

# 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**

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# ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

**BROOKLYN, OH 44144**



## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 -**

### **VIGIL**

4:30 PM - Father's Day Enrollment

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 -**

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

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00 AM - Matthew Park

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 -**

### **THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 -**

### **WEEKDAY**

6:45 PM - Nicola & Florence Badza

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 -**

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

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 -**

### **ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA & BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS**

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 -**

### **ST. BRUNO & BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER**

8:15 AM - Mary Nagorka - Student Liturgy

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 -**

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

8:15 AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

\*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

\*Mass of Remembrance

### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Collection for September 24th .....	\$3,709.00
Maintenance .....	\$1,330.00
Faith Direct as of 9/15 .....	\$1,890.00
Faith Direct Maintenance .....	\$365.00
Student's Weekly Offering (18 Envelopes) .....	\$93.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.	

### **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.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

GLPI

### **Monday, October 2**

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 3**

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

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

7:30 - 8:45 PM RCIA - Church

### **Wednesday, October 4**

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

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

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

6:00 - 7:30 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

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

### **Thursday, October 5**

5:00 - 6:00 PM 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

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

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

### **Friday, October 6**

After Mass - School Living Rosary - Church

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

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

### **Saturday, October 7 Rosary before Mass**

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

5:30 PM Animal Blessing - Church Lawn

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Athletic Fundraiser - Rookies

### **Sunday, October 8 Rosary before Masses**

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



GLPI

Congratulations to Halle Puening & Alexander Timms  
who were married at St. Thomas More on August 23rd.  
May God bless you!

## FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The readings for this *Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time* bring us now closer to the end of *Ordinary Time*, and (*dare we say...*) closer to the start of the **Advent** season. But before we turn the calendar page already, as we just started October, we celebrate **All Saints** and **All Souls** day in about a month. **Jesus** starts to really “*step it up*” with more challenging lessons and more direct statements.

The **First Reading** from the **Book of the Prophet Ezekiel** talks about the turning from wickedness to preserve our lives, which guides us to live as God lives. The **Responsorial Psalm** and **St. Paul** talk about the mercy of the **Lord** so that we can see the attitude that is in **Christ Jesus**. (*NOW...*) The statement from Jesus to the local leaders – *Hey! There are tax collectors and prostitutes that are entering heaven before you... You talk about being direct*, **Jesus** definitely does not sugar coat it! The power of **God’s** mercy never stops amazing us, and we need to be glad that **God’s** ways are not like our ways! God is not limited like we are as humans, rather **God** is unlimited – especially with love **and** mercy!

*Fr. Mike*

## From the Pastor’s Desk:

*Inviting* and *thankful* are two items, I want to say “**Thank you**” to everyone here at **St. Thomas More**. The past two months, I have been challenging everyone to be more *Inviting* and *Thankful* for things here around the campus, but especially as we gather for the celebration of the **Holy Eucharist** in our liturgies. The greeters and even the “*celebrity greeters*” who have been helping out to cover the doors are all great! **Thanks to all...** From the moment our front tires hit the driveway, until we leave the campus, we need to be *inviting* and *thankful*. I know that we also go beyond that here at **St. Thomas More**, as there are the hellos in the stores and restaurants around town. It is a group effort, and together as the **Family of St. Thomas More**, *we’re doing it!*

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of  
**Tina Westfall.**

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.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Next Saturday, October 7th, we will have the "Blessing of Animals" on the church lawn following the 4:30pm Mass. If you want to bring your pet to Mass, you may sit with them in the chapel (cry room) or the old library. For the safety of all, please contain your pet in a cage or on a leash.



## October 7/8

### MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM Jim Higgins  
Barb Mundson  
Mary Lou LoBue

9:00 AM Jessica Brown  
Nathan Noga  
Dolores Hules

11:00 AM Joyce Stutzman  
Heather Miksch  
Bernice Barker

### LECTORS

Chet Omilanowski  
Sheryl Finohr

Rob Cepek  
Jeannine Declet

Stephanie Liebert  
Barb Kish

### SERVERS

Parker Redloske  
Noah Redloske  
Nathaniel Infante

Aubrey Rankin  
Jackson Colon  
Taylor Ramsey

Roger Kalbrunner  
Blake Liebert



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## 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 Hengood, Dianne Hlavacek, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, 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 Timothy Quinn, Gail Romano Zver, John Reddy, Lana Graber and Winifred Cervený 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.

Save the date - Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 19th at 2pm in Utopia Hall for "Hope for the Holidays".

### **ROSARY**

Join us for the rosary one half hour before all Masses next weekend, October 7th & 8th. Please come early and join us!

### **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.

### **CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning education seminar on Tuesday, October 17th at 12:15pm in Utopia Hall. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Reservation is appreciated but not required. RSVP to the Pre-Planning Department at 216-539-7943 or email [bdejohn@clem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clem.org).

### **NEW PARISHIONERS!**

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of September -  
David & Cynthia Laughlin.



ST. THOMAS MORE  
WOMEN'S GUILD

## OC-TEA-BER FEST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

COST: \$15.00  
DOORS OPEN: 10:30AM  
LUNCHEON SERVED: 11:15AM  
SPEAKER: 12:00PM

MENU:  
KIELBASA, CABBAGE & NOODLES,  
APPLESAUCE, BAKERY,  
TEA OR COFFEE

'SHE' STORIES  
PRESENTED BY  
SARA SHOWMAN

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TEACUP!

CHINESE RAFFLE 50/50 RAFFLE

LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS  
AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR  
WOMEN'S GUILD MEETINGS

UTOPIA HALL  
4170 NORTH AMBER DRIVE, BROOKLYN

**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**

During the first two weeks of the school year, the Fourth and Fifth graders learned and explored using the scientific process, in our classes. In groups they used the scientific method to see if warm or cold water would dissolve the candy's outer coating quicker. Then they collected and graphed data! What a fun time using the scientific method, and practicing their scientific inquiry skills.



Mr. Alexander Urban  
Fifth 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](mailto:hjester@gmail.com) or Fr. Josh at the parish office: 440-884-3030.

**STM ATHLETICS FALL FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, October 7th from 7-10pm at Rookies Sports Bar & Grill ( 5513 Pearl Road, Parma, 44129).

**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.

**SAINT QUOTE**

*"Sanctity does not mean this or that practice, it consists in a disposition of the heart which makes us humble and little in God's arms, aware of our weakness and confident even to the audacity in the goodness of our Father."*

St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897),

Patron Saint of the Sick, Feast Day: October 1st

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://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

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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](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.

**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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## **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.

## **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the 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/nationalcollectins](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollectins).

## **BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON**

The weekend of October 14-15 marks the 37th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to help 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, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. So please "blanket" someone for the winter - and give yourself a warm feeling! You may also donate online at [www.svdpcle.org](http://www.svdpcle.org). Please make your checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)!



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.

## **CHOIR NEWS**

The Choir will be returning soon. Rehearsals will be starting on October 11th. We rehearse from 7-8pm in the Church every Wednesday. We sing every other week, rotating through all of the Masses. If you would like to join us or if you have questions, please contact Lorrie at [musicministry@stmparish.net](mailto:musicministry@stmparish.net) or call the Rectory and leave a message. In the meantime, keep singing in the pews!

## **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](http://atwomankind-cleveland.org) or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700.

Thank you and may God bless you!

