

# 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 - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

## Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

## Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz  
*Pastor*

Deacon Don Brandt  
*Permanent Deacon*

Deacon Charles Zawadzki  
*Retired Permanent Deacon*

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND  
*Pastoral Associate*

Lisa Carson  
*Office Manager*

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*Business Manager*

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*Development*

Lorrie Wenmoth  
*Music Director*

Terri Sozio  
*Religious Education*

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**St. Thomas More School**  
**PreSchool thru 8th Grade**

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# ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

**BROOKLYN, OH 44144**



## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 -**

### **VIGIL**

4:30PM - Father's Day Enrollment

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 -**

### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - Life & Creation

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 -**

### **WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 -**

### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

6:45PM - Mr. & Mrs. John Dedinsky

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 -**

### **ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

8:15AM - Mary Nagorka

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 -**

### **ST. BRUNO**

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 -**

### **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

8:15AM - Kathleen Wancho - Student Liturgy

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 -**

### **WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Rev. Paul Smith

4:30PM - George & Phyllis Zindroski -  
60th Anniversary

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 -**

### **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

\*9:00AM - JoAnn Veltre

11:00AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

## **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Collection for September 25th ..... \$3,602.00  
Faith Direct for 9/15 ..... \$4,224.00  
Maintenance ..... \$1,685.00  
Student's Weekly Offering (25 Envelopes)..... \$145.50  
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### **ROSARY**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will lead us in the rosary one half hour before all Masses next weekend. Please come early and join us!

### **REGISTRATION**

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

### **BAPTISMS**

Sunday: 12:30PM 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.

### **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.

### **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.



### **FAITH DIRECT**

Enroll online at [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684). Have questions? Please email [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

# **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      OCTOBER 2, 2022**

## **FROM THE CORNER OFFICE**

The *Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time* brings us to a few “cross-roads”. We need to first ask, “Do we say anything or would we feel better if we didn’t say anything?” The *First Reading* from the *Book of Habakkuk* laments on the injustices to God for all of the violence, destruction, and discord. Even in **St. Paul’s Letter to Timothy** we hear this sense of a lamentation since **Paul** is reminding **Timothy** of the gifts of the **Holy Spirit** to give him (them) strength. We can imagine Timothy in his group evangelizing and out on missionary trips, and here is **St. Paul** sending the group letters of encouragement – from his cell! Jesus, in the *Gospel Reading* from **St. Luke**, encourages us to keep at it, and “increase our faith.” But this brings us back to the “cross-road”. Do we say anything or just let it all pass, our challenges, struggles, and hardships... I say, we talk to **God** in our prayer time, get it off our chest, and we’ll see that we’ll feel better and know *that we are deepening our relationship with God by our honest prayer time.*

*Fr. Mike*

## **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

*Good news ~ and Bad News...* The *Good News* is that the Diocese approved our annual financial report which the parish business manager submitted for review. The *Bad News* is that I need to present it to the parish and “*try to explain*” it all. We will be working this week to see how best to explain things so as **to be totally transparent**. We still continue to have “challenges of the past” to deal with, and each week something else seems to fail or stop working, but it is all good and we continue to move forward.

I think it is **very-very important** that we be overly appreciative for the good that we do, the blessings that we have, and the right path to doing better that we are all on as a parish. *Without the generosity of yourselves, as the benefactors to St. Thomas More, this would not be possible.* We need to thank the hard work of the Parish Pastoral Council members both past and current, and the Finance Council members. Additionally, I want to mention an appreciation for the rectory office staff for their help in gathering the numbers for the year. Stay tuned for the forthcoming annual report.

## **TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of  
**Barbara Bonus.**

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 in to the rectory. **There are still dates available to host the Madonna in your home in 2022.**

## **THANKFUL CORNER**

We are extremely grateful to all of you! The diocese has informed us that we have met our 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal goal. We were called to “Be the Light” for people in great need and we have answered the call.



Congratulations to  
Ashley Butler & Alexander Veltre  
who were married at St. Thomas More on  
September 24th. May God bless you both!

## **VOCATION CORNER**

### **Poor Clare Sisters**

To learn more visit [poorclare.org](http://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.

## **SAINT QUOTE**

*“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”*

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226),  
Patron Saint of Ecology, Feast Day: October 4th  
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

## **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

We are trying to update our “Homebound List” for those that need to receive Holy Communion. If you need to be added to this list, please call the rectory at 216-749-0414.

## **HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Join the Ministry of Consolation for Hope for the Holidays on Sunday, November 20th at 2pm in Utopia Hall. Cassandra Zabor will give a presentation on grief management.



## Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Frank Bielski, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie Butler, Louie Catania, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana & Greg Downes, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Conrad Wallen, Wayne, Sindy Webb, Rev. Robert Wenz, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, 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.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Carol M. Cushler, Michael J. Rydzewski, Sr., Conrad Wallen, Milan Kovatch, Richard Clark, Michael Heaton, Rev. Edward J. Kordas, Josephine Kurtz, Daniel Nelson and Mary Schroeder in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

### MOURNING TO MORNING

*Mourning to Morning* is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith. Sessions begin Monday, October 17th, for six weeks in Utopia Hall from 6:30-8pm. There is no fee, but registration requested. Contact the parish office at 216-749-0414 to register.

### PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

### THE LIVING ROSARY

Join us on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the parking lot (weather permitting: please bring your own chair) Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory. Only 1 bead (intention) per person.

LIVING ROSARY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

IN REMEMBRANCE OF \_\_\_\_\_

OR

SPECIAL INTENTION \_\_\_\_\_

WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE LIVING ROSARY  
Yes No (CIRCLE ONE)

**Please return to the rectory office by  
Monday, October 3, 2022**

### 2023 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

In an effort to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we're 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, at the rectory, or place your order online. 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 Wednesday November 1, 2022.

If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Mon October 30 to ensure your order gets placed in time!

### Breaking Bread Order form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Missals requested \_\_\_\_\_

# **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**     **OCTOBER 2, 2022**

## **ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**

Mrs. Graziano's Second Grade class is off to a great start. In the matter of a few weeks, we have learned about synonyms and beginning, medial, and ending consonants in a word. We are also learning new addition and subtraction strategies to add to their tool belts, like using number lines and touch math. We are enjoying reading about how Clark the Shark learns to follow the school rules. This story has extended into our social studies lessons where we are learning about the differences between rules and laws and the importance of following them. In Language Arts, we are studying how to put words in alphabetical order in conjunction with learning dictionary skills. Students are so proud that they can put words in ABC order up the third and fourth letter in a word!



Our most important subject of the day is religion. We are currently learning about four different kinds of prayer: petition, thanksgiving, sorrow, and praise. We are practicing daily how to say the Glory Be and how to properly make the sign of the cross. Our students have created their own Prayer Buddies, which is a way for students to practice praying.



Finally, we are blessed to have a student teacher, Ms. Jaquetta Duncan, from Baldwin Wallace University enrich our lives. We will miss her when she continues her clinical practicum at another school next month.

## **SCOUT NEWS**

Congratulations to Victor Roberts who received the top Scout religious award this past Sunday at the Cathedral. Bishop Amos presented the Pope Pius and the 4 Pillars of Faith award to Victor.

The Cub Scouts will hold a bake sale after all Masses on October 22nd & 23rd. They greatly appreciate the support of the parish as they attempt to keep the Cub Scout Pack thriving.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Happy Fall everyone!

Fall means that the Feast of Christ the King and the end of the Church year are getting close. We have several special celebrations coming up soon. Please plan to attend the Living Rosary on October 12 at 7pm, Mass for the Feast of All Saints (vigil Mass at 6:45 pm Oct 31) Masses on November 1 at 8:15 am, 11:15 am, and 6:45 pm, and the All Souls Remembrance on Nov 2.

When the new Church Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, (Nov 26/27) we will change to the newest Breaking Bread Missal. If you would like to purchase your own copy to bring to Church with you, see the form in the bulletin or on the website.

NEW!!! Watch for news about a children's choir for Advent. Announcements will begin here soon.

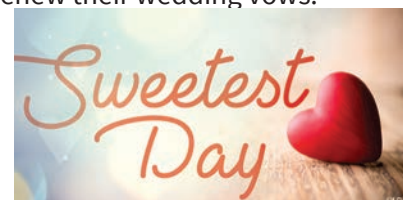
Adult choir, for anyone in Grade 8-adult, has begun rehearsing on Wednesdays from 7-8pm. You are always welcome to join us. We will sing on October 2 at 11:00 Mass, October 15 at the vigil 4:30 Mass, and October 30 at 9am before deciding on a more permanent schedule. Please consider whether or not this is a ministry for you!

Cantors are an important part of ministry here, and we thank Lynne for her time and talents. We can always use more voices, and you might be considering this ministry. Preparing the music for Mass does require that you can read and learn music fairly quickly, that you are comfortable using a microphone, and of course, that you can sing in the range required of congregational hymns. If you are unsure if your talents fit this description, I can meet with you and we can determine your range and your comfort level before making a decision. I can be reached at [musicministry@stmparish.net](mailto:musicministry@stmparish.net) or by calling the rectory.

Lorrie Wenmoth  
Music Director

## **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION**

On Saturday, October 15th at the 4:30pm Mass, we will have our Golden Anniversary Celebration. All couples who have been married 50 years or more will be honored. If you plan to participate in this celebration, please call the rectory by Monday, October 10th. All married couples are welcome to renew their wedding vows.





## **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 29-30. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Let us pray: We come to you, our God, the author and sustainer of every human life. Grant us the courage and wisdom to protect your gift of human life from conception to natural death. Help us to defend our brothers and sisters both born and yet to be born with great love. Make us good stewards of every life. May we live by the example of your Son, Jesus, who was always close to the weakest of the weak. Guided by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to defend the most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn. Give us the grace to courageously live the Gospel of life with gentleness and joy. May our faithful witness soften the hearts and minds of those who reject the gift of life in any way. We entrust our prayer to you through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## **WEEKLY CONTENT**

### **First Reading:**

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

### **Psalm:**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### **Second Reading:**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord. (2 Tm 1:7-8)

### **Gospel:**

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17: 6)

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022**

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 ©LPi

## **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION**

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

## **BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON**

The weekend of October 8-9 marks the 36th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you! Envelopes can be found at all church entrances.