



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

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Jean Bernazzoli

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 –
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

*9:00AM - William Malames

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Rev. James J. Vesely (Living)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 –
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA**

6:45PM - Casmir & Mary Nagorka

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 –
ST. LEO THE GREAT**

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 –
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 –
ST. JOSAPHAT**

8:15AM - Albert & Eleanor Tapajna -
Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 –
ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI**

8:15AM - Margaret Valencik

4:30PM - People of the Parish

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

*9:00AM - Mary Dolinak

*11:00AM - Ed Rogers

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 31st.....\$3,914.00

Maintenance.....\$1,514.00

75th Anniversary.....\$145.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



We recently registered the following people at
St. Thomas More during the month of **October** -
Antony, Bessy, Jelicia, Josiah & Jayden Lopez.
Welcome to you!

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) or: Alleluia

Second Reading:

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

Gospel:

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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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...

Admittedly, the readings this week have all the foundation of talking about fundraising and the collection numbers. But, I don't see this as the place, and (*honestly...*) I hate talking finances, at any level. These readings do speak of *our trust in God*, and how **St. Paul** speaks of **Christ** having given the ultimate sacrifice of dying for our salvation.

The First Reading from the *First Book of Kings* tells the story of **Elijah** asking for the widow to bake him a cake. This may be seen as demanding on **Elijah's** part, but it is in this action that the trust in God is shown by the widow. Even in the *Gospel of St. Mark*, there is a lesson of trust. Naturally, **St. Mark** has **Jesus** "people watching" and pointing out the sacrifice of the poor widow. **Jesus** points out to his disciples how the widow gave from her heart. This is the key line, "...*she, [gave] from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.*" This can only be performed "with faith", faith that God will take care of all things. Let's all look for the opportunity to *give from our livelihood ~ from our heart...*

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

The **Parish Pastoral Council** met this past week so that the 75th Anniversary events could be reviewed and the look towards the future could be taken by everyone.

The **Council** recognized that there is the need to ask for people who may be feeling the call to help out by volunteering on the **Parish Pastoral Council** ~ to please make it known! We will be looking to move into the season of Advent soon, and the winter holiday season. The 75th Anniversary Year isn't over just yet, so stay tuned. The hope is that more charitable and spiritual events will help us all round off the anniversary year. Continue to keep your ideas coming in, and *the desire to grow closer to God and (also) closer to each other as a Family of Faith, which is St. Thomas More.*

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 9th in Utopia Hall at **12pm**. Join us for a history of the Women's Guild and Thanksgiving reflections of St. Thomas More's 75 years. A "lite lunch" will be served and there will be door prizes. Please join us!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

St. Thomas More is working towards joining an inter-parish young adult group. Any 20-30 year olds that are interested, please call or email the rectory.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Tony & Mary Ryba.

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved."

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917),

Patron of Immigrants, Feast Day: November 13th
(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.

VOCATIONS

To celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, a poster is being prepared of those who are in formation in the communities within our diocese, and those in formation elsewhere but from the Diocese of Cleveland. If you have family members from the Diocese of Cleveland who are in a religious formation, please contact Sister Jane at the rectory with their information.

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 beginning this Tuesday, November 9th through December 14th. Please call the rectory to sign up or register on the website. The book will be provided at no charge. Please read the first chapter before November 9th.

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.



Hania Alkhatib, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, 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 Kresser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Jan Loya, 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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

Cemetery Sunday Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th at 3pm. For details visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Events/CemeterySunday.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-1[1b]/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
[24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
[5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk
17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,
135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk
17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-
37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb
10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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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

Care for the Caregivers - Join us for Care for the Caregivers on Thursday, November 11th from 7-8:30pm in the lower parish hall. For information, call the parish office or visit online at stcharlesonline.org/care-for-the-caregivers.

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 Barbara Laughlin, Edward Zalar, Clairelaine Dunlap, Rev. James D. Schorr and Kathleen Hudson in your prayers.

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.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. 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.

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.



Our thanks goes out to the Ministry of Consolation. They are there to comfort and console families during one of the most difficult times of their lives. Thank you for all you did for our All Souls' Mass. It was a beautiful time of remembrance for our families that have lost loved ones this past year. God bless you all!

FAITH FORMATION

Hello fellow Parishioners,

As a parish community, we are all part of the teaching of our Catholic faith to our parish and school students. What better way to teach than by example. By praising the Lord at Mass and showing the strength of our community of faith. By inviting and welcoming families to come to church and share in the witness and peace of God. We bring all of this with us in our daily lives. What a true example of God's presence and love. *"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children."* - Isaiah 54:13

God bless,
Terri Sozio
Religious Education

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHERS

Mrs. Danielle Hovan

Hello St. Thomas More families!

My name is Danielle Hovan and I am the Kindergarten teacher here at STM! I am very happy to be here and a part of the STM family!

I have been in the education field for over 15 years and I am a graduate of Cleveland State University. I have worked with children as young as infants and as old as middle school. My heart has always been in Kindergarten and I am truly blessed to share my passion with the current STM Kindergarten scholars and their families.

I am a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Berea, where I was married over 16 years ago. Mr. (Doug) Hovan and I have a 13 year old daughter, Delaney, who is in the 7th grade at St. Mary. She is an avid volleyball player and plays for St. Mary's CYO team, which I coach, and she plays for the Cleveland Volleyball Company. We also have a 4 year old American Staffordshire Terrier named Maska, and we have another pup who is just 12 weeks old named Lila. As a family we like to go to car shows in our 1953 Chevy 210. In my spare time I like to garden and scrapbook, and spend time with family and friends.

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.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remember our beloved dead. This year, why not honor them with a Memorial Candle? This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole month of November. Candles are \$25 for a new candle and \$20 if you are returning your 2020 candle. Forms are available at the rectory.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Every year the Cleveland Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society presents the Bishop with a Spiritual Bouquet. The Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Edward Malesic is a combination of Masses, communions, and rosaries from all of the parishes in the Cleveland Diocese. Each parish takes a count of those who attended Mass and receive the Eucharist. This year, St. Thomas More Parish will be taking our count on the weekend of November 13th and 14th.

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.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council is seeking parishioners that would be interested in joining our ministry. At this time, we have vacancies that we are hoping to fill with parishioners that are willing to volunteer their time for the spiritual and physical growth of our parish.

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to promote the spiritual growth of the parish and to plan ways to carry out its mission. We are looking for registered parishioners who are 16 years or older.

If you are interested and/or would like more information about Parish Pastoral Council, please contact us at parishcouncil@stmparish.net by Sunday, November 21st. Thank you!

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."



The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 7-13, 2021. It is an important time for the Catholic Church in Northeast Ohio and dioceses across the U.S. as events take place to foster an appreciation for all vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

"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.

PATRON OF DYING AND SOLACE OF THE AFFLICTED

What a blessed death to see God before you die and for God Himself to tell you to go. This was Joseph's gift from his Son, who would hand his father over to His Father. Thus has Christ entrusted Joseph to have particular intercessory power for all those on the moment of death.

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

#weGIVECATHOLIC
with the Catholic Community Foundation on **#GIVINGTUESDAY**
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

**SAVE THE DATE!
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 30**

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, November 13th & 14th, food will be collected for the City of Brooklyn Food Collection which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring **ONLY** items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the church library. Thank you in advance 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 the weekend of November 20th & 21st. Thank you for your generosity in helping keep others warm this winter.

Hello parishioners of St. Thomas More! The 2022 Liturgical Year is coming soon, which means new missals will be arriving. This year, we will be placing missals back in the church for use during Mass, but if you would like to purchase one for your own personal usage, we are offering that option again this year. The Breaking Bread missals are \$12, and can be purchased by filling out the form below and returning it to the collection baskets or to the rectory. **Orders are due by November 14th!**

2022 ST. THOMAS MORE MISSAL PURCHASE ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

Missal Options:

Breaking Bread (\$12)

Quantity: _____

Total Number of Missals Ordered: _____

Payment Method:

Cash

Check

Total Amount (\$) Enclosed: \$ _____

Missals will be handed out on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27-28, 2021)