

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

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

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 -

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Michael J. Rydzewski, Sr.

*11:00AM - Carol M. Cushler

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 -

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

8:15AM - Wendy & Family (Living)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 -

ST. LUKE

6:45PM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 -

SS. JOHN DE BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 -

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Deborah Tomusko - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 -

ST. JOHN PAUL II

8:15AM - Vincent Giordano

*4:30PM - Conrad Wallen

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 -

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Mary Schroeder

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for October 9th \$6,136.00
Faith Direct as of 10/4 \$7,700.00
Maintenance \$2,360.00
Student's Weekly Offering (17 Envelopes)..... \$70.50
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

CUB SCOUT BAKE SALE

The Cub Scouts will hold a bake sale after all Masses next weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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 on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30PM 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.

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.

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 and 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.

FAITH DIRECT

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 16, 2022

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Twentieth-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time* brings us closer to the end of this liturgical year, but we still have a few more lessons to complete. Currently for us this week, we are asked “*What would you do if you knew **God** was on your side, backing you in your battles?*”

The *First Reading* from **Exodus** has **Joshua** leading Israel up against the mighty **Amaleks** - knowing that **Moses** was up on the top of the hill, with his arms outstretched, and showing **God** was on their side. **St. Paul** tells Timothy and the others to “...remain faithful to what you have learned and believe...” Yes, **God** is on your side. **Jesus**, in the parable of the women and the dishonest judge, shows how the persistent women eventually win over the judge for a fair ruling. Persistence, perseverance, continual prayer, all lead us to remaining faithful to what we have learned and believe. So again - What would you do if you knew **God** was on your side, backing you in your daily battles? Stick with it, and keep at it...

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

The financial report for the 2021-2022 year is in, has been approved by the Diocese, and is available for you at all of the doors or at the rectory office. Personally, I believe in the complete transparency of the financial scope of the parish. The numbers are very interesting this year... Concerning, yes, but yet not alarming. The school shows a huge amount of debt, but this is offset with a large amount of income at the parish side of the report. The facts are simple, as we have been completing a whole lot of facilities repairs, updates, and readjustments to our financial health. The leadership of our new principal, Ms. Meg Cosgriff, has helped us put the school back on a firm foundation and we are moving down the tracks to a very bright future. There has been very hard work both in the school and by the rectory staff, in the front office and with the maintenance staff. I thank **all of the staff and volunteers** who have helped us this past year. I also **will continue to thank** those faithful benefactors and all of you donating your time and treasures. We as the parish of St. Thomas More could not do it all alone, but as a true family of faith, we are doing well. Thank you, all!

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. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2023.

THANKFUL CORNER

This past Wednesday, we held our annual Living Rosary. Thank you to all of the volunteers and parishioners who contributed to make this evening so spiritual.

Also, thanks to Jack who takes Communion to the homebound.

#WE GIVE CATHOLIC 2022

On Tuesday, November 29th, from 12am to 11:59 pm, St. Thomas More is participating in #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving. Mark your calendar. More details to come...

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.

SAINT QUOTE

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

Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870),
Patron Saint of Weavers,
Feast Day: October 24th

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

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Frank Bielski, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie Butler, Janet Call, Louie Catania, Jeremy Cheetham, Noelle, Brian & Dylan Clark, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana & Greg Downes, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Carol Swancer, Jane Szoke, George Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Noreen Valentine, Wayne, Rev. Robert Wenz, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Jerry Driscoll and Leonard Moenich in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

MOURNING TO MORNING

Mourning to Morning is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith. Sessions begin Monday, October 17th from 6:30-8pm in Utopia Hall. There is no fee, but registration is requested. Contact the parish office at 216-749-0414.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Join the Ministry of Consolation on Sunday, November 20th at 2pm in Utopia Hall for Tidings of Comfort & Joy: Hope for the Holidays. Our guest speaker, Cassandra Zabor (Zabor Funeral Homes), will do a presentation on grief management throughout the holidays.

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE

Join us for our All Soul's Service immediately following the 6:45pm Mass on Tuesday, November 1st.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER FORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions are forming for fall sessions. Please contact the rectory if you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

2023 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

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. Cash or check (made payable to St. Thomas More Parish).

Order deadline is Wednesday November 1, 2022.

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____

ST. THOMAS MORE'S YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS **TRUNK OR TREAT** **SUNDAY, OCT. 30, 2022 AT 2PM**



Scan QR Code
or visit website

Registration Required to plan for space and candy

Please note, if you are bringing children to this event, it is expected that you will also pass out candy.

Parishioners without children are welcome to register for a spot to pass out candy as well.

 stmparish.net/trunkortreat



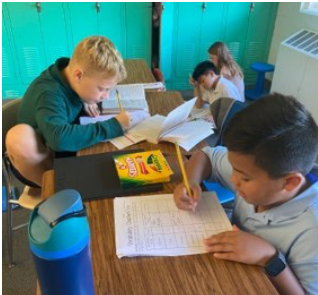
Deadline to Register:
Oct 27, 2022

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **OCTOBER 16, 2022**

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Miss Viskocil's 4th graders here at St. Thomas More have been busy learning since day one of school. We have been reading *The World According to Humphrey* in Language Arts. The students have been diving deeper into the book applying strategies like cause & effect, character traits, supporting evidence, and using context clues to understand the book a bit more. The students just completed their first book report, picking a book of their own and writing about the main character, setting, author's style, and their own opinion of the book. In math, we are currently applying different strategies when adding and subtracting across 5-7 digit numbers and how that can be applied to real-world problems. They have been working with timelines in social studies by creating a timeline of their own life. In religion, the students have been learning that we grow to know God in scripture, the Church, and Jesus

On top of academics, the 4th graders have been busy learning life skills. They have been learning strategies on how to handle problems, the qualities of a good friend, and simple strategies to use when they become frustrated. I am so excited to watch the 4th graders continue to grow this school year!



WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Please pick up a baby bottle that you can take for collecting in your homes and businesses. Bottles can be returned the weekend of October 29-30 Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!

BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday appeal. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, there is still time: donate online at www.svdpcle.org. Thank you very much!

FAITH FORMATION

"Fall" in love with Jesus.

As the leaves change to yellows, oranges and reds, we are reminded how Christ's love for us changes us as well.

Let us allow ourselves to take the time to bring him into our day and feel his love and the beauty around us. It can be as easy as a cool breeze and the rustling leaves. A kind smile to others or a "Hello, how are you?" that we can feel and spread Jesus' love.

We also take time in the month of October to pray the rosary and our devotion to our Blessed Mother. During this time we gather our PSR students to pray the rosary together. We are praying the glorious mysteries which teaches the children these happy events of Jesus and Mary.

So let's enjoy this beautiful season and find peace and love in Jesus!

God bless,
Terri Sozio
Religious Education

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

So that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. (2 Tm 3:17)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" (Lk 18:7)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2022

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

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

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

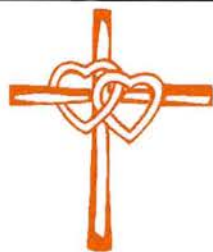
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022**



Please join us today in celebrating with the following
parishioners of St. Thomas More who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage:

72 Years – Married in 1950

Shirley and Stanley Sovizral

69 Years – Married in 1953

Pauline and Kenneth Lewis

67 Years – Married in 1955

Virginia and Joseph Roth

66 Years – Married in 1956

Marian and Charles Zawadzki

65 Years – Married in 1957

Faye and Michael DeCesare
Irene and Thomas Sheridan

63 Years – Married in 1959

Ruth and Joseph Giaco
Rosemary and Frank Greifenstein
Mary Ann and John Hearn

62 Years – Married in 1960

Erma Jean and Joseph Polidori
Gerri and Bob Strodbeck
Joanne and William Uhl

61 Years – Married in 1961

Rita and James Giordano
Beverly and James McGinty

60 Years – Married 1962

Vilma and Frank Colonna
Louise and Mickey McCormick
Margaret and Clarence Smith
Phyllis and George Zindroski

59 Years – Married in 1963

Kathleen and Thomas Murphy
Maureen and George Spicer

58 Years – Married in 1964

M. Beverly and Robert Pacanovsky

57 Years – Married in 1965

Karen and Franklin Anderson
Carolyn and Lawrence Kolar
Paula and William Ritter

56 Years – Married in 1966

Joan and Edward Kremser
Lolly and Wally Parker
Joan and Gil Vanza

55 Years – Married in 1967

Winifred and George Cerveny
Judy and Roberto Ruiz
Sara and Roger Wenner
Jan and David Woytek

54 Years – Married in 1968

Therese and James Ptacek
Mary Lou and James Strnad

53 Years – Married in 1969

Barbara and Richard Balbier
Paulette and James Higgins
Jean and Martin Rini

52 Years – Married in 1970

Diana and Gregory Downes
Tina and Ken Galaída
Linda and Bob Kelber

51 Years – Married in 1971

Mary Lou and Paul LoBue

50 YEARS – MARRIED IN 1972

Catherine and Raymond Blaseg
Elizabeth and David Novatny
Gail and Joseph Zver

Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his Church. Hear our prayers for our celebrants in the Sacrament of Matrimony. With faith in you and in each other, they renew their pledge of love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.



CONGRATULATIONS

