

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

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Deacon Don Brandt
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 -

VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Timothy Quinn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 -

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Rev. Paul Smith

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 -

SS. DENIS & COMPANIONS & JOHN LEONARDI

8:15 AM - Betty Higgins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 -

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Mary Ellen Yasko

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 -

ST. JOHN XXIII

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Noreen Valentine

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 -

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8:15 AM - James Westfall

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 -

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Gail Romano Zver

*11:00 AM - Mario Mascia

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for October 1st \$4,759.00

Maintenance \$2,656.00

Student's Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes) \$46.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions?
Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

GLPI

Monday, October 9 Columbus Day

3:30 - 4:30 PM Grade 2 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:00 Grades 3 & 4 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - STM Field

6:00 - 7:00 PM Grade 5 Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:00 - 8:00 PM Grades 1 & 2 Football Practice - R. Field

6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 Football Practice - STM Field

7:00 - 9:00 PM Grade 8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, October 10

10:30 AM Women's Guild Oc-Tea-Ber Luncheon -
Utopia Hall

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 6 & 7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grades 3-6 Cheerleading

6:30 - 7:45 PM PSR

7:15 - 9:15 PM Winter Sports Coaches' Meeting -
Utopia Hall

7:30 - 8:45 PM RCIA - Church

Wednesday, October 11

1:00 - 8:00 PM Parent Conferences - Gym & Utopia Hall

1:00 - 8:00 PM Scholastic Book Fair

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - STM Field

6:00 - 8:00 PM Grades 1 & 2 Football Practice - R. Field

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, October 12

1:00 - 5:00 PM Parent Conferences - Gym & Utopia Hall

1:00 - 5:00 PM Scholastic Book Fair

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - STM Field

6:00 - 7:00 PM Grade 5 Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 Football Practice - STM Field

7:00 - 9:00 PM Grade 8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

Friday, October 13 No School

5:00 - 6:30 PM 6 & 7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grades 1 & 2 Cheerleading Practice

Saturday, October 14 Blanket Sunday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CYO Football - Field

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Chili Cook-Off - Utopia Hall

Sunday, October 15 Blanket Sunday

1:00 - 6:00 PM Cyo Volleyball - Gym

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, October 15th

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

in the church



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The readings for this *Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time* lead us to really consider “*How fruitful are we, in the long run...*” The **First Reading** from the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah** and the **Gospel** reading from **St. Matthew** use the analogy, the lesson of the vineyard. The vineyard being our journey here on earth, and the fruitfulness – well that is our lives, our family, and our parish (*our family of faith...*). We will all need to answer the question of “*How fruitful are we?*” No matter what analogy **Jesus** uses, or we find resonates with us, we will need to look inwardly to answer in the end, “*How fruitful were we?*”

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

This week I was going to “*go out on the limb*” and thank all our “*therapy companions*” since we celebrated the **Feast of St. Francis** but then I thought it would be a stretch. Who we do need to mention and thank are the **CYO Sports** teams who have been leading our sports program back in to the competition. The coaches, coordinators, volunteers, and the **Athletic Director** all need to be thanked for their help! We are doing our best to build back-up the sports program for the student athletes here at **St. Thomas More**. Parents and friends, you'll want to jump in the mix and help out, as the program continues to grow. **Thank You** to all the leaders!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Barb Mundson.

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 2024.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY **SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION**

On Saturday, October 21st, at the 4:30 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 16th. All married couples are welcome to renew their wedding vows.



October 14/15

MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM Mary Lou LoBue
 Sheryl Finohr
 David Marks

9:00 AM Jackie Ans
 Terri Sozio
 Jennifer Mladineo

11:00 AM Marty Rini
 Brandy Emery
 Joyce Stutzman

LECTORS

Tina Hovan
Wendy Huynh

Carole Flanagan
Dolores Hules

Mike Sommers
Madelyn Koranda

SERVERS

Emma Wright
Elisabeth Jackiewicz
Noah Nguyen

Aidan Cepek
Danny Coughlin
Jelicia Lopez

Roger Kalbrunner
Jackson Colon
Nathaniel Infante, Jr.

Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bognar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara Bridle, Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Shawn Calvey, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Marcus Deming, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Dianne Hlavacek, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Marlene Mohnickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Frank Mosia, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Annette Pirozek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Richard Roman, Mike Sekerak, Irene & Tom Sheridan, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Ron Sommers, Margie & Don Spritz, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak and Deacon Chuck & 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 John Reddy, Lana Graber, Winifred Cervený and Anne Griswold in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

SIX-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES

"Mourning to Morning" is an informative program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith. Sessions begin October 16th at 6pm in the rectory. Meetings are held in a relaxed, respectful and confidential atmosphere where participants can share experiences and gain tools that may help them on the difficult journey of healing. Everyone grieves in their own time and in their own way. If you feel you would benefit from such a group, please join us. There is no fee but registration is requested. Contact the parish office at 216-749-0414.



Spend Time with Jesus in the Eucharist

This past June, Pope Francis addressed the National Eucharistic Congress team with an important message:

"I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost. Too few people know what it is."

Responding to this call from Pope Francis, St. Thomas More will be offering multiple opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. Our first will be Oct 15 after 11:00 Mass until 1:30. Whether you stay after Mass, stop in on your way to the grocery store or your children's events, 5 minutes or 50 minutes, consider taking advantage of the opportunity to experience this powerful form of worship.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

In accordance with the Diocesan initiative for a Eucharistic Renewal, the Cleveland Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society is providing Monstrance Pins to all Eucharistic Ministers at our parish. The Eucharistic Ministers are asked to wear the pins at Mass, or whenever they like, in hope that people will inquire about the pins. The Monstrance is the vessel that holds the Eucharist during Eucharistic adoration, holy hours, expositions, etc. Please consider joining the Holy Name Society at St. Thomas More. For more information on the National Holy Name Society, please visit www.nahns.org.

60+ CLUB

On Saturday, October 21st, the 60+ Club will attend the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We will stay for the international food fest at the parish directly after Mass. Samples of diverse ethnic foods will be available for purchase. Please meet outside of Utopia Hall at 3:15pm to carpool or meet us there. We hope you will join us! Our next meeting is Thursday, October 26th at 1pm in Utopia Hall.

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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The fourth graders are back into the swing of school. In the first month, they have been working hard at reviewing and expanding their skills. They enjoyed reading the novel The World According to Humphrey, as the first novel study of the year. They applied the theme of friendship and responsibility to their first month in Middle School. Students also learned about Pablo Picasso, along with many others during the start of Hispanic Heritage month. Students learned about Picasso's cubism art and created their own Picasso pumpkins. As the year continues, I am looking forward to supporting the students in becoming the best version of themselves.



Ms. Emily Viskocil
Fourth Grade teacher

ST. CHARLES YOUTH MINISTRY

All High School teens (9th-12th) are welcome to attend Sunday evening night gatherings from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Charles Activity Center. For all the details about St. Charles Youth Group, please contact Youth Minister, Hailie Jester at hjester@gmail.com or Fr. Josh at the parish office: 440-884-3030.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Upcoming events:

TopGolf - Friday, October 20th at 6:30pm

Friends-giving 2023 - Saturday, November 18th at

Mary Queen of the Apostles 6:30-8:30pm

Advent Young Adult Retreat "Mary Arose and Went in Haste" - Friday, December 1st at Mary Queen of the Apostles 6:30-9pm

For more information on the Diocese of Cleveland's Young Adult Ministry please visit

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/young-adult-ministry>

SAINT QUOTE

"Every Christian must be convinced of his fundamental and vital duty of bearing witness to the truth in which he believes and the grace that has transformed him."

Pope St. John XXIII (1881-1963),

Pope of Second Vatican,

Feast Day: October 11th

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

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH'S
2ND ANNUAL

Chili COOK OFF

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2023

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

COST: \$20.00 AND INCLUDES:
CHILI, HOT DOGS, APPETIZERS, DESSERT,
POP, WATER & 1 BEER TICKET

ADDITIONAL BEER TICKETS: \$4.00 EACH

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY
OR AT WWW.STMPARISH.NET

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RECTORY AT 216-749-0414
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

VOCATION CORNER

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.

FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH RETREAT

As we anticipate this Advent Season, St. Mark Parish is offering the opportunity for the women and men of St. Thomas More Parish to renew hope, belief, and faith in God's promise of infinite good for us and for our loved ones.

Please consider taking some time for reflection and preparation for the season of Christmas.

The women's weekend will be held December 1-3.

The men's weekend will be held December 8-10.

Both retreat weekends will be at the
Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon.

Registration forms are available at all church entrances.

Any questions, please contact Deacon Dave Lundeen
at 216-226-7577.

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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. Please make your checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

BROOKLYN POINTE'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Brooklyn Pointe (4800 Idlewood Drive, Brooklyn) will host its annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 24th from 5-7pm. Bring the kids in their costumes for trick or treating in the parking lot. All the trunks will be decorated and passing out candy. Enjoy punch, donuts, popcorn and music! RSVP by October 20th to 216-273-1946 or dridgeway@brooklynpointeseniorliving.com.

THE "MEN OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES"

A "Men's Ignatian Retreat", sponsored by the "Spirituality Program for Adults" begins Thursday evening, October 12th for five Thursdays in St. Mary's Chapel at St. Ignatius High School. To register for for additional information, call 216-651-0222 and ask for "SPA".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Leo the Great Parish Festival -
Friday, October 20th from 6-10pm &
Saturday, October 21st from 5-10pm
St. Charles Borromeo Fall Parish Mission (in the church) -
Sunday, October 29th at 6:30pm, Monday, October 30th
at 7:30pm & Tuesday, October 31st at 7:30pm
Mary Queen of Peace Christmas Market -
Sunday, November 5th from 9:30am-1:30pm

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 November 1, 2023.

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

Breaking Bread Order form

Name_____

Contact phone number_____

Number of Missals requested_____

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

St. Thomas More's Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind returns the weekend of September 30th/October 1st. Bottles can be picked up at all church entrances. Womankind is an excellent organization that specializes in helping women in need get free prenatal care and baby supplies. You may fill the baby bottles with change or cash, or a check made out to "Womankind" or simply scan this QR code.

For more information about Womankind, visit their website atwomankind-cleveland.org or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700.

Thank you and may God bless you!



Peace of Mind
For You and a
Gift For
Your Family



Pre-Plan With Us Today!

OVERVIEW

Attend our FREE seminar to learn more about the burial planning process including:

Full body, cremation, and natural burial
In-ground vs. above-ground burial
Catholic burial rite

Reserve your seat today by contacting Bob DeJohn at bdejohn@cleclem.org or by calling our cemetery offices at 216-641-7575.

View the complete schedule, including our virtual seminars by visiting the "Events" tab on our website or scanning the QR code.



UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
12:15 p.m.

St. Thomas More Parish
Utopia Hall
4170 N. Amber Drive
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Listen to Bob DeJohn answer your questions about pre-planning on CCAirwaves by scanning the QR code!



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