ST. THOMAS MORE

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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.*

Parish Staff

Father Michael J. Feldtz
Administrator

Father James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Don Brandt
Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Alex Ulle
Music Director

Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

Mass Times

Weekend
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 & 11 a.m.

Weekdays
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday - 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday - 6:45 p.m.
No Mass on Thursday

Holidays - To Be Announced

Holy Days
Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.
Holy Days - 8:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8
P: 216.749.1660
Jennifer Francis - **Principal**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 –
VIGIL
4:30PM - People of the Parish
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 –
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*9:00AM - Margaret Kolasinski
*11:00AM - Rena Grande
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 –
ST. ANDREW
8:15AM - Martin Malames
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 –
ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:45PM - Lois Bouhall
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 –
ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:15AM - Walter & Ann Jablonski
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 –
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Private - Theresa Reinker
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 –
ST. JOHN DAMASCENE
Private - Eugene Wiencek
8:15AM - Albert & Eleanor Tapajna - Student Liturgy
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 –
ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:15AM - Diane Lada
*4:30PM - Janis A. Gocek
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 –
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00AM - People of the Parish
*11:00AM - Andrew Creter
*Mass of Remembrance
Private Mass

Financial Blessings

The financial information for the weekend of November 22nd will be in next week's bulletin due to the early deadline for the bulletin submittal.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)

Psalm:
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:
God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)

Gospel:
"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mk 13:35)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Plank
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…

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Seems odd doesn't it? Are you thinking, we just had Thanksgiving and we still have the last of the leftovers to eat! Well, this does start the new liturgical year. As we move into the Gospel of Mark, this will give us another perspective of our journey. Both the first reading from Isaiah and the second reading from Corinthians speak of being formed on our way and asking Christ to keep us to the end. This adds to Jesus telling his disciples, "Be watchful! Be alert!" Yes, we continue to move forward on our journey, and I pray that this year we are able to go deeper in our faith and our relationship with our God.

This movement to go deeper will help us and even others, as we continue our journey. The #wegiveCatholic day of donating will be this week, and I'm asking everyone to consider the donations that we did not gather, because of the virus and collections being down. We need to make up for these losses in order to continue to Build for Our Future. All of the donation funds will stay here at St. Thomas More (!!!), so we need to help better secure and maintain the future of our St. Thomas More Parish. Please help us all out together, see the details in the bulletin. Thank you all…

Fr. Mike

THANKFUL CORNER

"Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relationship to God and to his neighbors."
St. Aelred of Rievaulx

This week we would like to thank all of those who donate to our parish in memory of a deceased loved one. We hope you can take comfort in knowing that your donations are used to take care of the parish that your loved one cherished!

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

As we prepare for the holidays and Christmas Masses, we are going to need extra ushers to help at these Masses. Please contact the rectory if you will be able to help out. Thanks in advance for your help!

CALL OUT!

Attention Knights of Columbus members - Fr. Mike asks you to look at the above announcement for ushers needed for Christmas Masses.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Santa Rodriguez.

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 2021.**

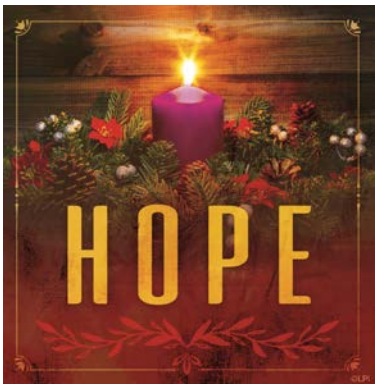
SAINT QUOTE

"God being perfect becomes perfect man, and brings 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 here than that God should become man?"

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

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.



VOCATION CORNER

Benjamin Baratian
St. Mary
Hudson
First Year
Borromeo

James Livingston
St. Julie Billiart
North Ridgeville
I Theology
Saint Mary

Please keep Benjamin, James 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 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

Please remember
Mary Misch, Chuck Drdek and
Rev. Monsignor Robert C. Wolff.
in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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.

Marge Davis, Audrey Roginsky, Gladys Colon, Mary Ellen Popovich, Martha & George Kysil, Jennifer Bonus, Jesse Kazimer, Diana Downes, Mary Ryba, Norma Gademer, Theodore Maslanka, Alice Gruden, Dolores Hyson, James Malames, Jennifer Stancato, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, John Misch, Tim Misch, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoed, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Erica Wilmot, Lorrie Turner, Vinny Mercurio, Aurora Pelleschi, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Rita Valochik, Mary Ann Cowgill, Barbara Laughlin, Terri Hammond, John & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna, Rafaela Morales, Iola Natal, Michael Kovach, Nancy Taube, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Patricia Ann Werley, Peggy & Larry Bennett, George Bouchahine, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Peg Nicholay, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Bryan Poole, Alice Stokes, Rosita Ortiz, Debbie Tomusko, Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Ellen Omilanowski, Ed Rogers, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Robert Zunt, Fr. Dennis O'Grady, David Elmore and Ava Kaspar-Hernandez. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

MQP Christmas Shoppe - Starting November 22nd, the MQP Christmas Shoppe will be open in the rectory from 8:30AM - 12:30PM on Sundays or any other time during the parish office hours. We will be offering a wide variety of Catholic goods for under $20. Ornaments, Oplatki, Mugs, Statues, Holy Water Fonts, Rosaries, Advent Wreaths, Advent Candles & much more will be available. We will be open until 12/23 or when supplies run out.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Advent Adult Education - Zoom series December 1st - 16th: The Sacraments presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Learn more about the Sacraments in three meetings from the comfort of your home via Zoom. Choose from one of two sessions: Tuesdays, 10:30AM –Noon or Wednesdays 7PM-8:30PM. To enroll, call the parish office or complete the online registration form on the parish website. (https://stcharlesonline.org/advent-adult-education)

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

St. Leo's CYO Sports Programs Take-Out Pasta Dinner - On December 6th from Noon to 3PM, we will hold a Takeout Pasta Dinner in the school cafeteria. Dinner will include tossed salad, garlic bread, rigatoni and meatballs. Cost is $10 per dinner, $7 for children under 10. Dessert will be available for purchase separately. Thank you for your support!

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15 -16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, the money we raised helps to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER

With the #WeGiveCatholic day approaching, I was thinking about Fr. Mike's theme, "Building for our Future". There is a lot of building mentioned in scripture. Much is of physical structures, others not. We have the building of the ark by Noah, Abraham & Isaac built an alter on the mountain, there is the building of the Tower of Babble, the building of the Jewish nation and Jesus building His Church on Peter, the rock. But what about the everyday building we might do?

While writing this, I started thinking about the Holy Family. I imagine multiple types of building that took place back in Nazareth and how those items were shared. St. Joseph was a carpenter, so what did he do? He built! He would have built items for Mary and Jesus but also for others. Mary would have made/built clothing, maintained the household, made meals, and built a loving environment. I'm sure that they shared what they made/built/had with others, especially anyone in need. Jesus, as a small boy, would have built the things that any small boy would have built; a toy boat perhaps or maybe a toy horn or a shepherd's staff and even helping Joseph build items in the shop. Ultimately, He would build our Church; built out of living stones!

So, what are we building or should we be building or helping to build?

Grace, Love & Fellowship to you and yours,
Frank
Budziak

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will hold a presentation from The Largely Literary Theater Company, LLC on Tuesday, December 1st at 1PM in Utopia Hall. Ever wonder why we bring fir trees and greenery inside at Christmas time? Why do we sing Christmas carols around the hearth as we light the Yule log? And what in the world is " wassail?" Learn the answers to these questions with actor/storyteller Sara Showman when she brings her celebration of all things Christmas to St. Thomas More on December 1st. Join us and then spread the word about holiday traditions! Please bring a $5 or less door prize unwrapped or bagged. Light refreshments will be served.

CANDLES

We are still asking that individuals **DO NOT** light their own candles in the church at this time. You can fill out a votive envelope and our devoted Sacristans make sure that your candles get lit every week. Please drop your envelope and intentions into the collection baskets or you can drop them off at the rectory in the mail chute.

St. Charles Borromeo's

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

"FOP"

An evening experience of Adoration, Praise & Contemporary Christian Music

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Starting with 7:00pm Mass in Church — 8:30pm

Join us for an evening experience of Adoration, Praise and Music of our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar - the Eucharist. A Festival of Praise (FOP) consists of praying through song. Our dedicated FOP band will lead us in song.

All are welcome to join us on the ***first Wednesday of every month!***

Save these 2021 dates — January 6 & February 3

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Building For Our Future

Be a Winner. Help reach our goal!

See www.stmparish.net or call us at 216-749-0414.

Everyone loves a champion, including us! We really need fundraising champions to help us meet our goal not only with donations but also to help drive others to help, maybe with a phone call or an email or text. Our goal is to reach $20,000. That may seem optimistic but last year we made over that amount with our St. Thomas More Day festival which we were not able to have this year. We're hoping that people can donate what they would have donated at that event and other fund raisers. There are also "prizes" our parish can win on that day. For example, there is a prize for the organization with the highest number of unique donors received between 12-6 AM as well as other prizes that we have a chance for. Remember that there are only 24 hours to give. Thank you for all your support!

See www.stmparish.net or call the rectory at 216-749-0414.