



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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Business Manager

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 –

VIGIL

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 –

ST. CECILIA

8:15AM - Andrew Creter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 –

**SS. CLEMENT I, ST. COLUMBAN &
BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO**

6:45PM - Carl Altenburg

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 –

ST. ANDREW DŨNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

8:15AM - Mary Marky

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 –

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00AM - Poor of the World

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - November Birthdays

*4:30PM - Jean Stolarski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 –

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Barbara Laughlin

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for November 14th.....\$4,789.00
Faith Direct as of 11/4.....\$8,491.00
Maintenance.....\$1,769.75
75th Anniversary.....\$66.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel:

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)

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The rectory will be open on Wednesday, November 24th from 9am - 12pm and closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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, *did you notice it?* I'll bet you are getting to the point of wondering what I am getting at or asking when I start out this column with a question, or end it with "**homework**". Did you (*or do you...*) notice that all three readings this week are direct, bold and to the point? This will be the true test for the week, will the homily be the same?

We start out with the first reading from *Daniel* speaking of the **Son of man** coming and his dominion shall not be taken away. Basically, that the kingship is here and will never be taken away. The Second Reading from *Revelation* talks in that apocalyptic language, similar to last week. The kingship of Jesus continues! The final point is from the *Gospel of John* where we have that passage from the passion of **Christ** with **Pilot** questioning directly to Jesus on his kingship. This is where we now see the two kingdoms, what we may see as this world and the kingdom of heaven – in God's glory, with all the saints. So, do we notice the kingship of **Jesus** and want to be in the kingdom with all the saints?

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

The change of the seasons is bringing the "shifting gears" back to the fund raising, which (my main requirement) will be heavy on the "**FUN**" part of the fundraising...

The **#weGiveCatholic 2021 fundraiser** is a one day event, which gathers donations through the online website, via phone to the rectory, and in person at the rectory. The means of donation can also be personal check, cash, or credit card. The goal is being set at \$40k, since this was what we reached last year. We did not want to move it out of our reach, as the school families are also being asked to join in the fun! The funds will be helping for a very much needed – "Complete Make-Over" of the Utopia Hall area of the world. We have the facilities of the hall, bathrooms, and kitchen area which is in much needed TLC. This is an area that is used by the parish, school, and even friends of the community.

The other "**fun**" - fundraising events will include the **PTU Night at the Races** and **Christmas Cash** drawings. Again thank you to all the leaders of these different events and activities, and as well to all of you as parishioners looking to support *St. Thomas More* – and have **FUN!**

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 2022.

SAINT QUOTE

"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be."

St. John Berchmans (1599-1621),

Patron of Altar Servers,

Feast Day: November 26th

(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.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for donating to our Thanksgiving drive. You are all so generous and supportive to our community. God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Hania Alkhatib, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Cehelnik, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Yolanda G., Norma Gademer, 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, Jack Murphy, 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

Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Community Meal - Third Sunday Community Meal will be Sunday, November 21st from 1-2pm. The meal will be eat-in from 1-1:30pm and then from 1:30-2pm, it will be drive-through take-out only. The Parish Center cafeteria will open at noon. If you are driving through, please do not line up in your car before 1:15pm. You are only permitted to receive one meal per person. Everyone is welcome for a FREE meal!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

St. Charles Ladies Guild Lottery - Lottery tickets for February 2022 are available at the parish office for \$5 each.

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

Richard McClelland, Darlene Waters, Jan Loya, Joseph Marganski, Arthur Markee and Lucille Messuri in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

SECOND COLLECTION

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people 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. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

RECYCLE YOUR TREASURES

Do you have any extra religious items that you may have too many of and are not sure what to do with? The St. Mary Recycle Mission Group from Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be in our area the week of December 6th to collect these types of items. If you have any items for them, please drop them off by December 3rd, to the church library. **PLEASE NO** reading books or pamphlets. For more information, please visit stmaryrecyclemissiongroup.com for more information. "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you: Luke 6:38.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHERS

Alex Urban

Hello St. Thomas More Families!

My name is Mr. Urban, and this is my sixth year as an educator at St. Thomas More. I have taught Kindergarten and First Grade.

I am a born and raised Catholic that believes that God should not only be at the center of our hearts but the center of everything we do and say. This belief is woven into the educational practices I provide for our young scholars!

In my free time, I like to spend time with my family, which includes my wife, Robin and our thirteen-year-old daughter Jaydin. As a family we love to walk our two standard poodles, Gaston and Aurora around the Medina Square where we live!

I look forward to continuing my spiritual and professional journey here at St. Thomas More with all of you!

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.

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.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2022 is now available. 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 schedule two Masses per family.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Hello St. Thomas More Families!

Happy Fall! As the seasons are certainly starting to change, we at STM are beyond excited to introduce after school clubs such as peer mediation, student council, and alpha jump! This is just the beginning as we are working together with our families to identify what creative and enticing programs we can introduce to our scholars and STM families. By working together with our families, we are also ensuring that we are providing great life skills for our scholars to be successful when going to the next grade level as well as professional skills overall.

Additionally, starting just this week, a monthly coffee talk is occurring with me in Utopia Hall from 8:15-9am. This will occur the second Monday of each month. The purpose of this is to ensure that communication is transparent between the school and our families as well as to discuss any parent concerns or suggestions. As I strongly believe that communication is important, this relaxed environment allows us to sit down as a cohesive group to work towards the same goal; supporting our scholars. As parishioners, you are also welcomed and encouraged to join us as we are all part of the same amazing community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dykstra, Principal



ADVENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11th for an "Advent Day of Reflection" with Brother Johnpaul Cafiero and 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." Please RSVP via the website or by calling the rectory.

NO PARKING

We have been made aware that parishioners are parking on North Amber Drive in front of the rectory. If you have any business to attend to at the rectory, please park in our back parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Buy a Horse Win Big!



A Night at the Races - Saturday, December 4, 2021

We hope you join us for an evening of fun and pure excitement!
10 authentic races, buffet dinner, beer, wine, raffles, and 50/50.

Add to the fun and increase your chances of winning:

OWN YOUR OWN HORSE!

\$20 per horse

Limited number of horses for sale on a first come first serve basis.

Benefits of being an owner

- Each horse you buy gets you entered into the exclusive "Owners Only" raffle!
- Name your horse - Be creative!
- Every horse you buy will race in a separate race (unless more than 10 is purchased).
- If your horse wins a race you win \$50.00!

You do not have to be present to buy a horse. We'd love for you to join us in the fun, but if you are unable to attend we will hold your winnings in the St. Thomas More school office for you to pick up. All proceeds will fund events and activities for the children of St. Thomas More so it's a win for all!

Please make your selections below and return with payment to St. Thomas More school office marked: PTU Horse Ownership. We accept cash or checks payable to St. Thomas More PTU.
For further questions contact PTU@stmschool.com

I WANT TO BE A HORSE OWNER!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name of Horse #1: _____

Name of Horse #2: _____

Name of Horse #3: _____

Name of Horse #4: _____

Name of Horse #5: _____

Total Enclosed: _____



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.

ST. THOMAS MORE PTU PRESENTS



NIGHT AT THE RACES DECEMBER 4TH



\$20 PER PERSON OR TABLE OF 8 FOR \$140

ST. THOMAS MORE GYM 4180 N. AMBER DR BROOKLYN, OH 44144
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM POST TIME 7:30PM

A Night at The Races a.k.a Video Horse Racing is an audience-participation event where actual races are shown to your audience to recreate the atmosphere of being at the racetrack. A race night consists of 10 races with 10 horses per race. The race goers receive a race booklet on arrival. They place bets on their chosen horse(s) and receive tickets. The races are projected onto a big screen. The races are chosen at random so nobody knows beforehand which horse will win. The winners collect their prize money immediately after the race. The excitement is the same as a real race so expect lots of shouting and cheering as the horses reach the finish line!

2021 St. Thomas More PTU Night at the Races		Ticket order form	
Name:	Student Room #		
Email Address:	Phone #		
_____ Ticket(s) x \$20		_____ Table(s) x \$140	
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____			

Please make checks payable to STM PTU *Please note there is a \$30 fee for all returned checks in addition to incurred bank fees

Please contact Kristine at
PTU@stmschool.com for
information on the following:

Program Ads:
Full-Page Ad: \$100
Half-Page Ad: \$50
Quarter-Page Ad: \$25

Prize Donation:
Have a prize donation you
would like to offer?

Tickets will be available by
return of this form to the
STM school office marked
PTU & after some masses

To sponsor a horse,
\$20 per horse
please fill out the Horse
Sponsorship form

Tickets Include Dinner &
Open Bar
21 and over please



What would you ask Bishop Malesic if he was sitting at your kitchen table? To be part of *Table Talk* with Bishop Malesic, submit your questions to tabletalk@am1260therock.com.



The December episode of *Table Talk* on AM 1260 The Rock will air Thursday, December 16th at 5pm and will be re-broadcast on Friday, December 17th at 8am and Sunday, December 19th at noon. For audio archive of previous episodes, visit <https://am1260therock.com>.