

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.

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 and 11 a.m.

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.
Holy Days - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Thursday - 7 a.m.
Friday - 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday - 8:15 a.m.
Holidays - 9 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Times

Sunday - 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed Mondays 9-10:30 a.m. for staff meetings

Parish Staff

Frank Budziak
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 –

VIGIL

8:15AM - Richard Minch

*4:30PM - Linda Yeager

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 –

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Raymond Slimak

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 –

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

8:15AM - Helen & Paul Wransky

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Katie Sutkowy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:15AM - Jewel & John Hovan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 –

SS. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS AND CAJETAN

8:15AM - Casmer Nagorka

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 –

ST. DOMINIC

8:15AM - Christina E. Janus

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 –

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

*11:00AM - Joseph Skurla

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Faith Direct as of 7/15.....\$3,342.00

Due to vacation, July totals will be posted at a later time.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity. We are so grateful for your support of the parish!!!

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. (Mt 14:19-20a)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Plank

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. 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 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

A funny thing happened this week. As I continue to go through things, unpack, and organize, I finally pulled out a calendar that I like to use on my desk. You know the Catholic calendar we all get at the holidays with the holy days, and saints' feast days... Well, I smiled as I found it, since it was like finding a familiar friend. But then I noticed it was still on the month of June. I had to flip over the whole month of July, even looking past the feast of St. Ignatius on July 31st. I flipped to August, as July passed so quickly. I know that now in August, weddings are starting-up again and the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be quickly approaching shortly in the coming weeks. Things are getting serious! Even the contractors are starting to do their work, drill holes, and rip-out the old, broken items. The school is looking for cleaning volunteers, and the sports teams are discerning the safest way to keep our kids engaged. This is all very serious stuff...

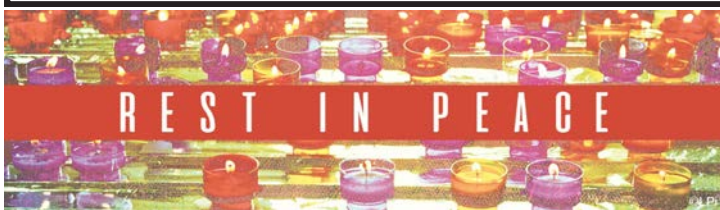
Jesus is faced with even more serious events in the gospel passage. His friend, who he just saw a few days or weeks ago, was beheaded, and he knows that it is time to "get down to business". So, we see how we are called in our own lives, to get down to business.

Personally, I'm not looking forward to reviewing all the numbers, reports, and information that (do) need to be reviewed. But we will do it together, and I will be sure to let you know what I find. The Parish and Finance Councils will be called to reconvene again, to talk about our future plans. The school is really making some huge steps in reviewing the necessary information for the upcoming school year. It is all a reality, it's getting serious. I would ask everyone this week, to take this all to prayer. Realize, that Jesus is faced in this Gospel with the reality of John the Baptist's demise, and now Jesus will start his ministry. We will continue together; as together we'll all be moving forward, as the parish of St. Thomas More to grow.

Fr. Mike

On a Side Bar:

Thank you to everyone for using the "Maintenance" envelopes in the collections as an additional form of donating to the parish. Our computer server crashed this week, and did not last the extra week I was hoping to get out of it. This will be replaced so we can continue on the business side of the house. We are also moving forward to make the residence space livable again. All your additional donations do help, and I will keep you apprised of the work. The school and rectory staff are also working very hard to close the financial books so we can have a better view of where we are as a parish. Simply, Thank You All!



Please remember

Ann Rompala, Rev. Augustine Pham Van Lan,
Rev. John A. Ocilka, Rev. Robert Lorkowski,
Linda Gale, Margaret Maloney and Martin Pavelka
in your prayers.

God grant them eternal rest.



TRAVELING MADONNA

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

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.

We have a new policy for drop off and pick up of the Traveling Madonna. Please drop her off at the church on Saturday at 4PM. The family that will be taking her for the next week can either pick her up **after the 4:30 Mass or on Sunday after the 9AM or 11AM Mass. Please see Alex Ulle, our Music Director, to get the statue.**

Marriage Banns

II - Kimberly Cerny (St Thomas More) & David Rankin

I - Linda Kawentel (St Thomas More) & Phillip McCown



Mary Ryba, Jesse Kazimer, Bernadine Novak, Mary Ellen Popovich, James Malames, Jennifer Stancato, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tom Misch, Tim Misch, Marge Goss, Alice Gruden, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengood, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Julie Gorski, Erica Wilmot, Martha & George Kysil, Vinny Mercurio, Aurora Pelleschi, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Rita Valochik, Mary Ann Cowgill, Barbara Laughlin, Teri Hammond, Johnny & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Pat Gumina, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna, Rafaela Morales, Iola Natal, Michael Kovach, Nancy Taube, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Joe Pukys and Dorothy Pavelka.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Pierogifest Raffle 2020 - Even though there will not be a Pierogifest this summer, there will still be a raffle. The main drawing is Saturday, August 8th. Tickets can be picked up at the parish office. Donations for tickets is \$5. First Prize: \$3,000, Second Prize: \$1,500 and Third Prize: \$500.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Summer 2020 Grand Raffle - Tickets are available at the parish office for the Summer 2020 Grand Raffle. Tickets are \$5. Grand Prize: 2020 GMC Terrain, 2nd Prize: \$4,500 New Roof and 3rd Prize: \$3,500. Grand Drawing is Sunday, August 16th.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Forms are available to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes Weekly Drawing on the website (www.leotheadgreat.org). Or you can call the office and they will sign you up.

Readings of the Week LPi

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

- Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
- Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

“Here is the rule for everyday life. Do not do anything, which you cannot offer to God.”

*St John Vianney (1786-1859),
Priest, Patron of Parish Priests,
Feast Day: August 4th*

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

As Fr. Mike mentioned last weekend during one of the Town Hall meetings, there are a number of electronic resources available for our use to help with the readings at Mass. Below are a sample of some of the resources he mentioned plus a few others.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

Free daily Mass readings online plus an option to receive the readings daily via e-mail. Audio files of the readings are also available at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>.

Magnificat

<https://us.magnificat.net/>

Paid subscription for digital and hard copy available. Daily Mass readings as well as hymns, daily prayers, meditations and essays.

The Word Among us

<https://wau.org/>

Paid Subscriptions for digital and hard copy available. Currently has complimentary/free access to daily Mass readings on their web site due to the virus crisis.

Our Daily Bread

<https://odb.org/>

Paid subscription to daily reflections (no Mass readings).

IBreviary

<https://www.ibreviary.org/en/>

Free Android & iPhone apps for daily Mass, breviary and other prayers. Can be accessed via a web browser but designed for smartphones. See <http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?lang=en>

EWTN

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

Free daily Mass readings online or can be delivered daily to one's e-mail.

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.



Hello parishioners of St. Thomas More!

The readings this weekend talk about coming together in the feast the Lord prepares for us. All of the musical selections I picked have a central theme of having a place at His table, coming together as a family at the table of plenty, and celebrating the Lord with people all over the world. Especially in these uncertain times, knowing that the Lord is there for us, and knowing that people halfway across the world are also celebrating their own faiths, is very moving and inspiring. It brings us closer together to both each other and the people we don't even know.

A few words about the future of the music ministry...

During this time that we cannot sing together as a congregation, I am picking songs that you may and may not know. I hope to broaden the parish's musical knowledge so we can sing different songs when we can sing together.

As much as I want to get choirs going, we have to wait for the Diocese to tell us when it is safe to continue singing as a parish. I am looking at putting together several choirs and ensembles, including a children's choir (3-6 grade), a youth choir (7-12 grade), an adult choir, and a bereavement ministry choir to sing at funerals and other services throughout the year. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of any of these choirs or anyone is interested in becoming a cantor, please contact me at musicministry@stmtparish.net

Lastly, if anyone is looking to get rid of a piano that is fairly nice and tunable, I am looking to put one in my office, so please contact me at musicministry@stmtparish.net (We will come and pick it up!) Thank you and God bless!

Alex Ulle, Music Director



Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop-designate Malesic takes over the governance of the Diocese of Cleveland from Bishop Nelson Perez who was named the Archbishop of Philadelphia in February 2020. Father Don Oleksiak will continue as administrator of the diocese until Bishop-designate Malesic is installed as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland on Monday, Sept. 14th during Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland.

THE FEST

Just what you need...We all need a day of hope and inspiration!!! Join us next Sunday, August 9th for The FEST@Home. It's going to be an amazing day of faith and family, uplifting music and messages of hope and inspiration all from the comfort of your home. The FEST@Home is FREE and starts at 3PM. Bishop Roger Gries will preside at the evening Mass which begins at 8PM. Please invite everyone you know to join you. For a complete schedule of the day and all the details, go to: www.theFEST.us. This special event is coming to you FREE thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Marc's, Dole, Sherwood Foods, and Barons Bus.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Joshua Cochrac and Joseph Robinson

were ordained on Saturday, August 1st. Please keep the newly ordained and all seminarians in your prayers, as we continue to pray for vocations. Please feel free to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards to them at St. Mary Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092.

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S
DEVOTIONAL PRAYER
TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.