

**W**e, 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.

**W**e 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 - 8:15 a.m.,  
11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

### **Weekdays**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 8:15 a.m.  
Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.  
No Mass on Thursday  
Holidays - TBA

### **Confessions**

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

### **Rectory Times**

Monday-Friday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **Parish Staff**

**Frank Budziak**  
Pastoral Associate

**Alex Ulle**  
Music Director

**Lisa Carson**  
Parish Secretary

**Terri Sozio**  
Religious Education

**Jeff Stutzman**  
Youth Ministry

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# **St. Thomas More Parish**

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – VIGIL**

\*4:30PM - William Parker

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00AM - Eileen Monoc

\*Mass of Remembrance

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

8:15AM - Living & Deceased of the Moner & Badza Families

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

6:45PM - Women's Guild

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN**

8:15AM - Lina Colonna

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**

☪Private - Louise Tkacs

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – WEEKDAY**

☪Private - Irene Wyderka

8:15AM - Wanda Maslanka - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – ST. JANUARIUS**

8:15AM - Nancy & Eddie Celis

1:00PM - Simecek/Gentile Wedding

4:30PM - Ken & Tina Galaida - 50th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

\*9:00AM - Valerie Schadenfroh

11:00AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

☪Private Mass

## Financial Blessings

Collection for September 6th.....	\$5,906.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,802.00
Votives.....	\$36.00

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

JOIN US IN WELCOMING  
**BISHOP MALESIC**  
*as the 12th Bishop of Cleveland*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020  
2:00 P.M. INSTALLATION**

Mass livestreamed at  
[dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org)



*The regularly scheduled Mass at noon at the cathedral will not be available. We invite viewers to watch the livestream at 2p.m.*

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Edward C. Malesic as bishop-designate for the Diocese of Cleveland. He will be installed as the 12th bishop of Cleveland on Monday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, in a Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist beginning at 2PM. All are encouraged to watch a livestream of the Mass online at [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org) as this event is ticketed and seating is severely limited due to the current public health crisis. This livestream is presented by the Sisters of Charity Health System, whose ministries in Cleveland include: St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, Regina Health Center, Light of Hearts Villa, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, and Joseph's Home.

The Mass and installation can also be viewed live on EWTN and heard live and online at AM 1260 - The Rock - Cleveland Catholic Radio, and AM 1060 Living Bread Radio.

**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 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 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...**

The start of school this week also brings the re-start of daily mass and the celebration of Confession. The weeks continue to be busy around the campus. **AGAIN**, thank you to all the volunteers who help clean-up and maintain what is shared by everyone here at St. Thomas More.

With the re-starting of the sacrament of Confession this week, let the readings for this week *talk directly to us, in a very special manner*. How often do we tell others how dedicated and “*catholic*” we are without recalling the message of scripture we read and listen to each week?

The first reading this week speaks to us about anger, death and decay, and the commandments; then finally, “...hate **not** your neighbor.” Paul in the second reading invites us to live for the Lord and be the Lord’s. This can leave us scratching our head, until we move to the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus tells us that we need to *be forgiving*. This forgiving posture is the one that we ask of God, but how often do we pass it on to others?

*Fr. Mike*

**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.

**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.

**SAINT QUOTE**

“If you wish to leave much wealth to your children, leave them in God’s care. Do not leave them riches, but virtue and skill. For if they learn to expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways.

*St. John Chrysostom (349-407),  
Patron of Public Speaking,  
Feast Day: September 13*

**PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**USHERS**

We are looking for a few good people to help usher at the 9AM and 11AM Masses. If you are interested, please call Marty Rini at 216-570-5002. Thank You!

**ARTS & ENVIRONMENT**

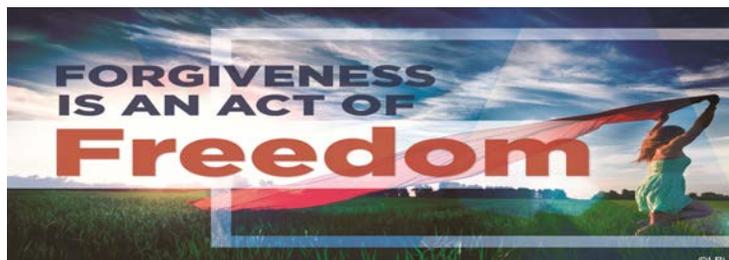
Do you like to decorate? Are you creative and would like to share your gifts and talents with our parish? If so, the Arts & Environment committee is looking for some creative and talented parishioners willing to help with decorating the church. Please call the rectory if you are interested.

**VETERANS**

St. Thomas More Parish would like to honor our deceased and active parishioners. Please give us a call at the rectory and let us know of any parishioners who are currently serving in the military or have passed during their service. We are also looking at starting a Veterans group, so if you are interested, give us a call.

**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

Do you know if your place of business matches donations? If your company does, let’s talk! Please call the rectory.



**TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of:  
**Brian and Mary Ann Sowers.**

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.\*\*

## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

### **First Reading:**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

### **Psalm:**

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

### **Second Reading:**

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:8)

### **Gospel:**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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# Cluster Corner

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

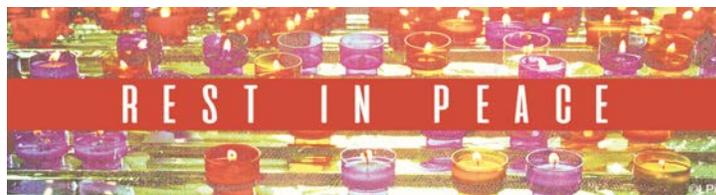
**2020 Utility Recovery Raffle** - Tickets are available in the parish office. Get your ticket now for your chance to win \$100 on the second and fourth Sunday of every month or the special raffle on Christmas for \$300. The next drawing is on August 23rd.

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

**Merici Chapel** - In these uncertain times we have a lot on our minds and are worried about many things. Come visit Jesus in Merici Chapel. His door is always open and He's a good listener who will calm your fears.

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

**Save the Date** - "He's Back!" Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11th at 7PM. He'll be talking about the Blessed Mother as a Messenger of Christ! Save the date and watch for further details as they become available. It will also be livestreamed.



Please remember  
Ann Gierth, Margaret Kolasinski,  
Det. James Skernivitz, Jim and Rena Grande  
in your prayers.  
God grant them eternal rest.

## Readings *Week* of the ©LPi

### Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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Did Jesus love a good cookout?

Labor Day weekend is past. We hope everyone had a safe and pleasant weekend (although it was a bit wet). Ok, so take a minute or two before reading on, pause, and think of a cookout that you've enjoyed, this year or possibly in times past. Think of the sights, the wondrous smells, companionship and OH the fantastic tastes! With us being in a pandemic we've had to scale things back for everyone's safety but hopefully we've still had a chance to enjoy the sights and smells of a good cookout.

So, did Jesus love a good cookout? Well, in John 21:9-10, which takes place after Our Lord had risen, we read "When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught.""

So, I'd say YES! Seems like from the above passage He even liked doing the cooking. And why not? These were his friends. He loved them and gave up everything, even His life, for them. He gave up His life not just for them but for us also. So, when we gather together for an autumn cookout or just to sit and break bread together, let's invite Our Lord too. All it takes is a simple "Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts..." before we eat or perhaps just a simple Sign of the Cross. Even if we eat alone, we're not alone if we invite Jesus. Let us share more than just food with those we love this week.

Grace, Love & Fellowship to all this week,  
Frank Budziak



**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.

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Join St. Thomas More's Spiritual life commission for

**THE LIVING ROSARY  
THURSDAY, October 8, 2020  
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.

Due to social distancing, only 1-2 family members can attend per family.



**LIVING ROSARY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020**

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 28, 2020**

## Marriage & Banns

III - Heather Simecek (St. Thomas More) &  
Nickolas Gentile (St. Thomas More)

### BAPTISM

If you are interested in getting your child baptized, please call the rectory to begin Baptism preparations. Baptism is an important opportunity to not only bring a new member into our Catholic family, but also starts parents on their journey of passing their faith on to their child.

### RCIA

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

Information regarding registration for the 2020-2021 school year is available at the rectory. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings and will begin in September. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program this year, please contact Terri Sozio at [psr@stmprish.net](mailto:psr@stmprish.net). Forms are also available at the rectory and on our parish website.

**PSR Teachers needed:** If you would like to share your faith with our young parishioners, please contact Terri Sozio at [psr@stmprish.net](mailto:psr@stmprish.net) for more information. Volunteers are also needed for aiding with guiding the students in and out of school with the new safety procedures.

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION 2021

If you will be in the 8th Grade for the 2020/2021 school year and are NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email [bbarker@stmprish.net](mailto:bbarker@stmprish.net) for more information.

### CUB SCOUTS

The St. Thomas More Cub Scout Pack 319 is still ACTIVE and getting together. We are open to both BOYS and GIRLS ages 5-11 or kindergarten through 5th grade. Come to any Thursday night meeting here at St. Thomas More at 7pm or call 216-335-9147 for more information.



### AN INVITATION TO MISSION From Mission Cooperative Missionary Sr. Dorothy Fabritze, MSC

“Do not be afraid, I am with you” was the courage of our Sisters - The Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC) - who entered apartheid-ravaged Namibia in 1927 where to this day they continue to minister to youth, women and the under-

privileged in the fields of health, education, pastoral work, social work and administration. In fact, we MSC Sisters are doing just this in 21 countries in which we currently serve. We have established firm foundations on which indigenous religious women and priests can continue to build so that all people can know and grow spiritually in the Heart of God.



Today's spiritual reality for the people in the village of Omakeva in northern Namibia is that they are served once a month by the priest from the nearest mission station which is approximately 20 miles away. Seeking to fill this gap in services, MSC Sisters will build a house and hall in this village to provide spiritual programs and activities that will meet various needs of the people, especially the Namibian youth. Poor and unemployed, the youth lack the spiritual, moral, emotional, social and educational advantages given to others in our world. By focusing our efforts on the young adults, we can make an impact on the whole of the population and answer the urgent need to maintain the values and morals of the Catholic Church at Omakeva village.

In order to complete projects such as this in Namibia and in neighboring Angola where we will build a school, we need your



financial support. Your donations will enable our young religious women to be educated in the needed fields of education, health care, and social work. Your dollars will enable us to house our Sisters and to build a hall which in turn will change the lives of the Namibian youth. Your donation will make a concrete difference to people around the world who need us to care and to act as the Heart of God for them. With your support, the MSC Sisters, will continue to “not be afraid. [For] God is with us always.”

Learn more about our MSC mission and ministries by visiting [MSCreading.org](http://MSCreading.org). Questions? Email [MissionAdvancement@MSCreading.org](mailto:MissionAdvancement@MSCreading.org).