

# 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](http://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

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Parish Secretary

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 –  
VIGIL**

4:30PM - Living and Deceased Sisters of the  
Humility of Mary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 –  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

\*9:00AM - Rich Roginsky

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 –  
ALL SAINTS**

8:15AM - Dorothy Masek - Student Liturgy

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 –  
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**

6:45PM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 –  
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES**

8:15AM - Women's Guild

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 –  
ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 –  
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Don Carrino

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 –  
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

\*4:30PM - Jean Bernazzoli

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 –  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

\*9:00AM - William Malames

11:00AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance



## Financial Blessings

Collection for October 17th.....\$3,718.00  
Faith Direct for 10/15.....\$4,411.50  
Maintenance.....\$919.16  
75th Anniversary.....\$217.00  
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

All baby bottles need to be turned in this weekend. If you have forgotten your bottle, please drop it off at the rectory this week. Thank you for your generosity!

### WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

#### **First Reading:**

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

#### **Psalm:**

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

#### **Second Reading:**

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)

#### **Gospel:**

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk 12:34)

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### 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 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...

This week we have Jesus talking with the scribes as others looked on and he simply ***"Drops the Mic!"*** We may not be totally familiar with this phrase, but what it refers to is Jesus *"shutting them down"*, *"brings it around third"*, or even *"silences the room, and walks out!"* When Mark finishes the passage with, ***"And no one dared to ask him any more questions,"*** you might almost hear that little voice saying, *"Elvis, has left the building..."* All of these readings this week are calling our attention to the end – what will be happening next.

In Deuteronomy, we hear Moses speaking to the people and telling them to keep the commandments (*There is the land flowing with milk and honey*). St. Paul continues to push the fact of Jesus being the one true high priest. But, let's not be lax in appreciating these final weeks with Jesus. He is bold and things are getting more serious as we know that with his journey up to Jerusalem what happens next. Yes, we are called to love, but we know that Jesus gives us his perfect love, that love on the cross. *Next time we find it challenging to ask what love is, simply look up to the cross and see...*

Fr. Mike

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary thoughts:**

Well you might be asking what other **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** events do we have coming around? Are we done with this stuff yet? *Welllll...*, not exactly! Now as we come to closing off the liturgical year and Ordinary Time, we look into Advent and how we will be moving forward into **the next 75-years!** We will be looking for opportunities to continually invite others *in and back* to *St. Thomas More Parish and School*. We will be looking to continuing to grow **as a Parish, as families, and individuals** – *all closer to each other, and our God.*

I had a nice laugh when the person asked me, *"Father – what are you building now next door to the church?"* The person admitted that they genuinely thought that with all the work around the parish that the fencing and work in the field was part of the *St. Thomas More* work. I simply shook my head, and said, *"No that is all the city. We at St. Thomas More are only **building for our future** with good people and families!"*

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11th for an "Advent Day of Reflection" with Brother Johnpaul Cafiero. Also mark December 8th and December 12th for "Praying with and to Mary" with Sister Mary Ann Spangler. More details to come...

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Jim & Paulette Higgins.**

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

"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."

*St. Charles Borromeo(1538-1584),*

*Bishop, Patron of Spiritual Leaders,*

*Feast Day: November 4th*

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

## VOCATION CORNER

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

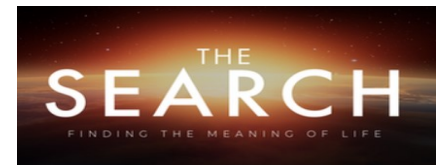
**Poor Clare Sisters**

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.

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

Join us for  
**THE SEARCH**

The last in the series will be held this Tuesday, November 2nd in the church from 7:30pm until 8:45pm. following the 6:45pm Mass. All are welcome.



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Beth Brandt will be leading a six-week reflection from St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "The Way of Trust and Love" on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the church beginning on November 9th through December 14th. Please call the rectory to sign up or register on the website. The book will be provided at no charge.

## 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.



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 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, Jan Loya, 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., 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.**



Please remember Edward Rogers, Jean Stolarski, Barbara Laughlin and Edward Zalar in your prayers.

## VOCATIONS

To celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, a poster is being prepared of those who are in formation in the communities within our diocese, and those in formation elsewhere but from the Diocese of Cleveland.

If you have family members from the Diocese of Cleveland who are in a religious formation, please contact Sister Jane at the rectory with their information.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISIO.org.

# Cluster Corner

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323**

**Gift Card Program** - Just a reminder about Mary Queen of Peace's Gift Card Program. For more details please contact Debbie Kubiak at 216-398-4342 or the parish office with any questions.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030**

**Festival of Praise** - Join us on Wednesday, November 3rd starting with 7PM Mass in church until 8:30PM 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!

**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.



Congratulations to  
Emily Lachowski and Joseph Adams  
who validated their marriage at St. Thomas More  
on October 24th. May God bless you both!



## Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a  
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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This week our thanks goes out to the St. Thomas More School PTU. The PTU worked very hard this week on all of the Halloween activities at the school. Save the date for the PTU Night at the Races on Saturday, December 4th. Thanks so much for all you do!

## **ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL** **MEET THE TEACHERS**

### **Mrs. Kristine Redloske**

I have worked as an aide for the past three years in the Prekindergarten room with Ms. Hartman. I have been married for 10 years and have two sons that attend St. Thomas More School. I also serve on the PTU and Athletics boards for the school.



I have been a parishioner at St. Thomas More for the last 8 years. In my free time, I enjoy watching my boys play sports and spending time with my family.

## **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](http://stmparish.net/basketball). Please send questions to [athletics@stmparish.net](mailto: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.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Our Parish Pastoral Council is seeking parishioners that would be interested in joining our ministry. At this time, we have vacancies that we are hoping to fill with parishioners that are willing to volunteer their time for the spiritual and physical growth of our parish.

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to promote the spiritual growth of the parish and to plan ways to carry out its mission. We are looking for registered parishioners who are 16 years or older.

If you are interested and/or would like more information about Parish Pastoral Council, please contact us at [parishcouncil@stmparish.net](mailto:parishcouncil@stmparish.net) by Sunday, November 21st. Thank you!



## **ALL SOULS DAY MASS & REMEMBRANCE**

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation would like to personally invite you and your family to attend Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:45pm in the church. During the Mass we will remember all parishioners who have passed away from October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021. A special candle will be lit during Mass for your loved one that you will be able to take home and light in their memory.

## **HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation will once again offer a program to help all those who are hurting through the loss of a loved one, especially during the holiday season. Cassandra Zabor, of Zabor Funeral Home, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 14th at 2pm in Utopia Hall. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

## **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.

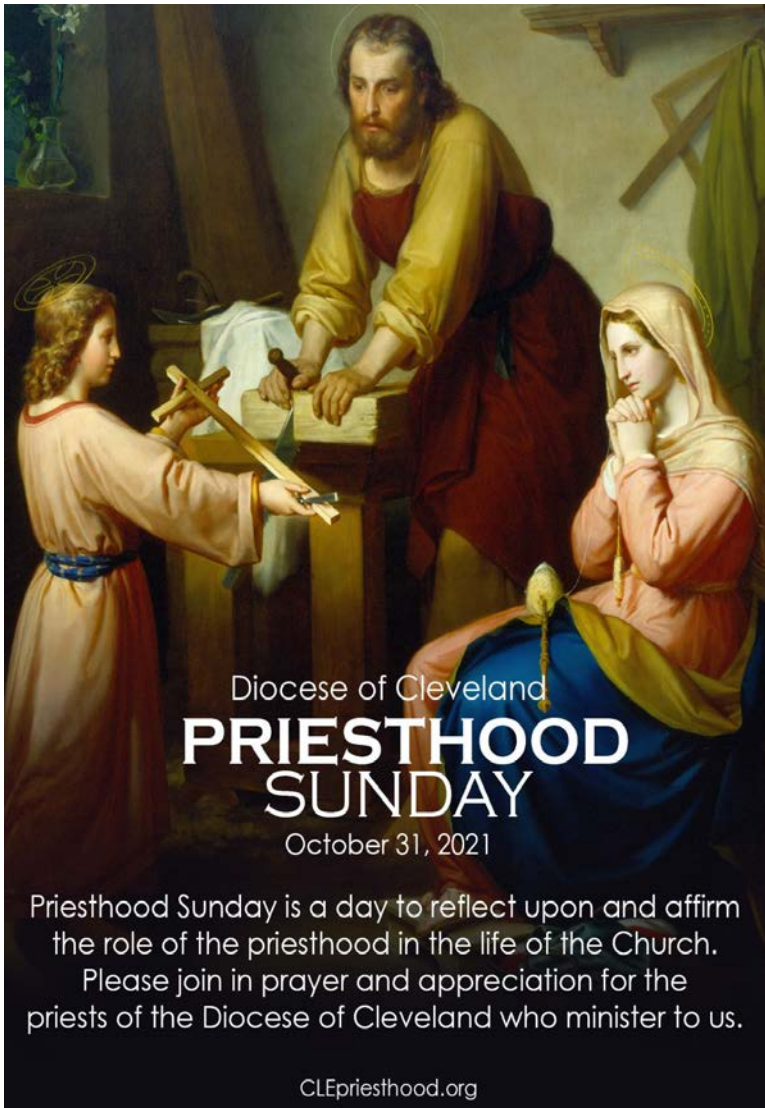
## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Every year the Cleveland Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society presents the Bishop with a Spiritual Bouquet. The Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Edward Malesic is a combination of Masses, communions, and rosaries from all of the parishes in the Cleveland Diocese. Each parish takes a count of those who attended Mass and receive the Eucharist. This year, St. Thomas More Parish will be taking our count on the weekend of November 13th and 14th.

## **CZECH HOLIDAY FAIR**

Shop for imported Czech and Slovak items at the Czech Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 13th from 10am to 4pm at the Historic Bohemian National Hall (4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland). No admission fee and free parking. Shop for jewelry, ornaments, crystal and more. Traditional Czech holiday foods: homemade bakery, vanocky, strudel. Dinners served from 11am to 3pm: pork, dumplings, sauerkraut and chicken paprikash.





## THANKSGIVING MEAL PROGRAM

The City of Brooklyn in conjunction with St. Thomas More is sponsoring its annual Thanksgiving meal program. If your family could use assistance this Thanksgiving, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414 by Friday, November 5th.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 13th & 14th, food will be collected for the City of Brooklyn Food Collection which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring ONLY items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the church library. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

This year we will be collecting men's and women's winter hats, gloves and socks. Please bring them to church the weekend of November 20th & 21st. Thank you for your generosity in helping keep others warm this winter.

## SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

Sisters of the Incarnate Word in Parma Heights have two positions available. One full-time Facility Maintenance and one part-time Cook, Monday - Friday with flexible hours. Inquiries please contact Sr. Carol Tobler, SIW at [scotbler.incarnatewordorder@yahoo.com](mailto:scotbler.incarnatewordorder@yahoo.com) or 440-886-6440 ext. 403.

Hello parishioners of St. Thomas More! The 2022 Liturgical Year is coming soon, which means new missals will be arriving. This year, we will be placing missals back in the church for use during Mass, but if you would like to purchase one for your own personal usage, we are offering that option again this year. The Breaking Bread missals are \$12, and can be purchased by filling out the form below and returning it to the collection baskets or to the rectory. Orders are due by November 14th!

## 2022 ST. THOMAS MORE MISSAL PURCHASE ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Missal Options:

Breaking Bread (\$12)

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Missals Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

Cash

Check

Total Amount (\$) Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Missals will be handed out on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27-28, 2021)*