



# 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

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm

## Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Parish Secretary

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry



## St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Principal

216-749-1660 | [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com)

Join our email list at [stmparish.net/email](http://stmparish.net/email) | Flocknote texting list by sending STMORE to 84576



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – VIGIL**

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

\*9:00AM - Mary Jane Lisowski

\*11:00AM - Dorothy Wiencek

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN & PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS**

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – ST. MATTHEW**

6:45PM - Janis Gocek

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Ted & Bruce Madzia

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Mary Frey - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - September Birthdays

4:30PM - Beneficiaries & Past Parishioners

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment

11:00AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for September 12th.....	\$4,755.00
Faith Direct as of 9/4.....	\$7,589.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,188.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$1,443.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



II - Nicole Carson (St. Thomas More) & Brenden Hunt (St. Thomas More)

### WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

**First Reading:**

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

**Psalm:**

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

**Second Reading:**

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

**Gospel:**

“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” (Mk 9:31)

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### CYO TEAM MASS

CYO has designated this weekend as team Mass Sunday. Join us in praying for our student-athletes that they may have a safe and successful season.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

### REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass 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.

**FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...**

SOooo, *did you notice it?* This week in the *Gospel* reading from **St. Mark**, Jesus has a “team meeting” inside with his disciples about the argument on the way. They have been traveling and finally arrived at where they would be staying for the night. Jesus is holding this talk “*among his team*”. They want to discuss who is the greatest.

The readings, first in **Wisdom** and then in **James’** letter, both talk about the challenges of being the just one, and of the jealousy and selfishness that eventually lead to conflict and war. We know from the last few weeks the heavy *challenges of our faith*. There is no one that I have meet who has not confirmed “that it is tough being a Catholic, as we do the will of God in our lives.” Here is a secret – it never has been easy, **AND** it never will be easy! But what does Jesus suggest (*even invites...*) for us to do? **To be like a little child**. I’m sure not immature like a child, but to be simple and innocent like a little child.

The traits that I like about kids in their purest sense – their *innocence, simplicity, and curiosity!* If we as adults can just keep it simple and have fun we would be doing great things in our lives. Think of any child content with only a few things, using their imagination to create the fun, and look for even more ways to have more fun. I remember the family vacations, and the first thing we kids did upon entering the hotel room was to jump on the beds! It was innocent, simple fun, which then got us curious on what was under the beds... [At least until my sister bumped her head on the night stand, but that’s another column...] Be like Jesus invites us to – be like a child, innocent, simple, and curious!

Fr. Mike

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary thoughts:**

The hard work is continuing and the Home Coming Weekend for the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is pulling together... **HOWEVER**, there is a slight announcement needed for a change in the Saturday evening event:

Due to the uncertainties of the pandemic including a rise in COVID cases and ticket sales being short of expectations, the Homecoming Weekend Social on Saturday, September 25th is being **cancelled**.

We hope to revisit this event idea in the spring. If you purchased a ticket via credit card, please contact the rectory ([rectory@stmparish.net](mailto:rectory@stmparish.net)) for assistance in a refund.

The Outdoor Movie Night and Outdoor Mass and Cookout are still scheduled to take place. Please RSVP for both of these events on the parish website.

We are hoping that the weather cooperates with the weekend events, and thank all of you for your flexibility. The primary focus of all of these events are to bring everyone together to grow – closer to each other as we grow closer to God. This was an amazing year so far for the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and I am looking forward to all of the events. Thank you to the Parish Council and volunteers.

**TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Joe & Dolores Hules.**

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 2021. There are still a few weeks available this November and December to host the Madonna.**

**SAINT QUOTE**

“Don’t allow the sad sight of human injustice to sadden your soul; someday you will see the unflinching 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)*

**VOCATION CORNER**

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

**Seminarians at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary**

To learn more visit [borromeoseminary.org](http://borromeoseminary.org) and [stmarysem.edu](http://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.

Who am I?  
Why am I here?  
Where am I going?

Join us for  
**THE SEARCH**



A seven part series to consider the fundamental questions of life from a Catholic perspective.  
The Answer might surprise you.

Tuesday evenings, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 through November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church.  
From 7:30pm until 8:45pm.  
Follows the 6:45pm Mass. All are welcome.



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.



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Yolanda G., Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Bobby Hengoad, Ed Hengoad, Sr., Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalyn Murray, Keshia Newton, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers, Sr., Paula Ritter, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, William Udics, Jim Viets, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak, Ed Zalar 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.**



Please remember Margaret Netzband and Albert Mladineo in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

### **Readings for the week of September 19, 2021**

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/  
Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6  
[3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph4:1-7,11-13/Ps19:2-5[5]/Mt9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8  
[1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
[cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,  
13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
[9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Congratulations and welcome Aerabella & Ahvionna Ortiz who were baptized on Sunday, September 12th at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

### **WOMEN'S GUILD**

The Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Michael J. Feldtz. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Our regular meeting will follow the 6:45pm Mass on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30pm in Utopia Hall. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All Holy Name members are welcome.

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and build 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/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### **FAITH FORMATION**

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Sessions will begin in September.

### **PSR**

Registration is open for PSR classes for the 2021/2022 school year. Forms are available on the parish website or in the rectory. Any questions, please contact Terri Sozio at [psr@stmparish.net](mailto:psr@stmparish.net). PSR begins on Tuesday, September 21st.

### **CONFIRMATION 2022**

If your child will be in the 8th Grade for the 2021/2022 school year and is NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email [bbarker@stmparish.net](mailto:bbarker@stmparish.net) to get information on service.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

If your child is not enrolled in the day school or PSR and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please contact the rectory to register.

### **BLANKET SUNDAY**

Blanket Sunday coming soon - October 9th & 10th.



Excuses...we've all got them. Why we don't get the yard work done, return a phone call, complete our household chores and dare we say it, go to Mass. High school students are no different, in fact one may argue that they created the art form.

This past weekend, I met with some high school students about trends in our youth ministry attendance and was met with some excuses. Now give credit, where credit is due...they were present. But this got me thinking about how to approach the issue. We've heard of "Throwback Thursdays" or TGIF, but how about "No Excuse Sunday." Try it. When something gets in your way to go to Mass or for a high school teen to come to youth ministry, as a parent do not accept an excuse. When we make out our calendar for the week or the month, we put those things in it that matter to us...family, friends, work obligations, but perhaps it's also necessary to put in the Mass you're going to attend, the youth ministry activity or The Search (Tuesdays after Mass). Don't offer an excuse of why you're not going...just go!

This year, St. Thomas More High School Youth Ministry begins it's 32 year of ministry. If you have a high school teen in your family, encourage them to get connected (text the word STMOREYM to 84576 for updates). Don't accept an excuse. In fact, be the reason to go. In general, we meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm at the parish. For the adults reading this, instead of youth ministry, apply the principle to another faith based activity. Just go! Who knows you might like it.

God bless,  
Jeff Stutzman  
Youth Minister

**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.

**WHY A LIVING ROSARY IN OCTOBER?**

The Blessed Mother appeared to the children of Fatima, Portugal on May 13th in 1917. She continued to appear on the 13th of each following month for six months, with her last appearance being on October 13, 1917. During her appearances she gave warnings about the future if mankind 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." She left us with 15 promises if we faithfully pray the rosary.

Join St. Thomas More's Spiritual Life Commission for



**THE LIVING ROSARY**  
**Thursday, October 7, 2021**  
**At 7:00 pm**  
**IN THE PARKING LOT**



**(weather permitting: please bring your own chair)**

**LIVING ROSARY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

IN REMEMBRANCE OF \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INTENTION \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please return to the rectory office by Monday, September 27, 2021**

# Cluster Corner

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323**

**Night at the Races** - On Saturday, October 2nd. Tickets: \$20/Advance & \$25/Door. Please call Judy Wrenn at 216-741-3685 for tickets.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030**

**Polish Dinner** - On Sunday, October 24th from 2-5pm in Corrigan Gym. Tickets are \$22/adults, \$7/children 6-10 years old and 5 & under are Free. Tickets sold at the parish office until October 15th.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006**

**Bus Trip** - October Bus Trip: Monday, October 11th to Seneca Allegany Casino. \$48/person BONUS \$25 in free play! For information and to reserve your spot, contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123.



## VIRUS PREVENTION

Please follow the latest directives from the Diocese: it is **highly** recommended that masks be worn. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Please distance yourself as you process up to receive Communion as well as in the pews. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

### 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.



Did you know that donating blood not only saves lives, but also has benefits for donors? If you've been hesitant to make your appointment, check out our Top 5 Reasons to Donate Blood: <https://vit.la/y4k7d9>. You'll be glad you did! Mark your calendar for a blood drive here at St. Thomas More on Sunday, October 24th from 10am to 1:30pm.



St. Thomas More Pack 319 is looking for boys and girls who want to join Scouting. The Pack meets on Thursday nights at 7pm in STM Utopia Hall. It is open to all boys and girls in Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>.

# OPEN HOUSE

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**Beaumont High School:** Sunday, October 3rd starting at 11am. ([www.beaumontschool.org](http://www.beaumontschool.org))

**Benedictine High School:** Wednesday, October 6th from 5-7pm and Sunday, October 24th: 9:30 Mass and 10:30 Open House ([www.cbhs.net](http://www.cbhs.net))

**Cleveland Central Catholic:** Sunday, October 24th from 1-3PM (virtual). ([www.centralcatholic.org](http://www.centralcatholic.org))

**Holy Name High School:** Sunday, October 24th from 12-4pm. ([www.holynamehs.com](http://www.holynamehs.com))

**Magnificat High School:** Sunday, October 3rd from 11am-1:30pm. ([www.magnificaths.org](http://www.magnificaths.org))

**Padua Franciscan High School:** Sunday, October 24th from 1-4pm and Monday, October 25th from 6-8pm. ([www.paduafranciscan.com](http://www.paduafranciscan.com))

**St. Edward High School:** Sunday, October 3rd from 11am-1pm, Monday, October 18th from 5:30-7:30pm, Monday, October 25th from 5:30-7:30pm and Monday, November 8th from 5:30-7:30pm ([www.sehs.net](http://www.sehs.net))

**Saint Ignatius High School:** Sunday, September 26th from 2-6pm. ([www.ignatius.edu](http://www.ignatius.edu))

**Saint Joseph Academy:** Sunday, October 17th from 12-4pm. ([www.sja1890.org](http://www.sja1890.org))

**Trinity High School:** Sunday, October 24th from 10am-12pm. ([www.ths.org](http://www.ths.org))

PLEASE VISIT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION. MANY OPEN HOUSES ARE REQUIRING PRE-REGISTRATION.

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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St. Thomas More is working towards joining an inter-parish young adult group. Any 20-30 year olds that are interested, please call or email the rectory.