

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
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 - VIGIL

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 -

SS. HEDWIG & MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

8:15 AM - Kaduk & LoBue Families

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 -

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

6:45 PM - Carol Willson

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 -

ST. LUKE

8:15 AM - Dan Veloski

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 -

SS. JOHN DE BREFEUF & ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 -

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the Kissel Family - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Vincent Giordano

*4:30 PM - John Reddy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 -

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Lana Graber

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for October 8th \$3,924.00
Maintenance \$2,880.15
Student's Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes) \$55.50

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.

Monday, October 16

6:00 - 7:30 PM Mourning to Morning - Rectory

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

Tuesday, October 17

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

12:15 - 2:00 PM CCA Meeting - Utopia Hall

2:00 PM Ministry of Consolation Meeting - Rectory

6:30 - 7:45 PM PSR

7:15 PM Winter Sports Parent Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:30 - 8:45 PM RCIA - Church

Wednesday, October 18

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

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, October 19

6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission Meeting - Church

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

Saturday, October 21 Second Collection

Utopia Rental

Sweetest Day

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

7:00 PM PTU Monsters Hockey Night

Sunday, October 22 Second Collection

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM First Communion: Mass & Meeting Church & Utopia Hall

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

CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning education seminar this **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@clecem.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, October 15th

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

in the church



FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Approaching, now the *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*, brings us into a “change period,” a time of “stepping it up” if you will... The weather this past week has shown us again, we live in Northeast Ohio and the weather will change on its own schedule. The readings we have, though purposely change to step into the final weeks of *Ordinary Time*. The readings speak of the glory of **God** being upon us – if we choose it... We hear that, “*The Lord God will wipe away the tears of every face...*” in the **First Reading**. The **Responsorial Psalm** and the **Second Reading** remind us that in living in the house of the **Lord**, being in **God’s** glory that, “... *God will fully supply whatever you need...*” Then we are faced with the challenge in the **Gospel** passage from **St. Matthew** – which **we** need to choose to join in the feast, the glory of God, which we are ALL invited...

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The **Summer of Fun 2.0** is now well into the rearview mirror, but the Parish Pastoral Council and volunteers are not stopping with the end of summer, as the events keep coming along with the calendar pages. The *Athletic Association* held a great fundraiser last weekend, for the kid’s sports programs, as it prepares for the winter season. This week will be the **Chili Cook-Off**, now in its second year. Thank you to all of the volunteers, which are helping to make these events **possible & fun**, here at **St. Thomas More**.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Peggy Palumbo**.

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 21/22****MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30 PM Marilu Slimak
Barb Mundson
Denise Puening

9:00 AM Jaime Deplet
Dolores Hules
Jaclene Zauszniewski

11:00 AM Heather Miksch
Brandy Emery
Marty Rini

LECTORS

Wendy Huynh
Timothy Lozar

Mary Lou LoBue
Al Margevicius

Mike Sommers
Madelyn Koranda

SERVERS

Rylee Kingery
Taylor Ramsey
Noah Nguyen

Thomas Parkison

Dolly Magistro
Faith Stanley
Anayeli Rivera



Melissa Ali, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bogner, 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, 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 Anne Griswold, Raymond Verbiak and Thomas Sheridan in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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.

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 this Monday, 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.

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.

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 Mon October 30 to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name_____

Contact phone number_____

Number of Missals requested_____

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

3rd grade used STM's new STEM lab to compete in a STEM challenge. Each team had to come up with a plan to make the tallest, free standing tower using only tape, popsicle sticks, and toothpicks within 5 minutes. Afterward, they discussed what worked and did not work with their original plan and how they improved on their prototypes. 3rd grade rose to the challenge and showed excellent teamwork and critical thinking skills.



Mrs. Kristen Valenty
3rd Grade Teacher
Saint Thomas More School

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

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>

BROOKLYN POINTE'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Brooklyn Point will host its annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 24th from 5-7pm. RSVP by October 20th to dridgeway@brooklynpointeseniorliving.com or call 216-273-1946.

STM Trunk or Treat RSVP

October 28, 2023

Let us know you're attending and how many children will be present!
You may begin to arrive at 5:45pm, event will start promptly at 6:30pm.
Feel free to decorate your vehicle! We will be voting and giving out prizes!



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.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

St. Thomas More's Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind returns the weekend of September 30/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 at womankind-cleveland.org or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700.
Thank you and may God bless you.



SAINT QUOTE

"Christian perfection consists in three things: praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically."

Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870),

Feast Day: October 24th

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY

THANK YOU! Thank you for your financial donation to our Blanket Sunday collection. The Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society will make your money go further with bulk purchases for use in our own metropolitan area. Please use the special Blanket Sunday envelopes located in the church for your gift. You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org. Please make your checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register online 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.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1

Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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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 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.