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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 - TBD

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, FEBRUARY 3 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 –

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - James E. Ferko, Sr.

*11:00 AM - James DeFlorville

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 –

ST. AGATHA

8:15 AM - Steve & Lillian Hudak

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 –

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

6:45 PM - Raymond Lisowski

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 –

SS. JEROME EMILIANI & JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Patricia Werley (Living) -
Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 –

ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:15 AM - Women & Men in Consecrated Life

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 –

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Marlene Mohnickey

*11:00 AM - Sharon Roulet

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 28th \$3,605.00

Maintenance \$4,249.00

Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) \$42.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, February 5

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 6

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

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

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

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

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Coaches' Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA - Church

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

Wednesday, February 7

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

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, February 8

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

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

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grade 7/8 BB Practice - Gym

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

Friday, February 9

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM 3/4 Cheer - Gym

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

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

Saturday, February 10

Catholic Charities Appeal

Sunday, February 11

Catholic Charities Appeal

World Day of the Sick & World Marriage Day

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have exposition of the Eucharist after the Student Liturgy on Friday, February 9th until 9:30am.



FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The readings move through the *times of hopelessness* into seeing **Jesus** as the **Divine Healer**. The story of **Job** is one we know, and probably able to relate to when we are looking at our challenging time. The **Responsorial Psalm** praises the **Lord** for his healing power, which **St. Paul** tells us to share with others. It is in the passage of **St. Mark** where **Jesus** is healing **Peter's** mother-in-law. Having hope and faith that things will get better is often a challenge for us all. Letting **Jesus** heal our hurts is something that we need to let happen so we can deepen our relationship with **God** and others!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

“**Thank you!**” is the phrase of the week... The heat exchange shaft and bearings are in the process of being replaced. The main shaft needed to be cut-out, and custom milled given the age of the equipment. So, back to the “**Thank You**” phrase... Obviously the workers are doing their best for the repairs, and at least we are pointed in the correct direction. The other great usage of the phrase is for the **Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous** and the **Unknowns** who have dropped off envelopes to help towards the repairs. The office staff and I have all been humbled by these donations, which are all going towards the heat repairs. We’ll be keeping you posted, *or you’ll feel the difference!*

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
The Hunt Family.

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. There are many available weeks in 2024 to share your home with the Traveling Madonna and pray for vocations.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of January - Jacquelyne & Amelia Nieves.

VOCATION CORNER

Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland

Our Vocation of the Month are the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. Please visit ursulinesisters.org to learn more about their story and to meet the Sisters. Please keep them and all 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 29777 Fairmount Boulevard, Pepper Pike, 44124.

DONATIONS GREATLY NEEDED

There is an urgent need for bath towels and washcloths for a homeless shelter. Donations are gladly accepted and can be placed by the brown box in the main vestibule.



February 10/11

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Greg Booth Marilu Slimak	Steve Cottos Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Nathan Noga Jennifer Mladineo	Mary Lou LoBue Jessica Noga	Danny Coughlin Noah Nguyen Aubrey Rankin
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Bernice Barker Madelyn Koranda		Paige Madison Gabrielle Madison



Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bognar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Chuck Brennan, Barbara Bridle, Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Tracey Carlisle, Shawn Calvey, Christopher Davis, Jim Davis, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Ruth Giaco, Chet Givens, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Dianne Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Melissa Korhely, Diane Kunath, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Eileen Lombardo, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Audrey Roginsky, Richard Roman, Mike Sekerak, Irene Sheridan, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Myles Sparks, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spritz, Lana Staman, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Stan Witowski, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak, Deacon Chuck & 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 Robert McManus, Walter E. Martens, Jr., Rev. Jerome J. Duke, Sr. Jerome Fitzgerald, SIW and Kathleen Murphy in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time for you. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

MINISTRY OF LETTER WRITING TO THE INCARCERATED

The letter writing ministry is seeking additional help. There are more clients now than we have letter writers. "I was in prison and you came to me" Mt25:36. This is a profound, simple and safe way to fulfill the Gospel message: To bring hope where there is hopelessness. All correspondence is through the parish - there is no direct contact. Please contact the rectory or Deacon Don if you would like to help or if you have questions.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord was Friday, February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day: the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. If you would like to purchase these blessed candles, they will be set out on a table by the baptismal font. They are \$5/candle.

WORD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This Sunday we celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The feast of St. Blaise is this Saturday, February 3rd. We will bless throats after all Masses this weekend.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. "*It is not good that man should be alone - Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships*," is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick. **After all Masses the weekend of February 10th & 11th, if you choose, you may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.**

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13th in Utopia Hall with at 11:30am. Carol Starre Kmiecik will do a presentation of "Dorothy Fuldheim." A "lite lunch" will be served. Please join us!

COMMUNION PROCESSION POSTURE & SINGING

In the Diocese of Cleveland, why are we being asked to stand during Holy Communion?

Standing for the Communion Rite during the distribution and reception of Holy Communion and the singing of the Communion Hymn, has been part of the Church's instructions for Mass since 1969; however, in many places across the country, this has been ignored. In 2004, then-Bishop Pilla used the promulgation of the third edition of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* as an opportunity to clearly restate the Church's desire for the faithful to stand during the Communion Rite by issuing a particular policy reinforcing the Church's Communion Rite posture policy. Subsequent Bishops have chosen to retain and reaffirm this particular policy, in keeping with the desire to both follow the instructions of the Church and unify the postures of the faithful during Mass.

Throughout Mass, the Church asks us all to stand many times. In each case, we are standing because we are addressing prayer to God, and are doing so corporately, as the Body of Christ gathered together. In the case of the Entrance and Gospel Processions, we are also standing because we are processing. Standing for the Communion Procession, for the distribution and reception of Holy Communion and the singing of the Communion Chant/Song (our corporate prayer) follows this pattern. We are asked to stand from the time when the celebrant receives Holy Communion until the end of the distribution of Holy Communion. This is the same amount of time that the Communion Hymn is supposed to cover.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. The donations were collected to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

SAINT QUOTE

"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die."

St. Paul Mikki (1564-1597),

Martyr, Feast Day: February 6th

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NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2024 is "Love Beyond Words." Visit foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week for more information.

NOTES OF THANKS!

Father Mike & Parishioners,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift cards.

They will be used to purchase fresh produce and toiletries that are not available through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

The need is rising. We served 650 families a month and January looks to surpass that.

God bless you all,

Nancy Parker and all the Volunteers @ SVDP Southwest

Dear St. Thomas More,

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish for supporting Womankind! Through the generous giving of the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish the total amount donated during the recent October baby bottle drive was \$1,354.93. Your kindness helps us bring *hope, help* and *possibility* to any pregnant woman who needs us, no matter what the circumstances.

Womankind has been making a profound impact in the lives of our clients for 48 years. We walk the journey with each woman we serve from when she first becomes pregnant till after her baby is born. As a recent client said, "I love Womankind because it makes me feel not alone and that someone will be there to help me." Our ability to provide such caring services at no cost is only made possible because of generous donors like members of St. Thomas More Parish. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Meitin

Executive Director

2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is "Transformed by your love." Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

A bit earlier this year due to the early start of Lent, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 10-11. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2024Appeal.

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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.

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 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.

ST. LEO'S BUS TRIPS

The Sanctuary Museum (Formerly: The Museum of the Divine Statues) - Wednesday, March 6
\$65/person
Admission fee & lunch at My Friends Deli included
Deadline: Tuesday, February 13

Rivers Casino
Wednesday, April 17
\$46/person
Deadline: Tuesday, March 26

Contact: Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or to make a reservation.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PRE-CANA

If you are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this year, Pre-Cana day is meant for you!

Please visit stcharlesonline.org/pre-cana-1 for complete details and register by February 14th.

Do you know of a Catholic Couple engaged and preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony this year? Let them know that attending Pre-Cana day at St. Charles can assist them!

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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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.