



ST. THOMAS MORE

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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.

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

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

Holidays - To Be Announced

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

Confessions

Saturday - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Hours

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

St. Thomas More School

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13 –

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Chester & Steven Galazka

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Joseph Bonadio

MONDAY, MARCH 15 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Richard Koranda

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Nickola Badza

7:15PM - Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 –

ST. PATRICK

8:15AM - Raymond Lisowski

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 –

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 –

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIGIN MARY

8:15AM - Father's Day Enrollment - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Robert Poole

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Charlotte Carosco

*11:00AM - Sandra Ann Stevens

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 7th.....\$5,637.00

Maintenance.....\$2,063.00

Votives.....\$49.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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RECTORY CLOSED

The rectory will be closed on Wednesday, March 17th in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

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 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...

(We continue with the Scrutiny Reading, in Cycle A this week)

Anointed to see... Can we reword that as: *Called to see...* Think about this week's readings: the *First Reading* has Samuel sent to anoint the chosen one who is one of Jesse's sons. The one to be anointed *ends up being David*, who was out with the sheep. Samuel tells the others, "Not as Man sees does God see...but the LORD looks into the heart." This should make us all feel comforted, that God looks into *our hearts* as the place to *be, talk, and inspire us...in our hearts*. The *Second Reading* and the *Gospel* has Paul talking about *being a child of the light*, and then *Jesus curing the blind man*. **The movement is to see the world, Jesus, and God more clearly.** Yes, I agree, this is not the best *Covid-friendly* passage with Jesus making the clay and sending the man to wash in the pool. But let's move beyond that, **and ask how our vision is? Do we see God clearly, do we see Jesus in others (or even, ourselves?), and can we see God in our world? This last one can really be the challenge** given the hurt and ugliness of the news. But that is one of the biggest and more fruitful blessings that can help us. The challenge from *St. Ignatius Loyola, to see God in all things...* That means *seeing God in others, ourselves, and not just nature or the easy things*. Look around this week, not only with the flowers starting to poke through, but in the *more challenging corners of our lives*. If we can't see God in those corners, **well – let's do our job to bring God to the most challenging corners of our lives.**

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

Marking the date this past **March 8th**, as the Founding of the Parish, we have been praying in a special way for all of our *benefactors* and our *past-present-future* parishioners. The next important date will be **April 7, 1946** as the anniversary of our *First Mass*. I understand that it was in the old Memphis Theater building, now the American Legion Post, so a field trip may be in order... The *Parish Pastoral Council* is pulling together committees to help organize and plan various anniversary events – so continue to stay tuned. The "**75 & 75 for the 75th**" is in full swing, so be sure to keep this campaign in your prayers and *please* support where you can help. This year is a pivotal year as we launch St. Thomas More Parish into the next 75 years.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the church on Friday, March 19th and March 26th starting at 6:45Pm for an hour.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This Thursday, March 18th, is our **Marco's Pizza Night** Fundraiser. Plan on ordering lunch or dinner. It's a win-win situation; you get a great meal and the school gets a donation! The classroom that brings in the most sales will win a pizza party, so don't forget to mention a class when you place your order. Thanks, as always for supporting our school!



Congratulations and welcome Troymichael Bessmer who was baptized on March 7th at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of: **George & Phyllis Zindroski.**

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.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Men forsook God, and made carved images of men. Since therefore an image of man was falsely worshiped as God, God became truly Man, that the falsehood might be done away."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: March 8th (Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

VOCATION CORNER

For those in the Diaconate Program at St. Mary Seminary

To learn more visit dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/clergy-religious/diaconate. Please keep those men 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.

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.

VIRUS PROTECTION

Please remember to keep practicing social distancing and the health and safety precautions that we have in place. We will continue to follow the guidelines from the Diocese. Thank you for your cooperation!

THANKFUL CORNER

This week we would like to thank all of the benefactors to St. Thomas More Parish. By definition, a benefactor is a person who gives money or other help to a person or cause. We are thankful to the many benefactors who have been able to make a gift of money, but the benefactors that gift us with their prayers, support and dedication are also responsible for making this parish what it is today. God bless you all!



Please remember Steven Galazka, Fr. Tim Buyansky, OSB, Mary H. Murphy, James Stefanik, Vincent Ross, Edward Meister, Dianne Stoltz, James Malames and Nancy Romano in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



Bill Barrett, Peggy & Larry Bennett, Donna Biehl, Bob Bonus, Sr., George Bouchahine, Avianna Burgos, Samantha Call, J. Caraballo, Jeremy Cheetham, Meagan & Levi Chisholm, John & Kathy Cigas, Frank Colonna, Gladys Colon, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Mary Ann Cowgill, Marge Davis, Baby Divina, Diana Downes, Pierce Downing, David Elmore, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Arielah Feliciana, Maureen Finneran, Michael Frey, Norma Gademer, Alice Gruden, Terri Hammond, Bobby Hengoed, Ed Hengoed, Sr., Patricia Hinko, Ida Jean Hopkins, Heather Hudak, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Mick Jones, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Doris Kaczmarek, Ann Marie Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Gene Klemanek, Melissa Korhely, Michael Kovach, Stefani Krese, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Martha & George Kysil, Barbara Laughlin, Bill Malames, Arthur Markee, Theodore Maslanka, Richard McClelland, Jeff McCormick, Anne McElroy, Vinny Mercurio, Tim Misch, John Misch, Arlene Mobley, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, James Mortach, Dale Nagy, Iola Natal, Jayne Neelon, Peg Nicholay, Betty Novatny, Christine Marie Nugent, Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Fr. Dennis O'Grady, Ellen Omilanowski, Jean Palumbo, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Sally Phillips, Doris Polander, Bryan Poole, Mary Ellen Popovich, Paula Ritter, Tino Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Haley Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Jennifer Stancato, Alice Stokes, Marlene Sutowski, John Szill, Sean Szill, Cynthia Tedesco, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Debbie Tomusko, Lorrie Turner, Juliana Turner, Joy Turner, Pam Turner, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Jim Viets, Emilee Walsh, Patricia Ann Werley, Grayson Wilmot, Erica Wilmot, Betty Wozniak, Meg Zalar, John Zindroski and Stephanie Ziolkowski 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

2021 Utility Recovery Continuous Raffle - Tickets are available for \$10 for the 2021 Raffle in the parish office. Get your ticket now for your chance to win \$100 on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, or \$300 in the two special raffles on Easter and Christmas.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Lenten Retreat Series - Join us each Wednesday starting with Mass at 7PM. Each week, our guest celebrant's homily will focus on one of the Seven Catholic Sacraments. Masses will be livestreamed and taped for playback. Visit stcharlesonline.org for details.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Red Cross Blood Drive - The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Tuesday, March 16th from 4-8PM. Please register online at redcross.org. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Please support our cluster parishes with their Lenten Fish Frys. Please call their offices for more information.



Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

LENTEN REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd, are days of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of **fast** is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings immediately following the 6:45PM Mass (around 7:15ish). An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule.

2021 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

Tuesday, March 23rd from 6:00-6:30PM

LENTEN PROGRAM



Please join The Spiritual Life Commission for a beautiful and spiritual presentation this Sunday, March 14th and Monday, March 15th at 6:30PM in the church. Come listen to the words of Fr. Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M as he presents in his own special way The Last

Words of Jesus from a Franciscan point of view. The presentation will touch you in a very special way and bring you closer to Jesus and our brothers and sisters in Christ. This will be an audio/video presentation of about an hour both nights.



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CRS RICE BOWL

Trying New Foods in Timor-Leste: Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

DIOCESAN SURVEY

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey is accessible online at:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/k03a72a3a7>

or visit our St. Thomas More web site (www.stmparish.net) for a link to the survey. The online survey will be available through March 21st. Paper copies are available at the main entrance to the church as well as a drop off box for completed forms. If you need any additional information, please call the rectory at 216-749-0414.

PARISH CENSUS

We have received a number of completed census forms, both online and paper, and we thank everyone who has taken a few minutes to complete the form. We still need to hear from many others who have not yet done so. If you have not done a census form please take a few minutes to do so. The census can be accessed on our website by visiting stmparish.net/census. Paper forms are available at the main entrance to the church where they can be dropped off as well. For any additional information, please call the rectory.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The winners for the March 50/50 Drawing were Maria McGinty (\$100) and Miguel Figueira (\$50). Tickets for the April 50/50 Drawing are being sold by Holy Name Members. Thanks to all the faithful who buy tickets every month.

CALLING ALL ST. THOMAS MORE ALUMNI

Please help us stay connected with you, especially during this special 75th Anniversary year. We want to hear from you! Please send an email to rectory@stmparish.net with your name (as it was at graduation), married name (if applicable) and your year of graduation.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Watch for this logo to pop up all around the campus this year!

March 8th: founding of the parish and April 7th is the anniversary of the first Mass.

There are special "75th Anniversary" envelopes in the back of church and are also available at the rectory.

More exciting details to come.....



MUSIC MINISTRY

Hello Parishioners of St. Thomas More!

As we get closer and closer to the Lord's Passion and Resurrection, we are reminded of those who need our help and support. Doing little things to make others' lives easier is something we can do during Lent to make a real difference in the world. There are many opportunities, such as the Rice Bowl, to enact change in a world filled with division and anguish.

On another note, there are several options to move forward spiritually this Lent, including Stations of the Cross every Tuesday evening and a prayer service on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Look at your daily schedules and try to make more time for prayer and reflection this Lent.

Kind regards,
Alex Ulle
Music Director

DONUTS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Join the High School Youth Ministry on Sunday, March 21st as the Easter Bunny will be making a special appearance following the 11AM Mass. Come for Mass, stay for pictures, donuts, juice and coffee (outside weather permitting). More details in next weekend's bulletin.



DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>)

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

This year, the solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19) falls on a Friday. As a solemnity, the requirement to abstain from meat on the Friday's within the season of Lent is dispensed for that day (see canon 1251). If they chose to make use of this special dispensation, the faithful are encouraged to choose another day during the week March 15-20 to abstain from meat as part of their Lenten observances.

On the solemnity of Saint Joseph it is the custom in some places to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give a large portion of it to the poor. A Family Ritual for this St. Joseph's Table blessing may be found on the Office for Worship website. We encourage all the faithful to use this solemnity as an opportunity to practice charitable almsgiving, living out the Lord's command to love our neighbor.

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!
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"YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH"

Pope Francis has declared an entire year dedicated to St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and continues until December 8, 2021.

A daily prayer to St. Joseph...and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds (Morning Prayer)" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis added a daily prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together.



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