentions.

What good will it do?

It will provide spiritual strength, direction, and God's blessing on Fr. Mike and the Parish Staff, School and PSR children and their parents, youth, married and single, active and inactive Catholics, and all who need our prayers.

Are there special prayers?

No, you can use your own special way of praying: Rosary, spontaneous words, other spiritual exercises.

Do I have to pay dues?

No, you have always been our treasure.

Do I have to come to meetings?

No, this is a spiritual ministry. We will formally commission you at a weekend Mass if you are able to come

How do I join?

Just sign and return the application below. If you signed up in the past, we ask you to do it again, so we have the latest contact information.

How do I know for what or whom do I pray?

You will receive prayer intentions quarterly. In the meanwhile, use the Parish Bulletin to pray for our sick, the people mentioned, and all the special programs and events taking place.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Birthday: _____

Month Day Year

For Married Couples:

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Spouse's Birthday: _____

Month Day Year



FAITH DIRECT DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider Faith Direct is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first offertory gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, Faith Direct will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

**We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church.
We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by
creating your recurring online gift today.**

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VETERAN'S DAY

Veteran's Day was observed last Thursday, November 11th. God bless you and thank you for your service.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Heavenly Father, King and Lord, You instill in all of Your creation an order and value. You call Your children "very good." We surrender to You the conflicts that tear your family apart. We pray for an end to blindness that places pride, greed, power, and selfishness above human dignity and brotherly love. We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor. We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war. Let Your Kingdom come! May Your peace that surpasses all understanding reign in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

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On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. St. Thomas More is participating again this year in #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving. Please support us with your donation on that day by going to www.wegivecatholic.org, search for St. Thomas More Parish and School (or go to our parish website, www.stmparish.net), then click "Donate." You can also put your donation in the previous weekend's collection (November 27-28) or drop off or call your donation into the rectory on November 30. Your donation will go a long way toward helping us renovate Utopia Hall. Mark your calendar, then Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday!

ALL FAITHS PANTRY

Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn area Seniors (60+ years old with limited incomes). You may qualify to have ALL FAITHS PANTRY volunteers deliver groceries at no charge. Call 216-496-4329 to see if you qualify. To learn more about AFP, donate, or find out how to volunteer, check us out at allfaithspantry.org or find us on Facebook.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Sunday Grief Support Groups - Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning and healing along your grief journey on the third Sunday of each month (November 21st at 3pm in-office or 5pm virtual meeting). Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

"A Closer Walk With Thee" - CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter: To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866. The e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month.