

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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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 - TBD

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

(The rectory is closed for lunch from 1-1:30pm)

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Schneider
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Liz Schneider
Business Manager

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 –

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

*9:00 AM - Michael Heryak

*11:00 AM - Thomas Coyne

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 –

ST. CLARE

8:15 AM - John Skubie

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 –

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

6:45 PM - Joseph Roth

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 –

SS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

8:15 AM - Patricia Gorisek

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 –

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 –

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

11:15 AM - Beverly & Ted Madzia

6:45 PM - Mother's Day Enrollment

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 –

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

8:15 AM - Katie Sutkowy

4:30 PM - Joseph & Dolores Hules -
50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 –

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Helen Mulrenen

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 3rd \$4,951.50
Maintenance \$1,265.00
Student's Weekly Offering (7 Envelopes) \$36.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions?
Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, August 11

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Cheer Practice - Gym

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 5/6 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 8 VB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, August 12

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Drop-In - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 7 VB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, August 13

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary
Shrine at Incarnate Word

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 1/2 Cheer Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 5/6 VB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Drop-In - Gym

Thursday, August 14

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Drop-In - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 8 VB Practice - Gym

Friday, August 15

ASSUMPTION *of the blessed virgin Mary*

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary today, which is a holy day of obligation. Our Mass schedule is 11:15am and 6:45pm.

If you prefer to attend an early morning Mass, St. Ignatius of Antioch has a 9am Mass.

60+ CLUB

Please join us to say the rosary at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Shrine (6618 Pearl Road) on Wednesday, August 13th. Lunch after at a local restaurant. All are welcome!

BACK TO SCHOOL MASS

Back to School Mass, Backpack Blessing & Pizza: Sunday, August 24th (11am Mass)

Pizza - Join us after Mass for pizza & chips near the school. An RSVP is requested but not required in order to plan for space & food. This is a FREE event, but donations will be gladly accepted.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we examine a ruler of many nations who almost reestablished the Western Roman Empire: King Charles the Great, often referred to as Charlemagne. This brief overview will help us to understand how Germanic traditions kept Europe politically divided.

Born in AD 748 Charles rose to dominate Western Europe as the King of the Franks. A collection of German tribes, the Franks controlled most of (you guessed it) modern-day France, the Low Countries, and western Germany. Charles's family had come to control the Franks as the mayors of Austrasia and Neustria several generations earlier. These Carolingians were the power behind the king of the Franks, who had no real power by the 700's. Pepin the Short, Charles' father, decided that enough was enough and convinced the nobles to recognize himself and his family as the actual kings. They would hold onto their power for centuries.

King Charles the Great was the high water mark of the Carolingians. Supporting the Church in her mission to evangelize and consolidating power under his administration, Charles extended the Franks' control over some of Spain and northern Italy. Driving the Lombards (another Germanic set of tribes) from power, Charles secured the most important cities of Italy. This full annexation of one Germanic kingdom by another was unheard of and made Charles the most powerful man in Europe. It also secured northern and central Italy for the popes, who saw Charles and the Carolingians as their benefactors.

Fast forward to Christmas Day 800. Charles had just rescued Pope Leo III from his enemies in Rome - Leo had escaped having his tongue and eyes removed. At Christmas morning mass, Pope Leo crowned Charles the "Emperor of the Romans." For the first time in 325 years there was a man called Emperor in the West. The Eastern Empire refused to recognize his claim on the Western Empire, but they did consider a marriage offer between Charles and Empress Irene in 803. Unfortunately, Irene was deposed and the Carolingian Empire and Byzantine Empire stayed separate.

Although Charlemagne's son, Louis, kept the Franks together, the realm broke apart after his death into East, Middle, and West Francia in AD 843. The reason for this division was the custom of universal succession. Every male heir gets something and has a potential claim on everything his father had. If that sounds like a recipe for civil wars and political intrigue, it is! Countries came and went as different men (and occasionally women) held different claims and territories.

With the end of the Frankish empire, Europe would lose its best chance to reorganize as a single political entity. Nevertheless, Charles fostered the hope of Europe being united again as it had under Rome. Instead of the Roman Empire disappearing into history, the men and women of power learned how close they had been. All the while the Church was along for the ride.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"The great method of prayer is to have none. If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of God, that will suffice for all method."

St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641),
Patron of forgotten people, Feast Day: August 12
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Elaine Smet & Family.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them into the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2025.**

"My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers
led by the bishops and priests of the
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland,
delivered each day through email.

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"My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer,
sharing information about each specific day,
encouraging you to enter into
a deeper relationship with God.

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*Let's all
come together
in prayer!*



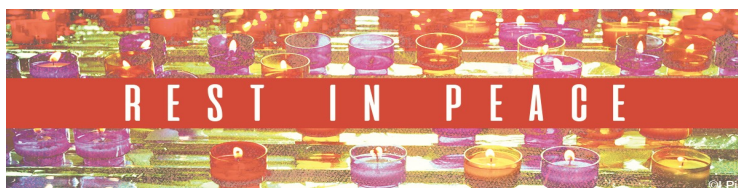
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, Lori Curry, Lisa Cwalinski, Barb Davis, Rosie DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Melissa Fogle, Norma Gademer, Ken Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Janice Kuchar, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Ronald Paten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, Tom Wenderoth, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Kathy Yomack & family, Evie Zalar, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
Helen Mulrenen, Alberta M. Palange,
Sister Catherine Fitzgerald, SIW,
Rev. Lawrence J. Bayer, and Rose Verdino
God grant them eternal rest.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For mutual coexistence - Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 16/17

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	David Marks Terri Cottos Marilu Slimak Jill Parks	Mary Lou LoBue Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Ainsley French	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jessica Noga Nathan Noga Terri Sozio	Rob Cepek Jennifer Mladineo	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Patty Riegling	Brendon Kiscoe Geovana Fagher	Rev. Don Snyder



We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you - not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

You can still sign up today by visiting faith.direct/OH684 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries' **Traveling Healing Mass** for August will be held at Holy Family Parish on **Friday, August 22nd, at 7:00 pm.** Fr. David Stavarz will be the celebrant. The church is located at 7367 York Rd, Parma, OH 44130. For the Healing Mass, praise and worship will begin at 7:00, and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are Welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

NEWS FROM THE ROCK CATHOLIC RADIO!

August is Make-A-Will Month, and there's no better time to take this critical step. The Rock has partnered with My Catholic Will, the most-trusted Catholic online will-writing platform. It's fast, secure, and 100% free to use. You can provide security for your family and loved ones and have the opportunity to give back to your favorite Catholic organizations, like The Rock Catholic Radio. Visit MyCatholicWill.com/TheRock today!

THE ROCK WANTS YOUR TESTIMONIAL!

Has listening to The Rock impacted your life? We want to hear your story about the programs that have converted your heart and mind, as well as, given you a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please submit your testimonial to am1260therock.com/contact-us or call us at 216-227-1260. You can also watch and read how it has helped others at am1260therock.com/listener-testimonials.



TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

We are looking for parish school of religion teachers. Our classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. There is a curriculum book that we use as well prepared resources. Please think about being part of our program and sharing your faith with our students to know and love God and our Catholic faith.

If you are interested please email me at psr@stmparish.net.

Thank you and God bless,

Terri Sozio, Director of Religious Education

FAITH FORMATION

PSR REGISTRATION - Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available on our website. Please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net with any questions.

OCIA - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called OCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2026

Confirmation - If your child will be in the 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please email psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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*Turning taxes into tuition with the
Catholic Community Foundation*

Many thanks to all who donated to the Angel Scholarship Fund for the 2024 tax year. The contributions that St. Thomas More School received will provide tuition assistance for our students. Donations made by April 15, 2026 are eligi-

ble for the 2025 state tax credit. Help us to continue to raise more scholarship funding to support our students. Contribution forms can be found at the rectory or online at CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution.

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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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register by calling the rectory or fill out the new parishioner registration form on our website. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Fourth Sunday of the Month. Time: TBD. 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

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

Annual Fall Shopping - Monday, September 22

Amish Country

Lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen (included)

Cost: \$74 per person

Deadline: Tuesday, September 16

Seneca Niagara & Allegany Casinos -

Thursday & Friday, October 23 & 24 (overnight)

Seneca - \$50 Slot Play \$20 Food Credit

Allegany - \$20 Slot Play \$5 Food Credit

Single Occupancy - \$289/person

Double Occupancy - \$198/person

Triple Occupancy - \$190/person

Deadline: Tuesday, September 16

Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

We will be hosting a Catholic Movie Night once a month. All movies are FREE in the Parish Center Upper Hall. They start promptly at 6pm. Dollar concessions available!

August 10 - Sister Act (1992)

September 14 - The Mission (1986)

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5
-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: *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, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 ©LPi

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

- ❖ Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work, and the community.
- ❖ Pass on our faith and tradition.
- ❖ Strengthen, love, and support all of God's people.
- ❖ Nurture our gifts and share them with others.
- ❖ Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.