

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 - 3pm until 4pm

Rectory Hours (Summer)

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
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Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

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Youth Minister

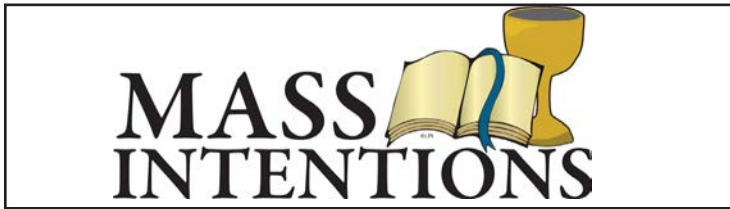


St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - Sisters of the Incarnate Word

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 -

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Margaret Kerber

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 -

ST. JANUARIUS

8:15AM - Nancy & Eddie Celis

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 -

SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

6:45PM - Ted & Bruce Madzia

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 -

ST. MATTHEW

8:15AM - Pat Klemanek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 -

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

8:15AM - Richard Hovan - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - September Birthdays

12:00PM - Butler/Veltre Wedding

4:30PM - Jeff & Andrea Badza - 25th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 -

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Rev. Russell P. Lowe

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

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| Collection for September 11th | \$4,773.00 |
| Faith Direct as of 9/4 | \$6,967.00 |
| Maintenance | \$1,491.35 |
| Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes)..... | \$49.50 |

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday coming soon - October 8th & 9th

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Twentieth-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time* continues in a way, as the whole week has been, with a bit of a break. This past Wednesday we celebrated the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. This break celebrates the cross as we remember it during Holy Week and the Triduum days.

The *First Reading* has the prophet **Amos** speaking about the corruption of the merchants and those not helping the poor. **St. Paul** challenges us then in the *Second Reading* to pray for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, i.e. *our politicians...* Yes, both readings are challenging, but they do lead us into the gospel passage from the **Gospel of Luke**. **Jesus** uses a parable that seems to reward the dishonesty of the steward, but actually is showing the ingenuity and moving away from the wealth that we would say the master was trying to gather up from the poor. **Jesus** leaves us with the challenge of choosing between serving **God** or the world. The question is, which will we choose?

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

Catholic identity is something that we see in the readings this week, by watching out for the poor, praying for even our enemies, and choosing to serve God. Our school administrators and teachers this year, *are looking for creative ways to help our students grow in their faith and their Catholic identity.* The eighth graders used the day Tuesday to pray, listen, and grow as a class. Teachers are working with the students to help plan their weekly liturgies. The student athletes are coming together before and after games, and practices to pray. Parents and coaches are even meeting up together, to attend Mass as a team. These steps help our young people grow, and we all must continue to encourage this growth, *for as the young people grow – so too will our parish of St. Thomas More grow!*

Special News Note:

If you are (at all...) interested in helping out with the CYO Athletic Sports programs with football or volleyball games, please call the rectory to be put in contact with the site directors. Volunteers are always needed with concessions, greeters, or parking lot safety. You do not need to have student athletes playing, just the simple interest in helping the sports program and parish succeed ~ and have fun!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



III - Ashley Butler (St. Thomas More) & Alexander Veltre

VOCATION CORNER

Seminarians at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary

To learn more visit borromeoseminary.org and stmarysem.edu. Please keep all of the Seminarians 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 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

SAINT QUOTE

"Don't allow the sad sight of human injustice to sadden your soul; someday you will see the unfailing justice of God triumph over it!"

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968),
Priest, Stigmatic,

Feast Day: September 23rd

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

ST. ELIAS LADIES GUILD - COOKING CLASS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th at 11:30am for a Cooking Class led by Andree Ade. Cost is \$50. RSVP no later than November 1st: Andree Ade at 440-759-6665 or Joni Kassouf at 440-668-2147.

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Frank Bielski, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie Butler, Louie Catania, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoad, 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, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Conrad Wallen, Wayne, Sindy Webb, 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 JoAnn Veltre and Cathy Reinhar in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

BOOK STUDY WITH BETH BRANDT

Living Joy by Chris Stefanick is the new six-week book study that will begin on September 27th after the 6:45pm Mass. There are only 6 books left! Contact the parish office to sign-up and receive a copy of the book. All are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. MAX COLE

Please pray for Fr. Max Cole as he will be installed as the fourth pastor of The Church of Holy Angels on Thursday, September 29th (feast of the Holy Angels). God bless you Fr. Max!



2023 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 Wednesday November 1, 2022. 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 _____

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

In Kindergarten, the students have been doing a lovely job practicing their rhyming sounds, short vowel sounds, and even their initial consonant sounds in words! In math, the students are proving just what great mathematicians they are by counting and writing numbers up to 5. They even could prove to me that 5 take away 5 equals 0!

During the school day, we continue to practice how to be respectful, responsible, safe, and engaged in the classroom. We are doing this by practicing how we use our whole body to show respect to someone who is speaking. The kindergarteners have also been learning about how God made each and every one of us different so that we can be who he wants us to be. I am so proud of how they are doing in these first two weeks of school and I cannot wait to watch them grow!

Mrs. Sicurezza
Kindergarten

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

God of our fathers and mothers, today we mark Catechetical Sunday, the day we recommit ourselves to teaching and forming disciples to continue your work in this world.

In the beginning, you created man to please you and offer you companionship. We turned away from you without knowing the great love you had for us. Help us to recapture that understanding of your love for us and for creation. Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation that love you freely give us.

We ask all that is good to come upon our catechetical leaders and the people whom they lead to the faith.

We ask all this in the name of the primary teacher of the faith, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ST. THOMAS MORE WALK-A-THON

On Friday, September 30, St. Thomas More will be holding its inaugural Walk-a-Thon! We are very excited about this fundraiser because funds will be used to continue the capital improvements in the school.

Our fifth through eighth grade classrooms look wonderful with their new paint, carpet, and fans! If you would like to donate to this awesome cause, please send a check, in any amount, to the school, or use the QR code to reach our donation site.

The students and staff appreciate your generosity!

NEW PSR SCHOOL YEAR!

Our PSR (Parish School of Religion) teachers are preparing for this coming year, which will be starting on September 20th.

We share in this important responsibility with the families to teach and share our Catholic faith. What a joy it is to learn about God's love and the wonderful bible stories.

To learn how to pray and how important it is in our lives. It gives us peace and understanding.

To build a strong foundation of faith that leads us to be good, kind and giving people.

The greatest gift anyone could ever have is knowing God!

"Jesus said, Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

God's love and blessings to all!
Terri Sozio
Religious Education

THANKFUL CORNER

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. We would like to thank all of our teachers, coaches and volunteers who play a part in the faith formation of our young parishioners.

SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of servers (adult or children - third grade and up please). If you are interested and feel the call to serve, please see Fr. Mike or Deacon Don or call the rectory. Training sessions will be scheduled soon.



WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! (Am 8:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Tm 2:3-4)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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BOCCE PLAYERS NEEDED

The Brooklyn Senior Center is looking for Bocce players for the women's league that meets on Wednesday mornings. Please call 216-635-4222, Monday through Friday from 8am until 4:30pm if you are interested in joining weekly team play.

WHY A LIVING ROSARY IN OCTOBER?

The Living Rosary in October is made important because of Fatima. The Blessed Mother appeared to the children of Fatima, Portugal on May 13, 1917. She continued to appear on the 13th of each month for six months, with her last appearance being on October 13, 1917. During her appearances, she gave warnings about the future if people did not return to Christ and pray the rosary frequently. Some of those predictions were: World War I, World War II, the spread of Communism in Russia and others. Many of her predictions came to be, and we honor her in the month of October because on her last appearance she identified herself as "The Lady of the Rosary."

Reportedly, there were three "secrets" of Fatima that the Blessed Mother revealed to the children:

The first secret was a vision of hell that Mary showed the children, full of lakes of fire with screaming souls in torment.

The second secret was a warning that while the world at that time was in the middle of World War would be followed by a far worse conflict unless people stopped "offending God." She called for the "consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart."

The third secret, while somewhat disputed, was a vision of the persecution of Christians and, in particular, the attack on a Bishop dressed in white! The prophecy is interpreted as a vision of the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square in 1981, which took place on the feast day of Fathima, May 13th.

She left us with 15 promises if we faithfully pray the rosary. Please join our parish as we conduct our 9th annual Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm. The success of this devotional activity will depend on volunteers helping with holding one of the candles during the recitation of the rosary and completing a prayer intention form. Anyone wishing to actively participate in the rosary should fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by October 3rd.

LIVING ROSARY - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

IN REMEMBRANCE OF: _____ **OR** SPECIAL INTENTION: _____

WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE LIVING ROSARY: Y N (CIRCLE ONE)