



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

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Parish Secretary

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry

St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Principal

216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Stella Swiatek

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 –
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

*9:00AM - Mark Butler

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 –
ST. LUKE**

8:15AM - Mason Smerdel - Living

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 –
SS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES
& COMPANIONS**

6:45PM - Joseph & Martha Kosmider

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 –
ST. JOHN PAUL OF THE CROSS**

8:15AM - Ruth Altenburg

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 –
WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 –
ST. JOHN PAUL II**

8:15AM - Memorial Garden - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 –
ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO**

8:15AM - Sean Acierno

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 –
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*9:00AM - Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, DD, MA

*11:00AM - Elizabeth Borowske

1:00PM - Lachowski/Adams Wedding

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 10th.....\$5,205.00
Faith Direct as of 10/4.....\$8,165.00
Maintenance.....\$1,253.00
75th Anniversary.....\$378.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

III - Emily Lachowski (St. Thomas More) &
Joseph Adams

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Is 53:10)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

Gospel:

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:45)

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Congratulations and welcome

Mila Rayne Haun

who was baptized on October 9th at
St. Thomas More. God bless you!

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...

Would it be okay to start out with the statement, *"It just not all about you!"* If that statement doesn't take me back to my teenage years, there are only a few others that can out do that one! The readings this week continue to build on Jesus continually telling the disciples and apostles of the *passion and death* of the Son of Man. Jesus is inviting us and (even) showing us that we need to serve others.

The **First Reading** echoes the passion narrative with the suffering servant justifying many and bearing their guilt. This "*suffering servant*" is the high priest referred to in **St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews**. Jesus is this servant, and we are all called to be this same servant. Yes, we can read the portion with **James** and **John** asking to have the glory that they think Jesus is referring to in his continual talks about the passion of the Son of Man. But Jesus keeps at it! Jesus tells us – *if you want to be great – serve others* and remember **"It's not all about you!"**

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

The 75th Anniversary Year continues here at St. Thomas More, and I was reminded this past week that we "really" can continue to celebrate into April, if you want to be technical, Father... I laughed and said, *that finally, it is catching on! Let's keep the fun stuff happening.*

We have a whole lot to celebrate, and I would encourage that we not slow down for any reason. With the start of the school year, there will be various fundraising events happening. The various spiritual and catechetical programs will be taking place, especially as we transition into *Advent*. This year will be a special time to remember all of our family and parishioners when we move into November, when we remember all of those (small "s") saints who have gone before us. Take time to reflect on this past year, as crazy as it has been with the "worldly things happening", *but* reflect on - *How we have grown as the parish of St. Thomas More and a Family of Faith.*

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Elaine Smet.

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. There are still a few weeks available this year to host the Madonna.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You."

Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870),

Patron of Technical Educators,

Feast Day: October 24th

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

VOCATION CORNER

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

Poor Clare Sisters

To learn more visit poorclare.org. Please keep all of the Sisters 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 Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 3501 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, 44111 or the Adoration Monastery, 4108 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, 44103.

Who am I?
Why am I here?
Where am I going?



Join us for
THE SEARCH

A seven part series to consider the fundamental questions of life from a Catholic perspective. The Answer might surprise you.

Tuesday evenings through November 2nd in the church.
From 7:30pm until 8:45pm.
Follows the 6:45pm Mass. All are welcome.



We would like to send a big thank you to Alex Ulle, our Music Director. It has not been easy to encourage singing while still staying safe and upholding our safety precautions, but Alex is doing a great job. He also takes care of a lot of things "behind the scenes" which we are so grateful for. Thanks Alex for all that you do!



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 Hun, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Alex Hogan, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, 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., Paula Ritter, Ed Rogers, 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, Ed Zalar 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.



Please remember William Malames, Jean Bernazzoli and Mary Dolinak in your prayers.

BLANKET SUNDAY **Another Great "Coverup" -**

Thank you for a successful Blanket Sunday.

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday appeal. Your donation will help many needy families and individuals receive warm blankets and other necessities for the winter months through SVDP's Ozanam hunger centers, Catholic Charities agencies and other organizations serving the homeless in our own metropolitan area. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, there is still time: donate online at www.svdpcle.org or make a check payable to SVDP. Thank you VERY much!

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

The World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima - (The Blue Army) has a Holy Hour of Prayer on Sunday, October 17th at 2pm in the church.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Fall Parish Mission - "Teach Us to Pray" led by Fr. Andrew Hoover (Parochial Vicar at St. Ambrose in Brunswick) on Wednesday, October 20th at 7:30pm in the Lower Parish Hall.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Enter to win the weekly Great Sweepstakes drawings. Forms are available online at leothegreat.org or the rectory office.

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.

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.

Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

- Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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MESSAGES FROM ALEX ULLE

Hello parishioners of St. Thomas More!

MUSIC MINISTRY

I have gotten some questions about choirs starting up. At the current moment with mask advisories, I am looking at starting choirs again in January. If you would like to join, please email me at musicministry@stmparish.net or fill out the form at www.stmparish.net/music

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thank you all for your ministry at St. Thomas More! If there are any Eucharistic Ministers who are already trained and would like to be put onto the schedule, please contact me at musicministry@stmparish.net. At this time, due to staffing in the Office of Worship at the Diocese, new Eucharistic Ministers are not able to be trained. Once trainings begin again, I will inform anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister.

WEGIVECATHOLIC

Giving Tuesday, which is November 30th, is coming up soon, and we are participating in #WeGiveCatholic again. Last year, we raised almost \$40,000, and I think we can do it again this year! More information will be coming soon, so check the bulletin and website! If anyone would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me at musicministry@stmparish.net or call the rectory.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHERS

Mrs. Tina Valencik

Mrs. Valencik is a School Aide. This is her 4th year at St. Thomas More School. She has worked as an aide in 1st grade and 2nd grade, and is currently helping out in preschool. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University, and has also worked as an office administrator, graphic designer and proofreader.



Mrs. Valencik belongs to St. Thomas More Parish and is a member of Parish Council. She is married with two sons, and they reside in Brooklyn.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please join us for a blood drive at St. Thomas More Parish on Sunday, October 24th from 10am to 1:30pm. Visit <https://vit.la/n8cz1w> to schedule an appointment.



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Blood Donation

St. Thomas More Parish

DATE: Sunday, October 24, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location:
4170 N Amber Dr.
Brooklyn, OH 44144
Please bring your photo ID.

GIVE BLOOD

SUNDAY MASS STREAM TIME CHANGE

Please note that beginning on Sunday, October 17th, we will be streaming the 11am Mass. We will no longer stream the 9am Sunday Mass. During the week we will continue to stream the daily Mass. Masses can be seen on our Facebook page and our website (stmparish.net/mass). Parishioners who would be interested in helping with this important ministry can contact Jeff Stutzman at youthministry@stmparish.net.

CYO BASKETBALL GRADES 3-12

St. Thomas More Athletics is now taking registration for CYO basketball for grades 3 thru 12. At this time, we are only taking registrations from athletes from our parish. The registration fee is \$125 per athlete (cash, check or charge). To sign-up and for more information, please visit stmparish.net/basketball. Please send questions to athletics@stmparish.net. For athletes in grades 1-2, we will be holding our Lil' Wolverines program and registration will be available at a later date.

YOUTH MINISTRY HOLY HOUR

Join members of the Youth Ministry on Sunday, October 17th from 6-7pm for Eucharistic Adoration in the church. All parishioners are welcome. The hour will end with Evening Prayer. After the Holy Hour, members of the youth group/ministry (grades 7-12) are welcome back to the parish gym for an hour of basketball and volleyball until 8pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT

It's back! The annual Halloween-themed event will be held on Sunday, October 24th beginning at 6pm sponsored by the parish's Youth Ministry. Parishioners are welcome to come decorate their trunks and distribute candy. Registration is required in order to provide for planning for space and treats. Please note that if you are bringing children to this event, it is the expectation that you also pass out candy. Parishioners without children are also welcome to participate as well. Registration is available on the parish website at stmparish.net/trunkortreat.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

October is Respect Life Month. We will be participating in the Baby Bottle Collection for Womankind. Womankind provides prenatal care for women in-need and their services are in-line with teachings of the Catholic Church. Please pick up a baby bottle that you can take for collecting in your homes and businesses. Bottles can be returned the weekend of October 30th and 31st. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.



**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021**



Please join us today in celebrating with the following parishioners of St. Thomas More who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage:

71 Years – Married in 1950

Shirley and Stanley Sovizral

68 Years – Married in 1953

Pauline and Kenneth Lewis

67 Years – Married in 1954

Josephine and John Lancaster

66 Years – Married in 1955

Virginia and Joseph Roth

65 Years – Married in 1956

Marian and Charles Zawadzki

64 Years – Married in 1957

Faye and Michael DeCesare
Irene and Thomas Sheridan

66 Years – Married in 1958

Patricia and Robert Strunak

62 Years – Married in 1959

Ruth and Joseph Giaco
Rosemary and Frank Greifenstein
Mary Ann and John Hearn
Barbara and Martin Laughlin

61 Years – Married in 1960

Lucia and Renard Passerell
Erma Jean and Joseph Polidori
Gerri and Bob Strodbeck
Joanne and William Uhl

60 Years – Married in 1961

Rita and James Giordano
Patricia and Edward Hengoed, Sr.
Beverly and James McGinty

59 Years – Married in 1962

Vilma and Frank Colonna
Clairelaine and Dale Dunlap
Louise and Mickey McCormick
Margaret and Clarence Smith
Phyllis and George Zindroski

58 Years – Married in 1963

Kathleen and Thomas Murphy
Maureen and George Spicer

57 Years – Married in 1964

M. Beverly and Robert Pacanovsky
Carole and Jack Sword

56 Years – Married in 1965

Karen and Franklin Anderson
Carolyn and Lawrence Kolar
Paula and William Ritter

55 Years – Married in 1966

Joan and Edward Kremser
Lolly and Wally Parker
Joan and Gil Vanza

54 Years – Married in 1967

Winifred and George Cervený
Judy and Roberto Ruiz
Sara and Roger Wenner
Jan and David Woytek

53 Years – Married in 1968

Therese and James Ptacek
Mary Lou and James Strnad

52 Years – Married in 1969

Barbara and Richard Balbier
Paulette and James Higgins
Jean and Martin Rini

51 Years – Married in 1970

Diana and Gregory Downes
Tina and Ken Galaida

50 YEARS – MARRIED in 1971

Mary Lou and Paul LoBue

Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for His church. Hear our prayers for our Celebrants in the Sacrament of Matrimony. With faith in you and in each other, they renew their pledge of love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.



CONGRATULATIONS