

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am
Monday 12:30pm
Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 12:30pm
Thursday 5:30pm
Friday 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm
Monday 11:30am
Tuesday 6:00pm
Wednesday 11:30am
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 11:30am

ADORATION

Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday
1:00pm-5:00pm

FOOD PANTRY

Tuesday and Thursday
10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

SACRAMENTS

If you're interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr. Jeff. Marriage prep must begin at least six months before your intended date.

REGISTRATION

Student parishioners and new members of our permanent community can register at sttomsbg.org/register



WEEKLY CALENDAR**SATURDAY, JULY 31***St. Ignatius of Loyola*

4:00pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass intention for

Edwin Wojciechowski (D)

Lv 25:1, 8-17 | Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am—Mass pro populo

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

MONDAY, AUGUST 2*Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli &**Peter Julian Eymard*

11:30am—Reconciliation CANCELLED

12:30pm—Mass CANCELLED

Nm 11:4b-15 | Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

5:30pm—Mass CANCELLED

6:00pm—Reconciliation CANCELLED

Nm 12:1-13 | Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4*St. John Vianney*

11:30am—Reconciliation CANCELLED

12:30pm—Mass CANCELLED

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5*The Dedication of the Basilica of**St. Mary Major*

5:30pm—Mass CANCELLED

6:00pm—Reconciliation CANCELLED

Nm 20:1-13 | Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

11:30am—Reconciliation CANCELLED

12:30pm—Mass CANCELLED

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7*St. Sixtus II and Companions, &**St. Cajetan*

4:00pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass pro populo

Dt 6:4-13 | Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am—Mass

To schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please contact the office.

A - Anniversary | B - Birthday | D - Deceased

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“All that is good, all that is true and all that is beautiful brings us to God. Because God is good, God is beauty, is truth.”

(Pope Francis)

Dear Friends,

St. Thomas More University Parish is a place where all who come here, and especially our BGSU students, can encounter God who is Good—and they see a reflection of The Good in the goodness for our parishioners. This must be a place where people can encounter God who is Beauty, especially in that Beauty reflected in the way that we worship God. We are also called to be a parish where all may encounter God who is Truth—and so our parish must be a place where we seek, preach, teach, and live the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help us God.

Anyone who has taught in a Catholic school (perhaps especially a Catholic high school) has heard this or something similar in theology class: “Father, I don’t think we should be tested on religion.” Fr. Paul Scalia once noted that we have, in our day and age, “cultivated a sense that religion is a matter of sentiment or taste” so much so that the word “dogma” or “doctrine” is often seen as something negative to be avoided. But Christians have always understood that the act of faith (the act of believing or trusting) is intrinsically linked with the content of faith. As with so many things in the Church, faith is a matter of both/and.

Pope Francis noted that we tend to reduce love in the same way. It becomes a matter of sentiment and taste. Such a love comes and goes with the wind. It is far from the steadfast love modeled for us in the Scriptures and in the lives of the saints. Pope Francis suggests that’s because truth and love are tied together. “If love is not tied to truth, it falls prey to fickle emotions and cannot stand the test of time.” He goes on to say, “If love needs truth, then truth also needs love. Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal, and oppressive for peoples day-to-day lives” (Lumen Fidei, 27).

The New Commandment from Jesus to “Love one another” is inseparable from the “Truth that sets us free.” If we are to faithful to Christ’s call to be people of authentic love, we must also be people of truth. If we are to be a parish that reaches out with abundant branches of love, we must be a parish that is deeply rooted in truth. I hope that you’ll join me during the upcoming school year as we seek to grow in knowledge of our faith.

St. John Henry Newman, our secondary patron and the namesake of “Newman Centers” and “Newman Clubs” the world over, became the patron of university students because he understood how important the intellectual life is for Christians. It’s my hope this year to revive a tradition that has ebbed and flowed over the years of inviting learned scholars to our parish to bring elements of the Catholic Intellectual Heritage to our parish and our campus. The first of our “Newman Lectures” is in the works for this October. Stay tuned for details.

Yours in Christ,
Father Jeff

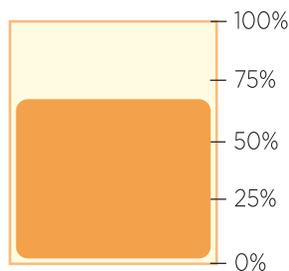
The entire St. Tom’s Campus will be CLOSED this week (Monday-Friday) so that we can have our carpets professionally cleaned and all of our parking lots resealed. There will be no weekday Mass or Confessions, and the office will be closed. See you all next weekend!

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

July Goal = \$20,000.00

Other Giving
 Online Giving
 July 24/25 = \$1,970.52
 July 17/18 = \$5,564.83
 July 10/11 = \$1,954.00
 July 3/4 = \$4,619.33



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations of cereal and egg noodles at this time. You can also give back to our food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card by going to Kroger Community Rewards and connect your rewards card to St. Thomas More Food Pantry!



PISANELLO'S PIZZA COUPONS

Looking for an easy night without cooking, while supporting our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in an ongoing fundraiser? Purchase coupons anytime in our parish office at \$3.00 each for a 7" two-topping personal pizza from Pisanello's located downtown.

HELP OUT WITH

THOU SHALL CHOW

Each week we want to offer a free meal to our community and students following the Sunday 5:00pm Mass. If you would be interested in being on the parish cooking team, email Justin at justin@sttomsbg.org

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.

OUR PARISH STAFF

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CUE FROM THE PEW

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth," The priest responded. "I don't even remember how to curse." "You keep on trying to pull that cable, and it'll come back to you."

Stay connected with our parish by texting **STTOMS** to **84576** and sign up for text and email notifications on the ministries and events you are involved with.

PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

To add a loved one to our list, please contact the office.
 Norma Stowe • Eileen Martini • M. Blankenship • Chris Stratton • Brian Shoup • Mary Bobinski • Izac Szymczak • Elizabeth Barringer • Cheryl Powell • Georgiana Miller • Carter • Richard Booms • Gary Heba • Allen Heringhaus • Marie Martini • Kate Michelman • Anne Goldstone • Fr. Jason Kahle • Joyce Hinesman • the souls of Larry and Laura, spouse and daughter of Eileen Bostwick • Laurie Krone • Bonnie Wilcox • Corney Collins

IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

GIVEMORE



Scan to give a one-time donation to our Sunday Collection, Maintenance, Mission Support, and Endowment campaign today! Want to give a recurring gift? Feel free to choose that option in the donation menu!

WE'RE GOING TO THE FAIR

The Wood County Fair begins this Monday (August 2-9), and this year we are excited to once again provide a Catholic, faith-based booth for anyone to learn about our Faith. If you are interested in participating, we encourage you to sign up and volunteer at the booth through our Facebook page or on our parish website home page today. All volunteers will receive free admission to the fair on the day of their scheduled volunteer day. Join us this Sunday evening (August 1) for a last-call information session at 6:30pm in the Library.

SACRED MUSIC UNVEILED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2021

ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH



A THREE PART EVENT

Eight young adults from the Diocese of Toledo and Fort Wayne unveil the musical treasures of the Catholic Church in liturgy and concert.

PART I : THE MASS

8:00am & 10:30am

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PART II : THE CONCERT

3:00pm in the church

PART III : THE SEMINAR

Immediately following the concert

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

After House Committee on Appropriations introduced the most pro-abortion funding bill in history, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a statement urging lawmakers to provide protections for the preborn.

The proposed appropriations bill eliminates both the Hyde Amendment and the Weldon Amendment. These two provisions offer important pro-life protections: the Hyde Amendment ensures that federal taxpayer dollars do not pay for most abortions, while the Weldon Amendment offers protections for healthcare workers and institutions who refuse to provide, cover, pay for, or refer for abortions.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the chairman of the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chair on Pro-Life Activities, issued a joint statement in which they call the bill, "the most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill we have seen." They wrote: "Abortion is not health care nor a 'human service' to anyone. Rather, abortion is inhumane. It is a painful death to an innocent baby, and often leaves women physically harmed and emotionally devastated."

The bishops asked the Catholic faithful to contact their legislators and sign a petition (at notaxpayerabortion.com) urging Congress to keep these important pro-life provisions saying, "The lives of millions of vulnerable children, and the well-being of their mothers depend on our advocacy."

Bridget Sielicki

liveaction.org

LIVE ON ANNUNCIATION RADIO

Tune into WNOC 89.7 FM, the Catholic radio station aired live in Toledo. Listen on the go or at home through their online at AnnunciationRadio.com to speakers across the diocese, the county, and even the world! To call in a prayer request or testimony for the team, please call **740.616.8111**

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS TIMES

Saturday | 5:30pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, *5:00pm

Monday to Thursday | 7:30am

First Friday | 7:30pm

*Mass of Maximum protection

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



THURSDAYS

***BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9**

8:00AM-12:00AM

Sign up now to cover a Holy Hour during the Fall semester at sttomsbg.org/adoration

**The summer hours will continue from 9:00am to 9:00pm until September 2*

*And behold,
I am with you always.*

MATTHEW 28:20



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