

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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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - John Reddy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 –

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Lana Graber

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 –

ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

8:15AM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 –

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

6:45PM - Robert Poole

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Joseph Valencik

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Ruth Altenburg - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 –

SS. SIMON & JUDE

8:15AM - October Birthdays

*4:30PM - Winifred Cervený

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 –

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Living & Deceased Priests of the

Diocese of Cleveland

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, October 23

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM Grades 1-2 Cheer

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

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 7-8 BB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

2:00 PM St. Elias Food Pantry

3:15 - 4:30 PM Grades 5-7 Cheer

4:30 - 5:30 PM Grade 4 BB Practice - Gym

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grade 6 BB Practice - Gym

6:30 - 7:45 PM PSR - School

7:30 - 9:00 PM RCIA - Church

8:00 - 9:30 PM High School BB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, October 25

5:00 - 6:00 PM Lil Wolverine Practice - Gym

6:00 - 7:30 PM Grade 5 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, October 26

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

5:00 - 6:00 PM Grade 6 BB Practice - Gym

6:00 - 7:00 PM Grade 3 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 - 8:00 PM Grades 7-8 BB Practice - Gym

8:30 - 9:30 PM High School BB Practice - Gym

Friday, October 27

9:00 - 9:30 AM School Adoration after Mass

3:15 - 4:30 PM Grades 3-4 Cheer Practice

5:00 - 6:00 PM Grade 4 BB Practice - Gym

6:00 - 7:00 PM Grade 3 BB Practice - Gym

Saturday, October 28 Utopia Rental

5:45 PM Trunk or Treat - Parking Lot

Sunday, October 29 Priesthood Sunday

9:00 - 11:30 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting:
Church & Utopia Hall

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 15th	\$2,851.00
Maintenance	\$1,145.00
Faith Direct as of 10/4	\$4,985.00
Faith Direct Maintenance	\$1,628.00
Student's Weekly Offering (15 Envelopes)	\$64.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Panty on Tuesday, October 24th, from 3-5pm. If you are able to help, please arrive at 2pm to get the food packed and ready!



I - Jessica Brown (STM) & Nathan Noga (STM)

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The “*Hot Button*” topics of today, were the same painfully “*Hot Button*” topics of the time of Jesus. So often we say that these readings do not relate to us and aren’t relevant. But I have to ask – are the readings and lessons not relevant to us **OR** are we not finding how we need these readings and lessons in our lives? The reading for this the ***Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*** show us the way we are to be in this world, and yet also in **God’s** world. The heavenly world of **God’s** glory. We have **Jesus** talking of the taxes to the **Pharisees** disciples and really breaks it down to this world and **God’s** world. We need to look more closely at these two worlds and see which one we choose, but remember – *one is limited* and *one is eternal*...

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The time of ***Eucharistic Adoration*** last Sunday was a gifted time, one which I am surprised is not shared by more. Quiet time with **Jesus** in the most *Holy Eucharist*. We may remember in our younger days, sitting as school students or maybe as a couple or family at special times of the year. Simply sitting with Jesus, and *listening with our hearts*. These next few months we will be looking for more opportunities for events to become “***More Aware***” of our devotion to the *Holy Eucharist* through times of prayer, talks, discussions, and (yes...) more prayer time with **Jesus** in the *Holy Eucharist*. The hope/prayer is that you, your family, and friends will also not only become “***More Aware***” but “***More Engaged***” in the *Holy Eucharist*!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Elaine, Gary & Krysteen Smet.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them in to the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2024.**

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.

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.

60+ CLUB

Join us for our meeting this Thursday, October 26th at 1pm in Utopia Hall.



October 28/29

MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM Kathi Van Horn
Greg Booth
Nina Ferguson

LECTORS

Tim Lozar
Chet Omilanowski

SERVERS

Noah Nguyen
Emma Wright

9:00 AM Heather Roberts
Jessica Brown
Nathan Noga

Jennifer Mladineo
Jaclene Zauszniewski

Victor Roberts
Holly Roberts
Nathan Brown

11:00 AM Sue Poole
Joanne Uhl
Madelyn Koranda

Al Hein
Barb Kish

Dolly Magistro
Faith Stanley
Danny Coughlin



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 Gadamer, 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 Moh-nickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Frank Mosia, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, 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 Wil-mot, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak and Deacon Chuck & Marian Zawadzki. **Please call the rectory by noon on Mon-day to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.**

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Raymond Verbiak, Thomas Sheridan and Pearl Beningo in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

SAINT QUOTE

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.”

Pope John Paul II (1920-2005),

Pope, Feast Day: October 22nd

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis' call to keep our “Hearts on fire, feet on the move.” On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

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!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars

Second grade is off to a spectacular start! We spent the first weeks of school stressing classroom procedures and studying the differences between rules and laws in social studies and reading class. We have discussed how different places dictate how we need to act. We have also talked about what integrity is and how we need to have integrity in all we do.

We are thrilled to welcome our classroom aid, Kirsten Vilinsky, who helps us in all areas of our day. She is a wonderful addition to the second grade family.

We are currently celebrating all things Fall and Hispanic heritage, incorporating these topics in the stories we read, math class, and in the art we create. The children enjoyed learning about El Salvador, our Hispanic Heritage Month country. Our favorite facts include: the El Salvadorian people love to surf and play soccer. This Central American country is also known for its volcanoes.

We spent a lot of time learning new things in class. We learned all about how we receive grace and become a members of the Church at baptism. We are excited to begin preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation by studying the Ten Commandments. Finally, the children have enjoyed being surprised by their parents and loved ones as our Mystery Readers. It's always fun getting our parents involved while listening to a great book!



Mrs. Marlena Graziano
2nd Grade Teacher



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 2023

Angel Scholarship Fund

As you are probably aware, the Ohio Department of Education now offers scholarships to all children living in the state. All of St. Thomas More School's families have applied for one of these scholarships. We are still waiting on decisions for approximately 20 families. Most awards range from \$2,160 - \$6,165. With tuition set at **\$6300**, some families still need assistance to close the gap between the tuition and their scholarship award (between \$135 and \$4140). Thankfully we have several additional tuition assistance resources, enabling us to assist families who need additional help.

One of the Tuition Assistance Resources we used was **The Angel Scholarship Fund**. This resource is funded by Ohioans who are taking advantage of the Ohio scholarship tax credit opportunity. In a nutshell, *Ohio taxpayers may receive a 100% tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability for donations to an approved Scholarship Granting Organization, with a maximum credit of \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly, when each spouse makes a donation)*. What a wonderful opportunity to support our students at a reduced or **no net cost** to donors!

Students from every Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland, including ours, are able to apply for tuition assistance in the form of a scholarship from the Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF), a Scholarship Granting Organization that supports all schools in our Diocese. This fund is being managed locally by the Catholic Community Foundation, and they are accepting contributions that can be designated specifically for scholarships for students at our school. Undesignated contributions are awarded as scholarships across a diocesan-wide pool of applicants from any Catholic school by prioritizing low-income status and need – comparable to the current diocesan tuition assistance program.

Last year, across the diocese, more than 4,300 households donated \$4.5 million to ASF in 2022! Included in this total is **\$10,500** that was designated for St. Thomas More School students. We are happy to report that these designated donations are being awarded as Angel Scholarships to 150 of our students in the 2023-2024 school year. We are grateful to all those who supported ASF in 2022, and hope and pray that we will be able to meet and surpass last year's total. Our goal for 2023 raise \$20,000, which is ambitious, but with more and more generous people like you learning about ASF, we believe we will be successful!

We strongly encourage all members of our parish and school community to participate in this program. Your support will be a great service to St. Thomas More School and students, and will help bolster our efforts to ensure the viability of our school. The process is not complicated- just follow these 3 easy steps:

1. If desired, review your tax liability from last year (**2022 1040 IT, line 8c**) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year against which the credit can be taken.
- 2.. Visit the Diocesan website to make a one-time or monthly gift to the Angel Scholarship Fund by December 31, 2023.
3. Claim your tax credit on your 2023 Ohio tax form with the tax credit receipt that will be mailed to you from the Angel Scholarship Fund. **You will receive up to \$750 (\$1500) back in a tax refund next year!** This is a win-win situation!

Please consult with a tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation. For more information about ASF, please visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel or call 216-902-1312.

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.

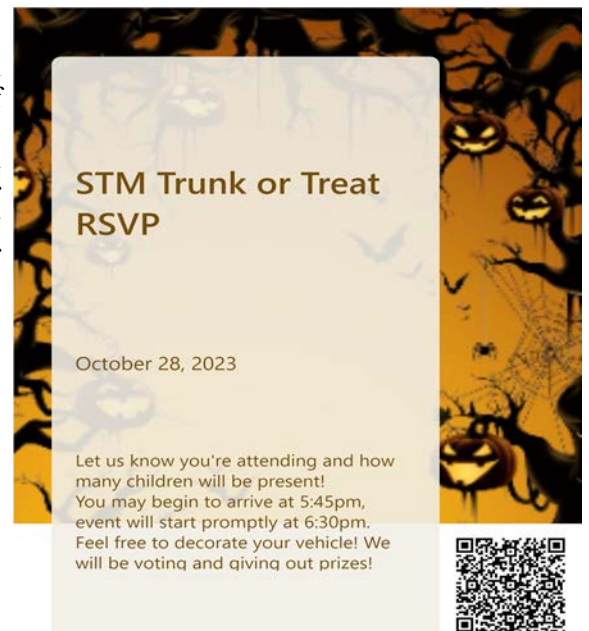
If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Mon October 30th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____


Number of Missals requested _____



**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!





**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**



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

70 Years – Married in 1953

Pauline and Kenneth Lewis

68 Years – Married in 1955

Virginia and Joseph Roth

67 Years – Married in 1956

Marian and Charles Zawadzki

64 Years – Married in 1959

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

63 Years – Married in 1960

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

62 Years – Married in 1961

Rita and James Giordano
Beverly and James McGinty
Judy and George Romaniw

61 Years – Married in 1962

Vilma and Frank Colonna
Margaret and Clarence Smith
Phyllis and George Zindroski

60 Years – Married in 1963

Kathleen and Thomas Murphy
Maureen and George Spicer

58 Years – Married in 1965

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

57 Years – Married in 1966

Lolly and Wally Parker
Joan and Gil Vanza

56 Years – Married in 1967

Judy and Roberto Ruiz
Sara and Roger Wenner
Jan and David Woytek

50 Years – Married in 1973

Francine and Rolf Kawentel
Dianne and Ronald Shmigel
Roseann and Edward Wojtkiewicz

55 Years – Married in 1968

Therese and James Ptacek
Mary Lou and James Strnad

54 Years – Married in 1969

Barbara and Richard Balbier
Paulette and James Higgins
Jean and Martin Rini
Zaida and Ramon Torres

53 Years – Married in 1970

Diana and Gregory Downes
Tina and Ken Galaida
Jean and Ronald Hudak
Linda and Bob Kelber

52 Years – Married in 1971

Mary Lou and Paul LoBue

51 Years – Married IN 1972

Catherine and Raymond Blaseg
Elizabeth and David Novatny

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

