

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 - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

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Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 -

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment

*11:00AM - Louis J. Kazimer III

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 -

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15AM - Diana Hasson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 -

ST. CECILIA

6:45PM - Richard Regotti

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 -

SS. CLEMENT I, COLUMBIAN, & BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO

8:15AM - Robert Strunak

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 -

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00AM - Poor of the World

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 -

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

8:15AM - Vincent Mercurio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - November Birthdays

*4:30PM - Mildred Ancin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 -

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*9:00AM - Rev. William J. Rock, OP

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

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 on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30PM 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.

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.

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.

FAITH DIRECT

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

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for November 13th \$4,447.00

Faith Direct as of 11/4 \$ 7,244.00

Maintenance \$2,040.00

Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$42.95

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

This Sunday, we celebrate “**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**” or simply, *Christ the King Day*. Pope Pius XI originally initiated this day in 1925, and it has since grown to be observed by other Christian denominations. In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the Roman calendar so that the day falls on the last Sunday of Ordinary time. With all of that, let’s look at the readings, which The **First Reading** from the second Book of Samuel includes the story of **David** as being anointed at Hebron. This is different (a second version of...) from when **David** faced off with **Goliath** in the first Book of Samuel. **David** is the king of **Israel**! The *Gospel according to Luke* speaks now of Jesus as the king of the **Jews**. However, we find **Jesus** hanging on a cross between two thieves. **What a difference...** But let’s move to *St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians*, as this is where it’s all at for us! **St. Paul** quickly runs through all that Jesus has done for the world – for us! The line worth praying over and taking forward with us today has **St. Paul** telling us, “*Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy one in light.*” We need to not only celebrate the kingship of **Jesus**, but also that we are all able to share in the Kingdom of Jesus. The only question is ~ do we chose to share in this kingdom?

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The “*year-end reviews*” are coming to a close for the year ~ spiritually speaking. The new liturgical calendar will be starting next Sunday... Hopefully, you were able to take time to examine this past year and how you have done individually, as a family, and (even) as part of your parish family of **St. Thomas More**. We should all be looking to grow in our faith and closer in our relationship to God. The power of the networking and relationships are important, all the way (starting) with our relationship with our God, down to our neighbor or stranger in the store... If you haven’t taken time yet, please be sure to reflect, examine, and learn how you’ll be making 2023 an even better year!

Continuing towards the holiday season, it will be the time of sharing and giving. We are pulling together the clothing drives with the school children for hats, gloves, and scarves. The major fundraiser **#weGIVECATHOLIC** will be on **November 29th**, and will give us the opportunity to pull together the donations we have not been able to raise during the pandemic time. This fundraiser will help us to continue the much needed work on the **Utopia Hall** area. With that – we should mention the continued work that has still been happening with the volunteers who stepped forward to hang new drapes and window treatments in the hall. Thank you for your work! The repairs need to be completed and this area of **Utopia Hall** is in much need of attention, before we can move on to the next area of the campus. **PLEASE**-please... be sure to ask if you have any questions on how best to donate, as we are even going to be asking for prayers for a successful campaign. Together, we’ll be able to complete the necessary repairs, as the **parish of St. Thomas More**. Thank you ALL for your help this year!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

The Badza 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 2023.**

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for donating to our Thanksgiving drive. You are all so generous and supportive to our community. We are so thankful for all you do for the parish all year long.

**God bless you and
Happy Thanksgiving!**

VOCATION CORNER

Society of Jesus & Congregation of Holy Cross

To learn more about the Society of Jesus and the Congregation of Holy Cross please visit the following

www.jesuits.org or www.holycrosscongregation.org.

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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Albert Becerra, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie Butler, Janet Call, Jeremy Cheetham, Rosemary Cimino, Noelle, Brian & Dylan Clark, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, Tom Hana, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Nancy Prosser, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Carol Swancer, Jane Szoke, George Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Wayne, Rev. Robert Wenz, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, 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.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Joan Kremser, Louis Kazimer III, Phyllis Kuehn, Danny Miller, Louis Catania and Mildred Ancin (sister of Fr. Vesely) in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The book will be displayed on the altar throughout the month of November. You are invited to inscribe within the book names of any and all deceased loved ones.

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2023 is now available at the rectory. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. 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 only schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.**

SAINT QUOTE

As he, (St. John Berchmans), was dying, he pressed to his heart his Crucifix, his Rosary and the Book of Rules, saying: *"These are my three treasures, with these I shall gladly die."*

St. John Berchmans (1599-1621),
Patron of Altar Servers,

Feast Day: November 26th

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

Join the St. Thomas More
Ministry of Consolation
on Sunday, November 20, 2022
at 2:00pm in Utopia Hall for

Tidings of Comfort & Joy Hope for the Holidays



OUR GUEST SPEAKER,
Cassandra Zabor (Zabor funeral Homes),
will do a presentation on
grief management
throughout the holidays.

Please invite your family and friends.

If you have any questions,
please call Peggy at 216-402-2773.

**Please come and allow us to help heal
your hurting hearts.**



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Music classes at St. Thomas More School.

In addition to being the Director of Music at the parish, I am also teaching music in the school. I have a Master's Degree in Music Education and 39 years of teaching experience. My goals are to teach the correct mechanics of singing to ensure good vocal health for the students, provide instruction in music reading/writing, and equip the students with skills to be able to create, appreciate and explore music through performing, composing, improvising, movement and more. One objective is to increase the student participation at weekly Mass so we spend a little time each lesson reviewing or learning some music for Church. The 5th grade is pictured rehearsing to lead the singing for school Mass. More classes are anxious to take their turn as leaders as well.



Students have learned songs from several countries and added instruments to their performances. During Latin American Heritage month we focused on songs, composers and instruments from Latin America and sang in Spanish. First and second graders can sing "Hello" in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and will soon be adding French, German and other languages.

Junior high students are discussing the various styles of singing and were amazed to see a video of the vocal cords at work.

The students in PreK-5th grade will be presenting a Christmas program, so stay tuned to the bulletin for more details. We hope you will be able to join us for their performance.

Lorrie Wenmoth

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

YOUTH MINISTRY & ATHLETICS

Lots of activities for the youth of the parish are underway. Last weekend, the youth ministry program hosted a movie and taco night for junior high and high school students. Disney's CoCo helped moviegoers reflect on the importance of praying for deceased friends and family. This weekend (November 20), we'll spend an evening giving thanks (with some food, games and some more fun in the gym). Any and all 7th through 12th graders are invited to join in our youth ministry activities.

In addition, an important connection to the youth of the parish is our CYO program. Practices for our CYO basketball teams and cheerleading squad are well underway. Yes, you read that correctly...cheerleading is back with close to 30 girls on 3 different squads! Our Lil' Wolverine program for grades 1 and 2 will get underway soon and the gym will once again be full on Saturdays and Sundays as we host basketball games. If you are interested in volunteering for our CYO program, please send an email to athletics@stmparish.net.

God bless,
Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry & Athletic Director

JAMES E. FLYNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Apply now, for the James E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union.

This scholarship awards \$7,000 to support Catholic Education within the Diocese of Cleveland and Eparchy of Parma. We award:

Four \$500 Scholarships to students K through 8

Five \$1,000 Scholarships to students in 9th-12th grade

The students must be a member of Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union.

Hurry the deadline for the Scholarship is December 31st. You can get applications by visiting any office or on our website

www.unitycatholiccu.org/youth-programs/#flynn

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The parish is collecting names for our Advent Giving Tree program. If you or someone you know (who lives within the parish boundaries) could use assistance for Christmas, please contact the rectory by November 27th. Tags for the program will be available in the church during the first and second week of Advent.





Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

On **Tuesday, November 29, 2022** from 12:00am to 11:59pm, St. Thomas More is participating again in **#weGiveCatholic**, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving. Our plan is to renovate the kitchen at Utopia Hall. To do that, we hope to raise \$40,000 during the #weGiveCatholic campaign. Please support us with your donation on that day. Just go 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 26-27) or drop off or call your donation into the rectory on November 29th. Your donation will go a long way toward helping us upgrade the Utopia Hall kitchen. Mark your calendar!

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Make a charitable donation to the new Angel Scholarship Fund and "turn tax dollars into tuition" through an Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) against your 2022 state tax liability. Donations can be designated to benefit St. Thomas More School. For more information go to www.catholiccommunity.org/angel.



This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel. (2 Sm 5:3)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)

Gospel:

Then he said,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:42-43)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There are 4 SPOTS LEFT! Join Fr. Josh Cochrac from St. Charles Borromeo Parish, along with Deacon Tom Cully from St. Mary Parish in Berea, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this January. The pilgrimage is from January 9-20. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will bring the Bible to life! You can find out more information and register at magitravelinc.com/holy-land. You can also contact Fr. Josh at frjosh@stcharlesonline.org. Registration deadline is December 1st.