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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

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm



St. Thomas More School

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Deacon

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 –

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Coletta Hreha

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 –

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

*11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 16 –

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 –

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - John & Pauline Stropki

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Emil Barnin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 –

ST. JOHN EUDES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 –

ST. BERNARD

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 –

ST. PIUS X

8:15AM - William Marzola

1:00PM - Royer/Welsh Wedding

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 –

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

*11:00AM - Doris Polander

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 8th.....	\$4,817.00
Faith Direct as of 8/4.....	\$8,988.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,592.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$7,761.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

CORRECTION

Apologies to Sr. Jane for the misspelling of her last name in the bulletin last week. It should have read:

WELCOME

SISTER JANE REISINGER, SND

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm:

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

Second Reading:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Gospel:

“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.” (Lk 1:48-49)

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III - Alyssa Royer (St. Thomas More) & Benjamin Welsh

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

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...

Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* into heaven. The motherhood of Mary, of Jesus, is shared among Christians for generations. The Assumption of Mary, as we Catholics believe, is that Mary enters heaven – **Body and Soul**. We in our human state, when our earthly journey is complete, enter (we all *hope and pray...*) as spiritual beings. Pope Pius XII, as you recall back in the early '50's spelled this all out better in his Apostolic Constitution on the Assumption of Mary.

The *First Reading* from *Revelations* and Paul's letter to the Corinthians, speak of Mary's holy position within the Church. The *Gospel Reading* from Luke's Gospel speaks of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, her cousin and mother of John the Baptist. After praying over these readings, the feast day itself, and what is happening in our lives, it is interesting to *drill it all down to the simple level and reflect on Mary's movement to service*. The example of Mary for us all – to the service of Elizabeth. After the annunciation of Mary's Immaculate Conception, what does Mary do (?) but "...*set out and travel... in haste...*" No time for a baby shower, painting the nursery, or even sharing the news with the other villagers... But, the motion of Mary to serve her cousin, Elizabeth. Isn't that an example to us all? Mothers and others alike on our earthly journey? Question is though, how eager are we to "...*set out and travel...in haste...*" *to help others?*

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

I would (again) be remised if I did not continue to thank the *75th Anniversary Committee* as they continue to plan and execute these different events for us all. I am amazed that without even missing a beat, they are hard at it (not only planning, but...) putting the final touches on the plans for the **Homecoming Weekend quickly approaching in September.**

Be sure of my gratitude to all of you as we have been sharing in the fun and supporting the parish. We are quickly approaching our goals of the number of newly registered parishioners and families and also with the *75th Anniversary Maintenance Boost*. We do need to continue and push through our goals. The goals will help us to not only see the vibrancy of the parish, but show our actions as a parish. **So thank you all, in a special way.**

A Special Call-Out

Thank you to the people who have contacted me concerning the help for the school children. I asked that those "*Guardian Angels*" who expressed an interest in the spring to *help assist with tuition for needy families and children*, to finally get engaged. There are a few children and families who will be in need of our help, as a parish.

We have been working all summer on the improvements at the school, to everything from the roof to the foundation, **and** the help for those in need is all part of that work plan. **PLEASE, call or see me** if you feel the call to help be one of our **2021-2022 Guardian Angels.**

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Rolf & Francine Kawentel.

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

"Rest is in Him alone. Man knows no peace in the world; but he has no disturbance when his is with God."

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153),
Cistercian Abbott,*

Feast Day: August 20th

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

VOCATION CORNER

**For Fr. Marc Scheckells and Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero
and all of the Friars in the Province of the
Sacred Heart**

You can learn more about this order by visiting – www.thefriars.org. Please keep the Friars 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 St. Anthony Friary, 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4399.

Thank You!

Fall sports have arrived at St. Thomas More and we would like to take this time to thank the Athletic Board for making this possible. The students and parents are extremely grateful and excited to get back to playing and watching. Thanks again for all you do for us here at St. Thomas More.



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Samantha Call, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood, Sr., Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Joyce Krist, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Mary Jane Lisowski, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalyn Murray, Keshia Newton, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers, Sr., Paula Ritter, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Baby Sienna, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, Jim Viets, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak, Ed Zalar 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.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Catholic schools make a profound impact on a child's life. You can help provide more opportunities for students to obtain a Catholic education. Next weekend, a special parish appeal, the *Faith and Values Appeal for Education*, will be held across the diocese to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes. You can make a secure donation online at www.CatholicCommunity.org/education or call 216-696-6525 x1530.

CAFETERIA POSITIONS AVAILABLE

There are cafeteria positions available at Catholic elementary schools in the area. Qualification: high school diploma or equivalent preferred. Previous food service experience a plus. Must pass BCI and FBI background check. Must complete employer-provided VIRTUS training session within 30 days of hire. Excellent communication skills.

For details & an application, call Carol Szabo at Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 216-696-6525, ext. 3340 or email cszabo@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Catholic Movie Night - The next Catholic Movie Night is on Sunday, August 29th at 6pm and it is a double feature with two documentaries. "With God in Russia: The Story of Father Walter Cizek" which is the true account of the Jesuit priest that survived 23 years in Russian labor camps and "Roses in December" primarily tells the story of Jean Donovan, a lay missionary in El Salvador who was murdered with three American nuns in 1980. (There are some graphic scenes and addresses adult situations)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted in Merici Chapel after the 7PM Mass on Thursday, August 19th.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Don't forget to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing. Forms are available online at leothegreat.org or at the rectory office.



FAITH FORMATION

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

Registration is open for PSR classes for the 2021/2022 school year. Forms are available on the parish website or in the rectory. Forms and payment are due to the rectory by August 15th. Please contact the rectory with any questions. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program next year, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net.

CONFIRMATION 2022

If your child will be in the 8th Grade for the 2021/2022 school year and is NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmparish.net to get information on service.

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.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

What an exciting time at St. Thomas More! As our parish celebrates their 75th anniversary, our school has been undergoing renovations and a new principal. This is going to be an amazing school year as we continue to build futures! As the school's Enrollment Coordinator, I have been sharing all of the wonderful things happening, and have been welcoming new families. I encourage you to spread the news as well as we are working on a new Family Referral Incentive. Thank you to everyone that has already begun spreading the news of our school's new beginnings.

As your Preschool Director, the Preschool team and I will be working on building futures as well as we prepare to become a Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) Star Rated Preschool. SUTQ is a rating and improvement system overseen by the Ohio Department of Education. This system recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that exceed licensed health and safety regulations using a five-star quality rating.

Please feel reach out to me regarding enrollment and/or Preschool at sschultz@stmschool.com.

I look forward to welcoming our new families and seeing returning families in September!

God Bless,
Mrs. Sarah Schultz



Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The weekend of September 24th-26th is Homecoming Weekend. Mark that weekend on your calendar and keep an eye on the bulletins for more details... Please contact the rectory if you are interested in volunteering at any of the events that weekend.

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.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES NEEDED

Calling ALL PARISHIONERS to share their favorite memory of St. Thomas More (parish or school). Selections will be printed in our 75th Anniversary booklet. Please submit your written memory to the rectory or email rectory@stmparish.net. You can also submit written memories or request to be a part of the 75th Anniversary video series at stmparish.net/memories.

75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Below are the updated stats for the week ending August 13th. (28 new families and 55 new parishioners so far this year!) Thank you for your continued support!



St. Thomas More 75 Year Anniversary 1946 - 2021 Renewal Fund



St. Monica Mass and Novena

Join us to pray the Novena to St. Monica



Everyone knows someone who has left the church.

Join us August 19 through 27th at 3 PM to pray the Novena to Saint Monica. We will pray for our loved ones to return to their "True Home" the one holy Catholic Church. Each day a different guest will lead the Novena.

St. Monica's trust in the Lord and dedication to prayer helped her husband Patricius convert at the time of his death. Her son Augustine converted, became Bishop of Hippo and was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church.

For more information and to download or print the Novena, go to www.am1260therock.com



Join AM 1260 The Rock for the closing Mass of the Novena on the Feast of St. Monica!

St. Monica Church

13623 Rockside Road

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Friday, August 27, 2021 at 7 PM

Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, Main Celebrant

Fr. Doug Brown, AM1260 Chaplain, Homilist





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