



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

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Jean Stolarski

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 –
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Barbara Laughlin

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 –
ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Andrew Creter

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 –
ST. ANDREW**

6:45PM - Dominic Scafaria

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 –
ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Lois Bouhall

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 –
ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 –
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

8:15AM - Helen Royak - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 –
ST. JOHN DAMASCENE**

8:15AM - Jeannine Makuh

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 –
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*9:00AM - Clairelaine Dunlap

*11:00AM - Kathleen Hudson

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

The financial information for the weekend of November 21st will be in next week's bulletin due to the early deadline for the bulletin submittal.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Marriage & Banns

I - Allison Gorczyca (St. Thomas More) &
Ryan Fallon (St. Thomas More)

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ Thy Son, our Lord.

All: Amen.



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...

"My kingdom does not belong to this world," Jesus told us in the final few times that he spoke before his death. It is almost as if he said, *"Helloooooo everyone, I have been trying to tell you!* There's more to the story!" **MY KINGDOM**, in another place.... Jesus tells **Pilot**, that this is not all that there is, that there is another place and my kingdom is there. We know this other place as Heaven, being in God's presence and glory, with all the saints (... big S and small s...).

The reading from *Daniel* and even *Revelations*, continue the apocalyptic language as we have been hearing the past few weeks. This week's thoughts bring us to the end of *Ordinary Time* for the Church Year. Jesus continues with the bold statements and in this case tells **Pilot** himself, my kingdom is not here – but there, with my Father. The questions for us are simple, *"Do we have the faith to believe that and are we working to be there, with our God, Jesus and all the saints?"*

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

The movement into the *Holiday Season* is now even closer among us. As we take the time this week to reflect on all that we are thankful for, I am **MAKING A HUGE REQUEST**....

I would like for all of us to not only review this past year, and continue to reflect as a family what we are thankful for, but to reflect even further back – *to the beginning of our coming to St. Thomas More Parish*. Just as we talked about, I like to "stretch out the thankfulness and remembrance for the whole month..." I want to reflect on what we *as a parish, as a family of faith* are truly thankful for since the parish was established some 75-years ago. This year, let's also reflect on *what we are thankful for as St. Thomas More Parish...*

CONTINUAL - Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

From myself and all of the staff here at St. Thomas More

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

SAVE THE DATE!
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 30

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barb Bonus.

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

"God being perfect becomes perfect man, and bring to perfection the newest of all new things (cf. Eccles 1:10), the only new thing under the sun, through which the boundless might of God is manifested. For what greater thing is there than that God should become man?"

*St. John of Damascus (676-749),
Priest, Doctor of the Church,
Feast Day: December 4th*

(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 for your donations of winter clothing items. You are all so generous in giving to those in need. We are truly blessed!



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, Joselyn 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 28, 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

Save the Date - Sunday, December 5, 2021 for Breakfast with St. Nicholas from 9:30am - 1pm in the cafeteria. More info to follow.

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
 Joseph Marganski, Arthur Markee, Lucille Messuri,
 Gene Valente and Rev. Joseph Cappelletti
 in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The money we raised helps support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.uscb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

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.



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MESSAGES FROM ALEX ULLE

Happy Advent, parishioners of St. Thomas More! There is something about the season of Advent that gives me so much hope and joy. During this time, I always think of a line from my favorite hymn: "Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." Rejoice, for the Lord is coming soon!

Music Ministry

I am hoping to start choir rehearsals in January, to start getting ready for Lent and Easter (I know, it's coming up quicker than we think!) As always, if you are interested in joining the Music Ministry (even if you can't come to rehearsals), please contact me!

Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you all so much for your ministry to St. Thomas More! Check your emails soon for updates regarding upcoming Holy Days.

WeGiveCatholic

It's coming THIS TUESDAY! We are raising money to renovate Utopia Hall, including the bathrooms and kitchen. If you haven't been over there in a while, know that it is in need of some updating and repairing, especially the bathroom stalls and floor. No donation is too small (or too big!) You can donate online at <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/St-Thomas-More>, drop your donation in the collection this weekend, or call or drop off your donation to the rectory on Tuesday from 9am-4pm. Thank you in advance for your support for this day of giving!

ADVENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

"What Child is This?" - Day of Reflection on the Infancy Narratives of Jesus - Saturday, December 11th from 8:15am - 5:30pm Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM will lead us in a day of reflection on the Advent message in his engaging and informative style. His storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' birth for us, his disciples today. We will explore the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke's gospels. An enjoyable and faith strengthening experience for junior high students through senior citizens. Come, bring a friend or family member for this day of reflection you will not soon forget.

"Praying with and to Mary" Join us on 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.

Please RSVP via the website or by calling the rectory.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

ANNUAL RAFFLE - The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle is underway. Tickets are \$5 each and the GRAND PRIZE is \$10,000! The drawing will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word student or by going online at www.incarnatewordorder.org and selecting "Raffle Tickets." If you would like additional information, please call Sharron in the Sisters' Development Office at 440-886-6440, ext. 415.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION - Sisters of the Incarnate Word in Parma Heights has a part-time housekeeping position open, Monday - Friday, 5 hours a day. Inquiries please contact Sr. Carol Tobler, SIW at scotbler.incarnatewordorder@yahoo.com or 440-886-6440, ext. 403.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

St. Edward High School honors the following alumni who made honors for the current grading period: Aiden Butler, Nathan Fallon and Dontez Howard.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2022 is now available. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule two Masses per family.**

ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Thomas More will once again look to provide a merry Christmas to families in need from the community. Beginning this weekend, gift tags will be available in the vestibules of the church for the "Advent Giving Tree." A tag is also available below. Just like last year, we will be collecting gift cards to distribute during the holiday season. Please return the gift card with the tag attached in the collection basket during Mass or to the rectory office by Sunday, December 12th. If you know of a family in the parish or community that may need some assistance, please contact the rectory during business hours for consideration.

Advent Giving Tree 2021

Gift Card (please circle):

Giant Eagle Walmart Target

Amount: \$ _____
Minimum \$20

Please place gift card in an envelope with this tag affixed to the outside and place in the offertory basket or return to the rectory.

Preferred Deadline of Dec 5; Final Deadline of Dec 12

Thank you for your generosity!

2021-2022 ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR STUDENTS

Grade 8

Principal's Honor Roll - Jocelynn Ashwood, Delaney Burke, Noemi Cartagena, Gabriella Cisneros, Gianna Marino, Chloe Meyer, Claire Noelker, Isiah Rivera, Jaime Stutzman, Lucy Thomas, Thomas Vu and Henry Widdowson

Honor Roll - Anais Hernandez and Michael Rydzewski

Merit Roll - Xavier Feliciano and Cindy Viera

Grade 7

Principal's Honor Roll - Naveah Aldridge, Ania Oshaben and Emily Schillo

Honor Roll - Jariana Figueroa, Brendon Kiscoe and Mia Viera

Merit Roll - Stefani Erny, Mia Glover, Brodie Hill, Christopher Hutchins, Holly Roberts and Sabina Titchenell

Grade 6

Principal's Honor Roll - Lucia Nunney and John Valencik

Honor Roll - Jahaira Figueroa, Macie Meehan, Chloe Scott, Jazzlyn Shotwell and Noah Wallace

Merit Roll - Joel Akateh

Grade 5

Principal's Honor Roll - Reagan Burke

Honor Roll - Jackson Colon and Samuel Widdowson

Merit Roll - James Bekoscke and Laurielle Brown

Grade 4

Principal's Honor Roll - Jonathan Collins II, Leyna Crew, Giovanni Jeffi, Blake Liebert, Michael Maroun, Parker Redloske, Jacob Schillo, Sofia Torres, Leah Viera and Emma Wright

Honor Roll - Faith Akateh, Dominic Azap, Nicolas Cajo-Rubio, Rylee Kingery, Kadam Rochford, Ethan Tran and Cora Yankovitz

Merit Roll - Anthony Cruz, Jr.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHERS

Marlena Graziano

Hello,

My name is Marlena Graziano, and I feel blessed to be a part of the STM family.

I am proud to be a product of the Diocese of Cleveland schools. I graduated from St. Albert the Great and Padua Franciscan High School. I continued my spiritual journey at the University of Dayton where I received my B.S. in Elementary Education.

After graduating, I moved home to North Royalton where I worked at St. Albert the Great for 19 years as a third, fifth, and fourth grade teacher and Church of the Assumption as a second grade PSR teacher.

In 2017, I decided that I needed to continue my journey as a Catholic educator by experiencing other schools in the Diocese, which brought me here to St. Thomas More where I have been blessed to teach four grade for the last four school years.

Last spring, I felt the calling to take a new position as the second grade teacher. I feel honored to be able to teach the scholars about Reconciliation and First Communion and essentially be a part of their spiritual journey.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my children Francesca and Mario Giovanni and my husband, Bernardino. We have been members of Holy Family in Parma since 2008 where I enjoy participating in the Hand-chime Choir. We currently reside in North Royalton.

I look forward to an exciting year. Thank you for welcoming me into your community.



PTU NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join St. Thomas More's PTU on Saturday, December 4th for a Night at the Races. Tickets are \$20/person or a table of 8 for \$140. For further questions, contact PTU@stmschool.com.