



SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 – VIGIL

*4:30PM - Peter Scaffidi, Sr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

+9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Marie A. Stefanik

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 – ST. BERNARD

7:00AM - Roger Benavides

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 – ST. PIUS X

7:00AM - Officer William J. Fores

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 – THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00AM - John & Catherine Orland

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 – ST. ROSE OF LIMA

7:00AM - Deceased Members of the Vargo Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 – ST. BARTHOLOMEW

7:00AM - Jim Paskert

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 – SS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ

8:15AM - August Birthdays

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

+*11:00AM - Daniel Whipkey

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 21

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
Friends Supporting Friends
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, August 22

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, August 23

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary - Chapel

Friday, August 24

7:00 PM Back to School Meet N Greet
Praise & Worship - Church
Saturday, August 25 Utopia Rental
9:45 AM - 12:30 PM Catholic Renewal Ministry - Rectory

Sunday, August 26

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Athletic Car Wash & Donut Sale
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission Meeting - Utopia

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Angela LoBue

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. 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 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 12th.....	\$7,620.85
Faith Direct as of 8/5.....	\$5,021.00
Maintenance	\$1,939.00
Votives.....	\$91.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Robert & Josephine Hudak** 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 of the Madonna when she is at your home.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

I am not sure what is happening but recently I have noticed a lot of chatter going on after Communion. I not only can see people talking, but I can hear it as well and this is all the way up at the altar. This is very distracting. If I can hear people talking at the altar, I can only imagine how distracting it must be for the people sitting around those who are doing all the talking.

Please remember the only person we should be talking with is our Lord. The time after Communion is one of the most sacred times during the whole Liturgy. When a person has just received our Lord our God we should be praising, worshiping and asking our Lord for help in whatever may be troubling us, not talking. This really is not a time to chit-chat with anyone sitting around you just because you are bored.

I realize that the time may seem a bit long from when a person receives the Eucharist (especially if they are sitting up front) to when the announcements are being read. That is not an excuse to start talking and becoming a distraction to the rest of the church.

St. Maximilian Kolbe stated that the biggest sin of our time is indifference. I believe that to be true. Many people do not care that this is a church and it deserves respect. They do not care if someone is trying to pray or not. We have become a society that is only interested in what "I want" and not in how does my actions affect someone else. Talking during Mass is just plain rude. I realize that we do not have the biggest gathering area where people can talk before or after Mass. I also realize that people want to catch up with fellow parishioners, friends and maybe even welcome someone new but we have to remember to respect the sacredness of the space and to show consideration to those who are in the church trying to pray.

I myself am guilty of getting a bit caught up with talking with someone before or after Mass. What we all need to remember is that if you want to talk with someone, there is nothing wrong with that, but consider the people around you. Keep your voice to a whisper and if someone is trying to pray, maybe you need to take your conversation outside so that you are not disturbing anyone.

This is just a friendly reminder of the importance it is to respect the Lord, His Church and for one another. Please keep your conversations to a whisper and once Mass begins focus on the Liturgy and not on your neighbor.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT THOMAS MORE



*I die the king's faithful servant,
but God's first.*

Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel.

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Readings  Week of the

Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018:

- Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us on Friday, August 24th at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. There will be scripture, song and reflection. We will end the evening with a procession and Benediction.

PILGRIMAGE OF THE SAINTS

On Sunday, September 9th, the Sisters and Associates of the Incarnate Word will be hosting a Pilgrimage of the Saints on the property of the Sisters located at 6618 Pearl Road in Parma Heights. Pilgrims will gather in St. Joseph Hall at 2pm. We will be touring the grounds while praying at each of the holy places on our property. Refreshments will be served in St. Joseph Hall at the conclusion of the Pilgrimage. It will be a wonderful time for prayer and fellowship with our Sisters and Associates. There is no cost to participate and formal registration is not required, however we do ask that you call or email with the number of people who will be attending: 440-886-6440, ext. 415 or email siwdevelopment@yahoo.com. Also please call or email if you have any questions.

RECTORY HOURS

The rectory will now be closed on Mondays from 1-2:30pm for staff meetings.



Mary Ryba, Bob & Carol Loy, Vinny Mercurio, Barb Siegel, Ed Rogers, Alice Gruden, John Markee, Margaret Kramer, Mary Misch, John Misch, Nickola Badza, James Malames, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Heather Hudak, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Joel Gorski, Nancy Butler, Gail Michal, Donald Marks, Greg Jakupcik, Bruce Brown, Roseann Kastak, Millie Smith, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Robert & Marilyn Janas and Ethel Whipkey. 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

Bingo - Located in the air-conditioned Parish Center every Friday. Doors open at 4:30pm, instant sales begin at 5pm and package sales begin at 5:30pm. Food & Snacks are available. On-site ATM.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Great Adventure Bible Study - Great Adventure Bible Study presents James: Pearls for Wise Living featuring Jeff Cavins. September 4-October 24: Tuesdays 9:30-10:45 am or Wednesdays 7-8:15pm. \$10/person. Please register in the office by September 2nd. Questions? Please contact Brian Pelcin in office. All are Welcome!

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Sign up for our Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing. The sign up forms are available at the rectory office.



Please remember Patricia Chumat, Elizabeth Werley, Mildred Moscollic, Richard Toth, Jr., Ramon Torres and Sadie Lauria in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

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

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

HEALING MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

Have you, as a Catholic Woman, felt there is a need for God's healing and peace in your life? Would you like to begin this healing journey here at St. Thomas More with other women who feel the way you do? If you are interested in participating in this brand new twice monthly spiritual therapeutic group, please see Nellie Krawczynski or Frances Cruz (11:00 Mass) at the back of church after Masses this weekend for more information.



As summer winds down, the St. Thomas More Junior High Youth Group (JHYG) and the High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) are beginning to ramp up! If you have a child or teen in 7th and 8th grade or 9th through 12th grade, our Youth Ministry has a place for you.

The JHYG focuses on social interaction with dances and trips to allow them to socialize in a Christian environment with each other. The group is open to any 7th and 8th grader in the parish.

The HSYM meets more frequently (almost every week) on Sundays and introduces service projects, prayer and other gatherings to supplement the faith formation that the teens receive at home and through school. HSYM is open to ANY high school student from ANY school or parish.

If you have a child or a teen that would benefit from either of these two ministries, please contact Jeff Stutzman at youthministry@stmparish.net.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? If so, why not explore a little more? Come to RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Sessions meet every Monday from 7-8pm in the school beginning on September 10th and continuing through May 6th. To register, please call the rectory. God Bless!

PSR

The Parish School of Religion, PSR, provides religion classes once a week on Monday evenings (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. **Registration is still open and classes begin on September 10th!** Forms are available on the parish web site, in the vestibule of the church or in the rectory.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2019

If you will be in the 8th Grade for the 2018/2019 school year and are NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmparish.net to get information on service.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

An inter-parish men's group will meet September 7th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, September 4th to make a reservation.

TRIBUNAL

2018 First Step program: Continuing education regarding marriage and divorce in the Catholic Church.

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The First Step Program will be held on Tuesday, September 18th at 7pm at St. Ambrose, Brunswick. Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information, visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call 216-696-6525, ext. 4000.



CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, October 3rd for a trip to the Scioto Downs. Cost is \$30/person. Casino Bonus: \$20 free play & 1/2 off buffet. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 or Betty Konopka at 216-459-1434 to book your trip.

ST. LEO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Thursday, September 20th for our Walnut Creek, Ohio trip. We will visit Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery & Farms Market, Heini's Cheese, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Schrock Village and Breitenbach Winery. Cost is \$65/person Please call Joanne Todd to book this trip at 440-526-3505.

St. Thomas More
Athletics



Car Wash & Donut Sale

Sunday, Aug 26
8:30am until 12:30pm

Car Wash - Free Will Donation Donuts - \$8 per dozen



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Appeal for Education

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are changing the lives of children and their families. When you give to the **Faith & Values Appeal** to support tuition assistance for a Catholic School student, you are giving a gift that will live on in the lives of those served in our schools. Students, their parents, grandparents and other family members sacrifice to provide a Catholic education and are grateful for tuition assistance provided through the Faith and Value Appel for Education. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools where faith makes a difference. To donate online, go to www.CatholicCommunity.org/eddonate or call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 ext. 1910.



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