

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
Office Manager

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
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 10 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - Mother's Day Enrollment

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 -

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Paul O'Neil

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 -

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:15AM - Living & Deceased Members of the
Society of Mary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 -

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

6:45PM - Mohnicky Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 -

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 -

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 -

SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

8:15AM - Marks Family - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 -

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

8:15AM - Irene Wyderka

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

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for September 4th \$5,138.00

Maintenance \$2,744.00

Student's Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes)..... \$37.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at **11:30am** in Utopia Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Michael J. Feldtz. A light lunch will be served. Please join us!

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The Twentieth-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time moves forward with Jesus traveling towards Jerusalem, and ourselves pointed towards heaven... After last week's readings concerning the reasons of the activities of God, the hinge of St. Paul in his letter connecting us to the (very) raw lesson of Jesus inviting us to follow him – only after giving up all of our possessions... That was a tough week, but there is a reprieve this week as we see God's great mercy. So often we talk about the details, and every one of us can appreciate the need to "look at the details!" either in cooking, building something for the house, or just maintaining a parish campus.

The First Reading has Moses challenging God when the Israelites are "acting out". Moses questions God on why he would want to wipe out "...your own people..." This simple detail of turning the question to God saves them and shows God's mercy. St. Paul even continues to tell Timothy and the others of the abundant graces and how Jesus came into the world to save us all! The parables of the Gospel reading shows us all the mercy of God. But (again) look at the details... The lost sheep ends up being found and on the shepherd's shoulders, the lady calls her friends when the coin is found, and the elderly father – runs out to greet his "wandering child". Let's take a much needed pause this week and listen and take in the abundant mercy and love of our God.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

The school year and the CYO sports season are both off to a great start. It would be something to thank both the school and sports communities for all that do – in a separate "THANK YOU!" But since we are looking at both of these parts of the parish working together, we can thank both of them together. It's my thought that the school should complement the sports program, and the sports program compliment the school. Very-very important lessons are learned in the classroom and the field/court. SOooo, please thank not only all the administration, teachers, directors, and coaches – but also the aids, support staff, drivers to practice, door watchers, and field strippers and "yes, everything else that needs to get done" people. You are all in very important roles for the parish of St. Thomas More, but more importantly – the lives of our children and their future! Thank you all, from myself and the parish of St. Thomas More!

Special News Note:

Yes, there are issues with the church air conditioning unit (one died already), organ, roof, and (...fill in the blank...) as we all know too well. Please be assured though that we are working with the maintenance crew and the contractors on how to best deal with everything. I will be talking with the finance council soon on the priority list and available funds. I have also been in contact with the Diocese Facilities Services department on our situations. The underlying challenge is the approach to the maintenance in the past for the physical plant and financial support. We are moving forward in correcting the challenges. My hope is still to have a "town hall" style meeting once we have the year-end financial report approved by the Diocese. We will discuss more about the challenges at that time, or you can always see me on the sidewalk. Thank you for your patience and understanding on these challenges.

Servers: - Deadline for server re-registration and first time registration is September 22nd
Next Server training will be September 27th @ 5:30 in the church

THANKFUL CORNER

CYO sports are in full swing here at St. Thomas More. Our thanks goes out to our Athletic Association, the site directors and all of the volunteers that are helping to make this season of football and volleyball possible. We are grateful for all of your time and dedication that you put in to make things "FUN" for our student athletes.

ATHLETIC BANNERS

We are starting to gather interest for corporate or family sponsorship banners for athletics in both the gym and football field. The pricing of the banners will depend on the size, location, and period of sponsorship. Please see Fr. Mike if you are interested.

SAINT QUOTE

"I see paradise has no gate, but whoever desire may enter there, for God is all mercy and stands with open arms to admit us to His glory."

St. Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510),
Patron of Widows,
Feast Day: September 15th

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



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

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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 Hengood, 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, 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, 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.

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.

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 7 books left! Contact the parish office to sign-up and receive a copy of the book.

THE LIVING ROSARY

Join us on Wednesday, October 12th, at 7pm in the church parking lot. More details to come...

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.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Madelyn Koranda.

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.

BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen. ©LPi

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 before Monday, October 30th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order Form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



St. Thomas More School has chosen ***“Your Grace Is Enough”*** for our theme this school year. This comes from 2 Corinthians 12:9 which states: *...but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.*

Thank you to Kristine Redloske and Becky Cesa, PTU Board Members, for the beautiful bulletin board gracing our Atrium. If you happen to be in the school and would like to add an intention in our prayer book, we will remember it, and you, in our prayers each morning.

PTU

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th for our annual Night at the Races. More details to come...

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!

FROM THE DESK OF SR. JANE

September 11th...We still grieve for those who lost their lives and for all that have to live with that loss even today. Once again, we learn that “freedom isn’t free.” As an old 60’s song goes, “You have to pay the price, you have to sacrifice for your liberty...” Let us pray to Christ, the Prince of Peace for true peace in the world and the willingness to make sacrifices for the good of all people.

One of my ministries that has been very dear to my heart here at St. Thomas More, is Brooklyn Pointe. The residents and staff have been very warm and welcoming when we go on the first four Wednesdays of the month. We actually have a few parishioners there in residence, and some parishioners who come on Wednesdays to help out. Our weekly gathering can number anywhere from 8-18 from various parishes.

We hold a Communion Service, pray the rosary, pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and learn about the saints and other Church teachings. Gathering the most people, is the Mass which Fr. Mike celebrates once a month. If the month has a fifth week, we take a little break. We call ourselves “The Community of Mother Teresa.”

As a “sponge activity” if we have a few minutes left, we are using the book *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick as our spiritual reading. We certainly recommend this book for those who want to be part of a book study or for just your own personal growth. It is definitely a “5 Star” read.

We ask you to pray for the Residents of Brooklyn Pointe as we do for St. Thomas More Parishioners.

Call me if you would like to be a part of this ministry. I know they are looking for Bingo Leaders.



GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.

Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace.

We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

GRANDPARENTING MINISTRY

The Diocesan Marriage & Family Ministry is working with parish leaders to form a chapter with the International Catholic Grandparent Association.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)

Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)

Gospel:

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Lk 15:7)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next 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 ©LPi

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.

