



# 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



## St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Principal

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

## 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

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Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 –  
VIGIL**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 –**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

8:15AM - Grace Palazzo

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 –**

**SS. WENCESLAUS & LAWRENCE RUIZ &  
COMPANIONS**

6:45PM - Grabowski Family

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 –**

**SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**

8:15AM - Women's Guild

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 –**

**ST. JEROME**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 –**

**ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS**

8:15AM - Richard Hovan - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 –**

**THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

8:15AM - Officer William J. Fores

1:00PM - Carson/Hunt Wedding

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 –**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

\*9:00AM - Rita Buckon

11:00AM - Living & Deceased Sisters of  
Notre Dame

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for September 19th.....	\$3,749.00
Faith Direct as of 9/15.....	\$3,903.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,016.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$1,473.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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

### WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

#### **First Reading:**

But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

#### **Psalm:**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

#### **Second Reading:**

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

#### **Gospel:**

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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### HOMECOMING MASS & COOKOUT

**Please bring your lawn chair and join us for the 11am Outdoor Mass this Sunday, September 26th with a cookout to follow.**

### 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...**

This week the *Gospel of Mark* continues with the disciples being (well...) “the disciples...” Jesus has been trying for a while to ask them, “Who do you say that I am?” Twice now he’s told them about the passion and death that the Son of Man will endure and that it will be a challenge to follow him. The fact that Jesus continues to *patiently work* with these people inspires me with his patience. Jesus wants us to be “*fully alive*”! This is echoed both by *St. Francis de Sales*, who tells us, *to be who you are and be that perfectly well*, and then *St. Pope John Paul* invites us to be “*your fullest self*”.

This stirs the thought of the *First Reading* from *Numbers* which talks about others “in the camp” prophesying in the Spirit and the *Second Reading* from *James* that continues from his letter which talks about those worldly things that can only corrupt us. *Admittedly*, Jesus has a part of this lesson at the end of this passage from Mark. But, the major point is – looking at how we are all called to love others and love God – no matter where we are in the camp or on the spectrum of being Christian. *Pope Francis* once used the words of living a life that uses a “*culture of care*”. Let us realize and act in a loving way that cares for others, *for everyone* – as hard as that is for us.

Fr. Mike

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

This year has really been a challenge for everyone, and I give the Parish Pastoral Council and the volunteers of the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** credit. Where the patience of Jesus with his disciples (see the Gospel today...) is being lived out is with these volunteers.

The goal for the anniversary year was for events that could be organized with low confusion and maximum fun. The continual changing of the COVID-19 stuff and the weather has been two major challenges, not to mention rallying the parishioner involvement. But, as we look at things, I would say that we have people talking more to each other, joking and smiling, and asking where we can go from here, as a parish. Well, that is why we are “**Building for our Future**”! *To continue for our children and those who will come after us...*



**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 2021. There are still a few weeks available this year to host the Madonna.**

**SAINT QUOTE**

“So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.”

*St. Jerome (347-420),  
Theologian, Confessor,*

*Feast Day: September 30th*

*(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 through November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church. From 7:30pm until 8:45pm. Follows the 6:45pm Mass. All are welcome.



Our PSR program started this past Tuesday. A big thanks goes out to all of the teachers and volunteers who share their faith with our young parishioners and help them to grow in their faith. Please keep them all in your prayers. God bless you all!



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Elizabeth Borowske, 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 Hengoed, Ed Hengoed, 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, 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, Albert Mladineo, Stella Swiatek, Mark Butler, Deacon Robert J. Matoney, Jr., Tim Misch and The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, DD, MA (Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland) in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



# 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.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



## Readings *of the Week*

### Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



Hello Fellow Parishioners,  
So happy to get into the new school year! We had our first night of PSR this past Tuesday which opened with a family Mass. It was great to welcome back our students and welcome and meet our new students and families. We have great PSR teachers who teach God’s love and the faith that keeps us in his grace.  
*“All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.” Isaiah 54:13*

This year’s Confirmation class had our first meeting this past Sunday. We joined together with the students and their parents as we talked about the sacrament of Confirmation where our faith, given in baptism, is now confirmed and made strong.

We will be getting our second graders together in a few months to start preparing for their First Reconciliation and Communion.

Please pray for all of our students and for those in preparation for the sacraments.

God bless all of us and keep the FAITH!  
Terri Sozio  
Religious Education

Please join us on Saturday, October 2nd following the 4:30 Mass on the lawn between the playground and the church. Bring your pets and lawn chairs to Mass as we will set up speakers and live stream the Mass just outside the main doors (pets don’t need to be masked!).

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Rest with the Lord  
The Youth Ministry is hosting an hour of Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday, September 26th from 7-8pm. While intended for high school students, the time is open for anyone to come and Rest with the Lord. Bring a book, rosary or prayer app. The hour will end with Evening Prayer.

**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.

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)**



Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory.  
Only 1 bead (intention) per person.

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

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

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

**OR**

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**



October is Respect Life Month:

Let us pray:

We come to you, our God, the author and sustainer of every human life.

Grant us the courage and wisdom to protect your gift of human life from conception to natural death. Help us to defend our brothers and sisters both born and yet to be born with great love. Make us good stewards of every life.

May we live by the example of your Son, Jesus, who was always close to the weakest of the weak. Guided by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to defend the most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn. Give us the grace to courageously live the Gospel of life with gentleness and joy. May our faithful witness soften the hearts and minds of those who reject the gift of life in any way. We entrust our prayer to you through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries invites all to a Forgiveness Retreat presented by Deacon Dave Pecot on Saturday, October 30th at St. Adalbert Church, Keller Center Hall in Berea.

As we read the scriptures, a number of questions come to mind in regard to God's forgiveness of us and our forgiving of others. Many of these Bible passages will be discussed during this retreat.

The retreat will run from 9am to 4:15pm, with the doors opening at 8:30am. There is a 4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Adalbert Church that you could attend. The church is located at 66 Adalbert St., Berea 44017.

The retreat registration fee is \$20. Lunch will be on your own, and there are many restaurants in the Berea and Middleburg Hts. Area. PayPal registration is available through the CRM website, [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org) and a list of restaurants is available there. For any questions, please call CRM at 440-944-9445.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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.

## CCA: PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, October 2nd at 1pm. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special Savings Certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at St. Joseph Cemetery: (32789 Detroit Rd., Avon) 216-641-7575 ext. 8 or email Bob DeJohn in the Preplanning Department at [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

## ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH POLISH FESTIVAL

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus (3649 E. 65th St., Cleveland, 44105) will be celebrating its annual Polish Festival October 8th, 9th and 10th. Do join us for plenty of great Polish food & drink, live entertainment, dancing, vendors & more! Doors open Friday at 5pm, Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 11am. Plenty of secure parking and admission is free. For more info call 216-341-9091 and hope to see you there!

## UNITY CATHOLIC SHRED DAYS

Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union Community Shred Day on October 9th at the Lakewood office from 10am - 1pm. Please stay in your car and follow signage. Limit of 3 boxes. We will be collecting cash donations for UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Details at <https://www.unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar>.

## BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON

The weekend of October 9th-10th marks the 35th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchase of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. So please "blanket" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling! You may also donate online at [www.svdpcle.org](http://www.svdpcle.org).

### St. Thomas More Parish

DATE: Sunday, October 24, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: 4170 N Amber Dr.  
Brooklyn, OH 44144

 BLOOD DRIVE



vitalant.

Visit <https://vit.la/n8cz1w> to schedule an appointment.