



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM - The Holy Land

+10:00AM - The Sisters of the Incarnate Word

12:00PM - Religious Vocations

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14 - ST. MAXIMILIAN
KOLBE**

7:00AM - Loretta Grombol

6:00 PM - Marian Moenich

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 - THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00AM - Janet Kozak

8:15AM - The Mascia Family

11:15AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

7:00PM - John & Josephine Dedinsky

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 - ST. STEPHEN OF
HUNGARY**

7:00AM - LaPorta Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Jim Paskert

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - William R. Marzola

8:15AM - Sophie Kundrat

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 - ST. JON EUDES

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

4:30PM - Holy Name Society

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM - People of the Parish

10:00AM - Lorraine Hangauer (30 Day)

+12:00PM - Women's Guild

+Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 6th.....	\$7,644.35
Maintenance Collection.....	\$2,056.00
Votive Candles.....	\$142.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember John Malames, Lorraine Hangauer and Robert Lazar in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 14th

Rectory closed until 4pm Staff Retreat Day

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM PPC Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 16th

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, August 17th

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, August 18th

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Saturday, August 19th

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Third Order of Mary -
Rectory (Room A)

6:00-9:00 PM Athletics Fundraiser

Sunday, August 20th

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym



Congratulations and welcome Ryder Lam who was baptized last weekend at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Nick Adkins

SECRETARY: Susan Sidley

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. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 1:30 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 DESK OF THE PASTOR

With the start of August comes the beginning of football and volleyball practices. With football practice being outside and the weather being nice many people fill up the parking lot. I would like to just remind everyone to please be careful as you come into the Church parking lot. There will be many children running through the parking lot and jumping out from in between parked cars. This can make the Church grounds very dangerous. Please drive slowly and keep your eyes open for all people but especially the little ones.

On that same note if you are a parent or grandparent coming to watch the practices, which everyone is surely invited to do, please remember that there are fire lanes and restricted areas for parking. If a police officer sees a car parked in a fire lane he/she will give you a ticket. Park your cars only in the designated parking spots. If you are bringing the athletes' younger siblings to watch the practice with you please make sure that they are with you at all times. It only takes a second for an accident to happen.

The Church, itself, may be open for different religious services but that does not mean that it is open for public bathroom usage. If you need to use the restroom, you must use the ones in Utopia Hall. Please remember that the Church is a sacred space and deserves respect. I myself, have witnessed numerous times many people of all ages walking into the Church causing disruptions and showing disrespectful behavior not to mention the dirty shoes that leaves mud all over.

Thank you for understanding.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill



We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15th. This solemnity is a holy day of obligation this year. Our vigil Mass is Monday, August 14th at 6pm and Masses on the holy day are at 7am, 8:15am, 11:15am and 7pm.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Stephen of Hungary was born a pagan and baptized around the age of ten along with his father who was chief of the Magyars, a group who migrated to the Danube area in the ninth century. At twenty he married Gisela who was sister to the future emperor, St. Henry. When Stephen succeeded his father, he adopted a policy of Christianization of the country for both political and religious reasons. Stephen suppressed a series of revolts by pagan nobles and welded the Magyars into a strong national group. He asked the pope to provide for the Church's organization in Hungary and for the pope to confer the title of king upon him. Stephen was crowned king on Christmas day in 1001.

St. Stephen established a system of tithes to support churches and pastors and to relieve the poor. Out of every ten towns, one had to build a church and support a priest. He abolished pagan customs with a certain amount of violence and commanded all to marry, except clergy and religious. He was easily accessible to all, especially the poor.

In 1031 his son Emeric died and the rest of Stephen's days were embittered by controversy over his successor. His nephews attempted to kill him. He died in 1038 and was canonized, along with his son, in 1083. St. Stephen's feast day is August 16th. (Saint of the Day. Franciscan Media)

Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017:

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us on Friday, August 25th at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. There will be scripture, song & reflection. We will end the evening with a procession and Benediction.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

On reflecting on the Beatitudes I realized that God does not treat us as children, just giving us what we need. He lets us do our part. We are blessed if we are poor in spirit realizing our need for God. We are blessed if we are meek and humble of heart like Jesus if we do not try to control others. We are blessed when we mourn for our sins and know the sorrow of carrying our daily cross. We are blessed if we hunger and thirst for justice by treating everyone fairly. We are blessed if we are merciful for we too will receive mercy. We are blessed if we are pure of heart seeking God and striving to do His will and not our own. We are blessed if we are peacemakers seeking to apologize when we hurt or offend another and not holding a grudge when we are offended by another. We are blessed if we experience our share of persecution because we follow Christ and seek to become Christ-like. All the saints learned these Beatitudes, they loved them and lived them and the Beatitudes brought them eternal blessedness.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Joseph & Dolores Hules** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2017. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send your pictures to the rectory.



Judy Sever, Carol Loy, Margaret Markee, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Heather Hudak, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Joseph Palumbo, Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham, Joe Carnivale, Darryl Booth, Mary Ryba, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ray Misch, James Malames, John Polander, Patricia Foerster, Sophie Juran and Nickola Badza. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Our Lady of Fatima - Join us for a visit by the International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, September 1st and Saturday, September 2nd with a full schedule of events and prayers all night. More information will come available as the date nears.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Bus Trip - Join the St. Charles Ladies Guild on Sunday, September 10th for a trip to Presque Isle Casino. Cost is \$35/person with \$35 play back money. Make checks payable to St. Charles Ladies Guild by September 1st. For more information please call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Thursday, September 21st for our Walnut Creek, Ohio trip. We will visit Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery & Farmers Market, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Walnut Creek Cheese & Breitenbach Winery (wine tasting included). Cost is 58/person. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

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.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

RECTORY HOURS-STAFF RETREAT DAY

The rectory will be closed on Monday, August 14th from 9am-4pm for Staff Retreat Day. At some point during your day, could you please offer up a simple, Our Father or Hail Mary for us. We need your prayerful support as we look to the future of St. Thomas More. Thank you for your understanding!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

St. Thomas More School is abuzz with activity. The students may be on vacation, but the building is still swarming with movement. Some of the things happening are: Chrome books have been delivered, new carpeting has been installed in the Computer Lab and in the Library and classrooms have been moved to accommodate the opening of our second Kindergarten. The newly remodeled Library will be a wonderful place for students to further their love of reading.

St. Thomas More School is accepting applications for Preschool through Grade Eight. We have openings in all grades, but space is limited. Small class sizes and individual attention to each student, as well as a learning environment structured around our Catholic Faith are just some of the reasons our school is a great place to be!

For more information on how to become a St. Thomas More Wolverine or to plan a visit, please contact the school office at 216-749-1660 x221, office@stmschool.com or jfrancis@stmschool.com.

FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to join the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September and run through May. Register now by contacting the parish office at 216-749-0414.

STILL ACCEPTING PSR REGISTRATIONS!

The Parish School of Religion, PSR, provides religion classes once a week on Mondays (6:45-8pm) for students in grades 1-8 who attend public school. Classes are led by volunteer catechists who truly enjoy sharing our Catholic faith with our young parishioners. The August 1st deadline has passed but we are still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. **Classes begin on September 11th!** Forms are available on the parish website, in the church vestibule or in the rectory. Please note that forms and \$50 payment are due to the rectory as soon as possible ~ don't delay! If you have any questions, please email Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com

Have you been looking for a new ministry to participate in? Would you be willing to share your faith with our young parishioners? The PSR team could use two additional volunteers to teach in our program. If you have any questions and would like additional details, please email Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacations give us a chance to refresh the mind, body and soul. While we should never take a break from the Lord or Mass obligation, the high school youth ministry will be off for a couple weeks to allow for teens to attend to family vacations and other summer fun.

ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Come support St. Thomas More Athletics on Saturday, August 19th from 7-9pm at our annual wing night at Flyers Bar and Grill in Parma Heights. More info at www.stmparish.net/athletics and on the flier on the next page. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27th for our Car Wash and Donut Sale! Cars will be washed after all the morning Masses. Finally, for those who utilize the Booster donation in your envelope packets, in order to receive the football sweepstakes ticket, your envelope must be received by September 10th due to a change in the sweepstakes timeline.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL DATES

Please mark your calendars for some important events: Back to School Social on Monday, August 21st from 6-8pm. Please keep all of the children in your prayers as they head back to school on Thursday, August 24th. The Back to School Night is also on Thursday, August 24th at 7pm. Please refer to the website for more information.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

The Faith & Values appeal is next weekend, August 19th-20th. There is an envelope for this special appeal included with your parish envelopes.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

This year marks our 90th year in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. In celebration of this milestone anniversary, we invite you to join us for our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, August 27th from 12noon to 4pm. All are welcome! For more information, please call 440-886-6440 ext. 415.

St. Thomas More Athletic Association

Fall Sports Fundraiser



Saturday, August 19th

Flyers Bar and Grill

6298 Pearl Road

7pm-9pm Food & Drinks

9pm Raffle Baskets Pulled

Also available:

Side Boards, 50/50s & more!

Select spirit items available for purchase

Tickets are available from Athletic Board members or by filling out the form below & returning to the Athletic Office.

Tickets

\$25 in-advance

\$30 at the door

Includes:

Pizza, Salad, Wings

Draft Beer, Well-Drinks & Pop

Tickets can also be purchased online

PayPal & credit card purchase only
(3% fee assessed for processing)

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St. Thomas More Athletic Association Wing Night Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$25 each (when ordered in-advance)

Total Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to *St. Thomas More Athletic Association*
Please detach the bottom portion and return to the Athletic Dropbox (in the gym).