



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

Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 –

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Rita Buckon

11:00AM - Living & Deceased Sisters of Notre Dame

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 –

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:15AM - Judy Zauszniewski

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 –

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Frances Nagorney

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 –

SS. BRUNO & MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

8:15AM - Ted & Bruce Madzia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 –

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Rev. Paul Smith

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 –

SS. DENIS & COMPANIONS & JOHN LEONARDI

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 –

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Albert Mladineo

11:00AM - William & Paula Ritter - 56th Anniversary

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 26th.....\$3,073.00

Maintenance.....\$599.15

75th Anniversary.....\$80.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

Gospel:

“Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” (Mk 10:9)

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Congratulations and welcome Maxwell Crnobrnja who was baptized on Sunday, September 26th 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...

Did you notice that change of the calendar page this week? Yes, dare I say that we are now into OCTOBER already? The **Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time** is here and the time is coming for the planning of the *Advent* schedules. I was even asked if the Christmas decorations and Nativity set(s) will be coming out this year. But I know that the holiday season often stirs anxiety and depression with many people who feel alone. This is a sad thought, but one I often want to *make clear with people, that we are a true family of faith, here as a parish.*

The **First Reading** from *Genesis* tells us of the creation where God does not want us to be alone. Creating the animals and even man and woman as suitable partners – *building a community!* The relationship of the angels with us is even mentioned in *St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews*. Despite the Pharisees looking to trip-up Jesus in the gospel passage from the *Gospel of Mark*, Jesus invites us to look at the **Big Picture**, and what God brings together! So that what God brings together – let us not separate. And yes! God brings us all together in one family of faith here at St. Thomas More, and beyond!

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

Do I need to ask if there was anyone who *did not enjoy* themselves last weekend? The movie night on Friday evening was great with the movie, food, and *beautiful weather*. Sunday's outdoor Mass was a blast to share with everyone, and I would guess that you'll agree. One person asked that we bring a Polka Mass to STM next!

The weather was nice to set the tone for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and the feast continued with the cook-out afterwards. We are all thankful for the newly donated grill, which was baptized (by fire...) this time making the recovery time of the line-up quicker. The cookout was a bit rushed with many having to run off to sports games, which were successes no doubt! But, if anything, a simple few hours together as a family of faith is well worth the time.

Thank you to the **75th Anniversary Committee** and volunteers, who even brought the Stadium Mustard! A great time was enjoyed by all – **THANK YOU!**

75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

As of September 30th we have welcomed 31 new families (62 parishioners)! Our 75th Anniversary total is... \$78,685.50. God bless you and thank you!!!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.

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

“I beg you to show the greatest possible reverence and honor for the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things, whether on earth or in heaven, have been brought to peace and reconciled with Almighty God.”

*St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226),
Patron Saint of Ecology,
Feast Day: October 4th*

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

VOCATION CORNER

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

Seminarians at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary

To learn more visit borromeoseminary.org and stmarysem.edu. Please keep all of the Seminarians 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, Ohio 44092.

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.



As the volleyball & football seasons wind down, we would like to take the time to thank all of our dedicated coaches and volunteers. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our students. It's not always an easy task and we truly appreciate all that you do!



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, 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, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, 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, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, William Udies, 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 Stella Swiatek, Mark Butler, Tim Misch, The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, DD, MA (Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland), Elizabeth Borowske, Deacon William R. Starkey, Rev. Richard S. Rasch, O.de.M. and Richard Roginsky in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Catholic Movie Night - The next movie night offers the true-life account of St. Therese of Lisieux, otherwise known as the "Little Flower." Join us on Sunday, October 17th at 6pm in the Parish Center Upper Hall. Refreshments will be available.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Fall Parish Mission - "Teach Us to Pray" led by Fr. Andrew Hoover (Parochial Vicar at St. Ambrose in Brunswick) on Wednesdays - October 6, 13 & 20 at 7:30pm in the Lower Parish Hall.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Parish Festival - Join us on Friday, October 15th from 6-9pm and Saturday, October 16th from 5-9pm for our annual Parish Festival. TAKE OUT ONLY (until sold out).

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, 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.



Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

PASTORAL MINISTRY

What do you do? That's a question I have heard often, and it's an okay one. When I interviewed with Fr. Mike, I remember the words, "I would like you to be a resource person for the parish (Have 54 years of ministry under my belt) and a Catholic identity in our school." Father also added to "coordinate the Home-bound and health care Outreach Ministry.

This plays out by being a presence in the school, especially during lunch time when I can meet out students outside of class, being a resource to the teachers for prayers services and religion topics, and once-in-awhile, appearing in the classroom. Having been responsible for academics for 29 years, it's really wonderful to be what Father called "a presence."

In the parish, I try to be, if I can steal the line from the Pope, "A servant to the servants of Christ." To our elderly I try to keep in contact through letters, phone calls, and maybe even a visit. On Wednesdays, we have a commitment to Brooklyn Pointe. Eventually, you will see different programs showing up for the parish. I am still trying to jiggle what could be with part-time ministry. I like being the extra hands.

The best part of what I do is to get to know as many of our wonderful parishioners as possible and to come to know your stories. As a capitalist country, we always think in terms of "doing" but I speak for all those who have entered that "older adult" stage of life, there is much value in "being." Being the presence of Christ, being the love that God wants us to be, and being the Spirit that bonds a parish community together. I have discovered that I am not the only one doing this. I am impressed with the faith that I have found here and the warm welcome. Guess I won't be shaking any dust from my feet if you remember from the Gospel what Jesus told the apostles to do if they visited a town that was unfriendly.

God bless,
Sr. Jane, SND
Pastoral Associate

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday "Covers" Many Needs - Next weekend is Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you make a financial donation, your money will go even further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for the homeless and poor individuals in our own metropolitan area. You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org.

There are special "Blanket Sunday" envelopes around the church to use for your donation. If enclosing a check, please make it out to "St. Vincent de Paul Society," blanket Sunday in the memo line.

NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **September** – Joseph & Sylvester Kovacik ◊ Cynthia Dooley and Nicole, Theodore, Nova & Mars Miller.

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.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries invites all to a Forgiveness Retreat presented by Deacon Dave Pecot on Saturday, October 30th at St. Adalbert Church, Keller Center Hall in Berea.

As we read the scriptures, a number of questions come to mind in regard to God's forgiveness of us and our forgiving of others. Many of these Bible passages will be discussed during this retreat.

The retreat will run from 9am to 4:15pm, with the doors opening at 8:30am. There is a 4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Adalbert Church that you could attend. The church is located at 66 Adalbert St., Berea 44017. The retreat registration fee is \$20. Lunch will be on your own, and there are many restaurants in the Berea and Middleburg Hts. Area. PayPal registration is available through the CRM website, www.crmweb.org and a list of restaurants is available there. For any questions, please call CRM at 440-944-9445.

UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK 10/18-10/23

Stop by any office the week of October 18th thru 23rd for your chance at 1 of 10 \$50 Visa Gift Cards. PLUS, fun activities, snacks and give-a-ways.

Don't forget about our last Community Shred Day of the year on Saturday, October 23rd at our Parma Location from 10am - 1pm. Participants are asked to stay in their car and follow signage for a safe experience. Please limit shredding to 3 boxes. We will be collecting cash donations for UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

Please contact Kelly for more information 440-886-2558 x 244. Visit www.unitycatholiccu.org for complete details.



Please follow the latest directives from the Diocese: it is **highly** recommended that masks be worn. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Please distance yourself as you process up to receive Communion as well as in the pews. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

THE LIVING ROSARY

Join us for The Living Rosary on Thursday, October 7th at 7pm in the parking lot. All are welcome!

BLOOD DRIVE

Is donating blood safe? Can people with tattoos donate blood? If you've been reluctant to give blood because of any of these questions, you have nothing to worry about. Check out our Myth Buster <https://vit.la/33jgtc> and put truth behind these tall tales! Schedule your appointment for October 24th at <https://vit.la/n8cz1w> here at St. Thomas More.



Sunday, October 3rd is Respect Life Sunday
October is 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.

	<p>ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021 AT THE 4:30 PM VIGIL MASS</p>	
<p>All couples of our parish who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage are invited to our annual gathering to honor your commitment to the Sacrament of Matrimony.</p>		
<p>Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th at the 4:30 Mass.</p>		
<p>We ask all couples, who have been married for 50 years or more and wish to have their name included in the bulletin, to please provide the information requested below. Further, if you plan to attend this celebration, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory by October 11, 2021. This will allow us a proper count for a special recognition at the Sign of Peace and the conclusion of Mass.</p>		
<p>All parishioners are invited to attend and rejoice in this special occasion. All married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows at this Mass.</p>		
<p>GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021</p>		
<p>FAMILY NAME _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE _____</p>		
<p>WIFE _____ HUSBAND _____</p>		
<p>PHONE # _____</p>		
<p><u>WE WILL TRY TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 4:30 MASS Y N (CIRCLE ONE)</u></p>		
<p><u>Please return to the rectory office by Monday, October 11, 2021</u></p>		