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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 - TBD

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

(The rectory is closed for lunch from 1-1:30pm)

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Schneider
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Dennis J. Asmondy

*11:00 AM - Kenneth Thies

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

8:15 AM - Dominic Sozio

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – ST. JOSAPHAT

6:45 PM - Lamont Higgins

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

8:15 AM - Alice & John Noga

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

8:15 AM - Women’s Guild - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – SS. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND & GERTRUDE

8:15 AM - Richard Feldtz

*4:30 PM - Tina Carr

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Father’s Day Enrollment

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 11

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Women’s Guild Set up - Utopia Hall

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 3 G BB Practice - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, November 12

10:00 AM Women’s Guild Fundraiser - Utopia Hall

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Cheer - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, November 13

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 3 G BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Thursday, November 14

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Lil Wolverines Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Friday, November 15

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Saturday, November 16 2nd Collection

Utopia Rental

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Mother/Daughter Event - Utopia Hall

Sunday, November 17

2nd Collection

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 3rd \$4,445.00

Maintenance \$2,569.80

Student’s Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes) \$65.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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



Join the St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation this Sunday, November 10th at 2PM 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.

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time November 10, 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! As Catholics we often speak about sin and the need for God's mercy. In fact, it is quite possible for us to think too much about sin and for guilt to become a hindrance to lasting change. If we understand sin - both personal and original - we will find changing our behavior much easier.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines sin in the following way: "Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as 'an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law.'" (CCC 1849). The first way that the Church defines sin is to note that it is unreasonable. At the time sin seems to be a good idea, but in retrospect we all notice that our judgement erred. The famous Greek philosopher Socrates went so far as to define human virtue as action in accord with reason, and the Church would agree!

Why do we sin if we know it is wrong? We are usually too attached to some good. In other words, we value something out of proportion and that desire creates a misunderstanding. Sometimes that attachment is to an exterior good - like my Mom's chocolate chip cookies. It should come as no surprise that my siblings and I often ate too many of those and at the wrong time. Often, the good that we desire too much, however, is not something tangible - fame and affection, for example. We all want to be loved and appreciated, but that interior need does not justify doing harm to others or ourselves. Lastly, we sin because our very selves can become compromised. When we talk about vice, we are referring to a disposition - usually emotional and mental - to do evil. These dispositions are sometimes not our faults. When a person has been traumatized, his emotions can become so disordered and so strong that he struggles to resist them.

Here we must pause and emphasize that sin always involves a choice. The less an action is a choice, the less it is a sin. Nevertheless, almost every action we do has some choice in it - we will get into semi-voluntary venial sins in another article.

The more we sin, the easier it becomes to sin in that way because we disorder ourselves. Our intellects, our wills, and our memories can all become a little warped. When the Catechism mentions, "human solidarity," it is subtly implying that we need help from others to correct some of our sins. Accepting that we need help is often the first and most important step to removing sin in our lives. May we always remember that God desires to wipe our sins away with His Love.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Noah Furin
St. Ladislav,
Westlake
III Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Noah and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SAINT QUOTE

"With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword."

St. Martin of Tours (316-397),
Bishop, Feast Day: November 11th
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Peggy Palumbo.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them into the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2025.**

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

This is the last weekend to drop off food for the City of Brooklyn Food Pantry which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. They are also in need of peanut butter and cereal. Donations can be dropped off in the old baptistry room. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you or someone you know **who lives within the parish area** is in need of assistance, please contact the rectory. The deadline to register is December 2nd. Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we will only be taking information for people in the parish area.

The Giving Tree will be located in the front of the church. You will be able to start taking tags by next weekend, November 16th & 17th.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be collecting **NEW** adult hats, scarves and gloves. Please put your items in the brown donation box in the main vestibule of the church by Sunday, December 8th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Baby Elijah, Domenica Basich, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Dorothy Kashary, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Carl Krist, Al Lada, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Dale Mathews & family, Michael McClelland, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, Ethelle Mirande, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Joan O'Neil, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Mary Sparks, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodtbeck, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Sam Urban, Mary Weinstock & family, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Jan Woytek, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

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 in your prayers Peg Balazs, MaryAnn Manning, and George Koehler. God grant them eternal rest.

#WEGIVECATHOLIC IS RENEWING OUR RECTORY



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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month: For Those Who Have Lost A Child - Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

We are once again offering parishioners the opportunity to order their own personal copies of our Breaking Bread missal, for use at home or in the church. The missal, which includes all of the Sunday readings for the year, as well as hymns and songs we use during Mass, will be available for purchase for \$12. Join us for each celebration and continue to actively participate in the liturgy. You may drop your order form into the collection basket or at the rectory. When the missals arrive, your name will be placed on a sticker and the missals will be at the main door of the Church.

Order deadline is November 15, 2024.

If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Monday, November 11th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time November 10, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The preschool class read Ed Emberley's book, Go Away, Big Green Monster!, an empowering children's book in which the students learn to face their fears. On each page of the book, the students tell a different characteristic of the monster to "Go away!" (for example, "Go away, big yellow eyes!"). In doing this, the students learn that it's okay to be scared but also that they can face and overcome their fears. After reading this story, the students made their own Big Green Monster masks - showing there's no fear they can't overcome.



Mrs. Nicole Kidd-Zientarski
Early Childhood Education

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 2023 candle. Forms are available online or at the rectory.

CHRISTMAS CASH REWARDS

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Believe it or not, Christmas is less than two months away! Could you, your family, or friends use some extra money at this time of year? Please consider supporting the school's favorite fundraiser, ***40 Days of Christmas Cash!*** Each raffle ticket sold will be entered into a drawing. From November 28, 2024 through January 5, 2025, we will draw a winner for a **\$50 cash prize** each day. On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day the winner will win 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! We hope you will buy some chances for yourself and purchase some for gifts. Each ticket is just \$10. Tickets are available at both the Rectory and School offices.



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. ©LPi

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 16/17

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Sheryl Finohr Nina Ferguson Denise Puening Jill Parks	Peggy Palumbo Chet Omilanowski	Noah Nguyen	Rev. Donald Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Aidan Cepek Heather Roberts Jaclene Zauszniewski	Rob Cepek Jennifer Mladineo	Aubrey Rankin Holly Roberts	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Bernice Barker Heather Miksch Sue Poole Madelyn Koranda	Mike Sommers	Danny Coughlin Jackson Colon	Rev. Donald Snyder

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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 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 by calling the rectory or fill out the new parishioner registration form on our website. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Fourth Sunday of the Month. Time: TBD. 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

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.

ST. LEO'S BUS TRIPS

JACKS CASINO & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY

Wednesday, December 18th

Casino Bonus: \$10, Senior Lunch Buffet - \$5.55

Public Square Light Display ~ Nela Park Light Display
\$34 per person

Deadline: Monday, November 25th

Contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or to make a reservation.

MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Mary Queen of Peace's Men's Advent Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th from 8:30AM to 2PM in the MQP lower Church. There is no charge.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT ST. CHARLES

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted in Merici Chapel after the 7PM Mass on the third Thursday of each month (November 21st). Questions? Please contact Michael Coyle at michaelcoyle685@gmail.com.
LORD JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me." (1 Kgs 17:13)

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." (Mk 12:43)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/

Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/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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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.