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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



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Parish Staff Rev. Michael I. Feldtz Administrator

> Deacon Don Brandt Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki Retired Permanent Deacon

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> Alex Ulle **Music Director**

Terri Sozio Religious Education

> Jeff Stutzman Youth Minister

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 – VIGIL

*4:30PM - Dorothy Castrigano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 -

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Michael G. Beres

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 –

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

8:15AM - St. Thomas More Benefactors

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 -

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

6:45PM - Deacon Rudolph Jarosh

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 – SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:15AM - Dee Marzola

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 –

ST. ANGELA MERICI

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 -

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

8:15AM - Mary Jane Lisowski - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - January Birthdays

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 -

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Rose Marie Sutton

*11:00AM - Jesse Boggs, Sr.

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 16th	\$4,190.00
Maintenance	
75th Anniversary	

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS

Are you or someone in your family interested in becoming an altar server? This is a great way to minister to the parish. In general, new servers are from grades 4-8, however, high school and college-aged parishioners are welcome to join this ministry as well. Servers assist the priest and deacon at weekend, holy day and holiday Masses. To sign up for training, that will be scheduled soon, please go to our parish website and fill out the interest form at stmparish.net/altarservers.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ROSARY

Next weekend, January 29th & 30th, one half hour before all Masses, a member of the Knights of Columbus will lead us in the rosary. Come early and join us!

COMMUNION PROTOCOLS

After the reception of Holy Communion, please remain standing (if you are able). Once the last person has received Holy Communion, you may kneel or sit for private prayer.

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...

The beginning of this *Ordinary Time* brings us to the start of the *Book of the Gospel of St. Luke*. New beginnings are always fun, and this week we find ourselves at that point.

The First Reading from the **Book of Nehemiah** is where Ezra is reading the laws to all of the Israelites. Can you imagine having an all-day sit-down with us reading, maybe one of the whole Gospel Books? That would be a long one! The Second Reading includes the passage from St. Paul of the "One Body of Christ" and how we are all part of this Body of Christ. By the time we get to the Gospel, which is the start of the Gospel of St. Luke, we are hoping that the priest will pray over this one carefully, and give a homily as long as Jesus did for the people in the synagogue that morning... I can't guarantee it, but we will see where the Holy Spirit leads us! Let's look for those times where the Holy **Spirit** is *upon US*, and we preach the Gospel $-\underline{by}$ our lives!

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

With the hope of being brief, and that I can get back to the Christmas cards and thank you cards... **NOW**, my goal is to complete them by the feast of **St. Blaise!**

Thank you again for all of the holiday help. We do need to (continue...) to put the call out for help, especially for the church and serving/helping at the liturgies. That is a very tough conversation to have with other priests and even the Bishop, to ask how best to encourage people to get engaged in their faith and parish. This is our family of faith, we'll need to grow together and help each other!

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It has not been easy this past year distributing the Eucharist during the virus, with protocols constantly changing, but you are always there to help! We would also like to thank those that have been taking Communion to the Homebound. We appreciate all that you do to keep those at home connected to the parish.

PARISH HELP NEEDED

If anyone feels the Holy Spirit encouraging them to engage more in the parish (to lector, join Arts & Environment, usher & more), please give the rectory a call.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

The Carson 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. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2022.

SAINT QUOTE

"Let the enemy rage at the gate; let him knock, pound, scream, howl; let him do his worst. We know for certain that he cannot enter our soul except by the door of our consent."

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop & Doctor, Feast Day: January 24th (Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

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.

<u>VOCATION CORNER</u> Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers & Sisters

To learn more about the Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers & Sisters, visit maryknoll.org. Please keep them and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2021 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414; or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. MIKE!!!

Bishop Malesic has formally appointed Fr. Michael Feldtz as the next pastor of St. Thomas More Parish. Fr. Mike will be installed at a Mass celebrated by the Bishop at 6:45pm on Tuesday, February 22nd.



All are welcome to join us for Fr. Mike's installation. The Mass will also be livestreamed on our parish website and Facebook page.



Hania Alkhatib, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Frank Bielski, Fran Blaha, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Yolanda G., Norma Gademer, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Chrissy Grafton, Alice Gruden, Andy Guelker, Mila Haun, Bobby Hengoed, Ed Hengoed Sr., Alex Hogan, Ida Jean Hopkins, Pat Jackson, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Joe Kastelic, Jesse Kazimer, Brent Keller, Madelyn Koranda, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Paul & Bobbi Matysiak, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Dave Muran, Jack Murphy, Josalyn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers Sr., Ed Readence, Paula Ritter, Diane Rodes, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Mike Sekerak, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Anthony Tedesco, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, William Udics, Jim Viets, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names <u>will remain</u> on the list until you call to have them removed.



Please remember Joseph Valencik, Billy Bartley, Steven Sas and Dorothy (Jean) Romano in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2022 are now available. The cost is \$200 for the year, \$190 if you return your November candle or \$100 for six months. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Community Meal - The next FREE Community Meal (one per person) is on Sunday, February 6th. The meal will be eat-in from 1-1:30pm and drive-through (take-out only) from 1:30-2pm. Cafeteria opens at 12pm, but please do not line up for drive-through before 1:15pm.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Save the Date - Pre-Cana: Saturday, March 5th from 1-5:30pm. The St. Charles Pre-Cana team is working on the details surrounding the retreat day for engaged couples. If you are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this year, Pre-Cana is meant for you! Registration is required and there is some work for you to do ahead of March 5th. Please check out the parish website for the registration form and information.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Ladies Guild Day of Recollection - All men and women are invited to attend the Day of Reflection on Monday, February 21st in the lower parish hall. Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone, "Living the Little Way in the World through Charity, Mercy & Stewardship." The day begins with a continental breakfast at 9am, 10am Fr. Anthony speaks, Noon - bring a brown bag lunch, 1pm Fr. Anthony speaks and 2:30-3pm Adoration and Benediction. Any questions, please contact Regina at 330-770-0248 or Felicia at 440-888-3488.

Readings Week

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:

1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-

28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5,

11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4,

5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-

15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-

17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or

13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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FROM THE DESK OF SISTER JANE

It was a little sad to see Christmas come and go so fast, but the spirit of Christmas is always with us. Emmanuel, the good and loving God, is with us here and now in his provident care. Even though we are back to "ordinary time" before Lent begins on Wednesday, March 3rd, much is happening.

- ❖ Ministry of Prayer and Praise intentions have been sent out. If you would like your name taken off the list, please call the Parish Office and leave a message for me. If you would like to be included as a prayer minister, see the form below, fill out, and return. Thank you to our Parish Prayer Force. Prayer is the most powerful thing we have when human efforts fail.
- ❖ I have been attending the monthly Confirmation Meetings. Terri Sozio does a wonderful ministry with our Confirmation Candidates. It is a great group of young people. Please pray for them to embrace the faith and engage in its practices. Confirmation is May 17th.
- Our Second Graders at St. Thomas More School, PSR students, and their parents are really "stepping up the pace" in preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Feb. 10th. Pray that they will not be too nervous, but that they will celebrate this sacrament the rest of their lives. Then they will be on to First Holy Communion on May 7th. Ms. Sozio definitely has "job security."
- * The Brooklyn Pointe Residents, our homebound, and various health care folks, could also use a few prayers. Many carry the burden of pain or memory loss. In turn, they also pray for you.
 - FYI: If you are taking Holy Communion to a family member or a homebound person, but are NOT one of our regular EM's to the Homebound, (Mary Lou, Vern, Susan, Joan and Marilu) please email sisterjane@stmparish.net to notify us of this. We are not checking on you or trying to take your "job." We just would like to know which of our parishioners are being taken Holy Communion.
- ❖ As I walk the halls of the school, I see lots of good teaching going on. Besides the regular religion classes, there is weekly Holy Mass. The students in grades 3-8 have celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation, and we have had Thanksgiving and Advent Prayer Services along with service projects. We have very generous families. Give them a "shout out" to God when you think of it.

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For Married Couples:			
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MINISTRY

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Corporal Works in Lent

Our Campus Ministry sites are planning on centering their Lenten program around an experience of the corporal works of Mercy this Lent. Based on Kerry Weber's book, *Mercy in the City*, we are inviting young adult participants to join us in attempting to do one experience of each of the 8 Corporal Works of Mercy before the end of Lent.

Feed the Hungry
Clothe the Naked
Visit the Sick
Care for Creation

Give Drink to the Thirsty
Shelter the Homeless
Visit the Imprisoned
Bury the Dead

If you would like to participate, email Mike Hayes for more information.

mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE STAFF

Cinnette Diaz

Hello, my name is Cinnette Diaz. I am the Administrative Assistant to principal Mrs. Dykstra. This is my third year working at St. Thomas More, and I absolutely love it here.



I am married and am a mother of three. My two older sons, Isaac and Immanuel, are graduates of Saint Ignatius High School and currently attend Kent State University. My daughter, Isabella, is a third grader at St. Thomas More.

Outside of St. Thomas More, I enjoy baking delicious cakes and cupcakes. I am also a Realtor, where I enjoy helping people find their forever home!



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Monday, February 14 – 7:00pm NEW LOCATION: LA CENTRE 25777 DETROIT ROAD Speaker: Jennifer Ricard, Executive Director of Theology of the BodyCleveland



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is to fulfill God's unique and beautiful design for us.

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La Centre 25777 Detroit Road in Westlake-right off of I90. Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizer - Cash bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

An inter-parish men's group will meet February 4th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, February 1st to make a reservation.

GRADE SCHOOL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AT SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Ignatius High School is offering a brief introduction to the Latin, French, and Mandarin languages and their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Mandarin course runs from 11am until 12pm, the French course runs from 12pm until 1pm, and the Latin course runs from 1pm until 2pm. The session begin on Saturday, February 12th and end on Saturday, March 5th. The courses are FREE!!! Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 216-651-0222 ext. 2453 or email at jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the courses begins.

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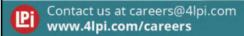
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