

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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 – VIGIL

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Women’s Guild

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 –

ST. JOHN EUDES

6:45 PM - Officer William J. Fores

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 –

ST. BERNARD

8:15 AM - Audrey Roginsky

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 –

ST. PIUS X

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 –

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM - Andrew Trujillo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 –

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

8:15 AM - Norm & Flo Brown

*4:30 PM - Walter Augustine

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 –

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, August 18

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 4-8 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 19

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 20

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 21

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 22

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

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

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

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

Saturday, August 23

Missionary Weekend

Sunday, August 24

Missionary Weekend

11:00 AM Back to School Mass -

Blessing of the Backpacks

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Open House - Drop off School Supplies

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Collection for August 10th (\$2,965.00), Maintenance (\$729.00), Student's Weekly Offering (5 Envelopes) (\$33.00), Faith Direct as of 8/4 (\$4,010.00), and Faith Direct Maintenance (\$1,365.00).

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.



Congratulations to Emily Kokal & Joseph Safran who were married at St. Thomas More on August 9th. May God bless you both!

Parish Festival

The final numbers are in and we profited \$9,708.54 at our annual summer festival. Thank You!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! When we went over Charlemagne last week, we mentioned that he supported the evangelization of much of his realm. Today we are going to meet the man who did much of that preaching and is celebrated as the Apostle of the Germans: St. Boniface.

Born as Wynfret around AD 675 in modern day England, Boniface joined the Exeter monastery at an early age. Instead of becoming the abbot there, Boniface went to the region of Frisia in Germany. His initial work did not produce much as he had to flee back to England when war broke out in the region. The next year he went to Rome to receive the Pope's blessing and received the name of Boniface. More importantly, the Pope made him a missionary bishop to a large region of Germany.

Boniface inaugurated his second missionary attempt by felling the Donar Oak. Believed by the pagan Germans to be sacred to their gods, Boniface realized that it had to go. The legend has Boniface taking a single swing of the axe to the tree when a mighty wind then blew the tree over. Many Germans converted when Boniface built a church out of the wood demonstrating the strength of the Christian God. Whatever the providence of this legend, Boniface firmly established the Church among the Saxons.

Around AD 723 Boniface was granted protection of Charles Mantel - the grandfather of Charlemagne. The Carolingians supported Boniface's missionary work as it dovetailed with their desire to incorporate the Saxon Germans into their kingdom. The more Christian the Germanic tribes became the more they wanted their leaders to be Christians.

A decade later in 732 Boniface returned to Rome and became archbishop of all Germany. Over the next decades he worked to regain control of the churches in France and Germany. Why weren't these churches obedient to Rome? Simple: they had been given away as rewards.

When Charles Mantel won the battle of Tours in 732, he gave many cathedrals, monasteries, and local churches to his supporters. At least, he gave their taxes and control to them. Defeating the Muslims and saving Europe from Islam gave Charles Mantel a lot of political power. Here we must remember that at this time the state as we know it did not exist in the West. What existed were personal relations that depended on individuals' charism and influence. Men like Charlemagne and Charles Mantel were in charge because men by the thousands would follow them into battle. Nevertheless, Boniface succeeded in getting much of the Church giving their material support to Rome instead of the Carolingians.

In 754 Boniface returned to Frisia in hopes of completing its conversion. Instead of potential converts coming to his summons, a band of robbers ambushed and killed him and his entourage. These bandits did not find silver and gold but Bibles much to their chagrin. Across Europe Boniface was almost immediately proclaimed a saint after his martyrdom. He died as he lived: saving souls.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head and that you are a member of his body. He belongs to you as the head belongs to the body. All that is his is yours: breath, heart, body, soul and all his faculties. All of these you must use as if they belonged to you, so that in serving him you may give him praise, love and glory."

St. John Eudes (1601-1680),
Priest, Confessor,
Feast Day: August 19

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.

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.**

BACK TO SCHOOL MASS

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

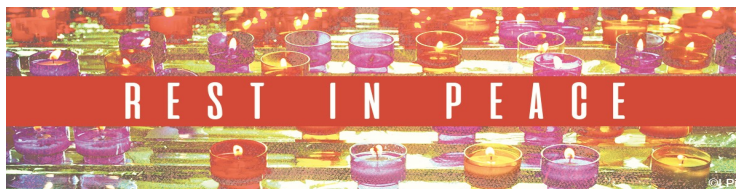
Pizza - Join us after Mass for pizza & chips near the school. An RSVP is requested but not required in order to plan for space & food. This is a FREE event, but donations will be gladly accepted.



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, Norma Gademer, Ken Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, Bobby Hengoed, Eddie Hengoed, Jr., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Joan Kalal, 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 Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Special Intention, 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
Sister Catherine Fitzgerald, SIW,
Rev. Lawrence J. Bayer, Rose Verdino, Daniel Allen,
and Jean Reisinger Davis.
God grant them eternal rest.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are changing the lives of children and their families. Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year more than 4,000 students received need-based tuition assistance. 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 school. 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.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY

An inter-parish men's group will meet September 5th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Our speaker will be Rev. Fr. Anthony Donatelli, recently ordained to the priesthood. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, September 2nd to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 23/24

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Marilu Slimak Sheryl Finohr Nina Ferguson David Marks	Tim Lozar Blake Liebert	Emma Wright Amy Vu	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Chris Koch Heather Roberts Bonnie Kaznoch Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jennifer Mladineo Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Sue Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Jackson Colón Cruz Colón	Rev. Don Snyder

THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF THE HEART OF JESUS

At Masses on August 23-24, parishioners will hear about the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus. The second collection will be dedicated to their mission. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More.

The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus were founded in 1867 by Saint Daniel Comboni, the first Bishop of Central Africa. Today, the Comboni Missionaries number close to 1,500, with an equal number of Comboni Missionary Sisters. Together, they serve in over forty countries in Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia.

The Comboni Missionaries remain true to their original calling as missionaries, and often serve where the Church is new and where people are just forming their Christian identity. They also serve in marginalized communities, including in some of the most impoverished places on Earth. Their parishes can be the size of American states, or within the slums of the developing world. Emphasis is given to evangelization, and to service to people who are poor many of whom have no place else to turn.

Funds collected through the Missionary Cooperative Plan are directed to projects in Africa and Latin America to evangelize, to educate (especially girls and young women), and to create better living conditions, such as through clinics and the provision of clean water. Beneficiaries range from street vendors in Peru to the Pygmies in the Central African Republic to desert dwellers in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya.

In North America, the Comboni Missionaries have a contingent of 30 members in Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Newark and Hamilton, Ontario. Their North American Mission Center is at 1318 Nagel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255.

www.combonimissionaries.org

SHARING MARKET



There are baskets in the main vestibule that you can bring your extra vegetables from your garden to share with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a bag and feel free to help yourself.

MY DAILY PRAYERS

“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 directly to your email. Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers.



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 eligible 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.

ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

St. Josaphat will hold their annual festival on Saturday, August 23rd (12-11pm) and Sunday, August 24th (12-9pm). Ukrainian & Ethnic Food ~ Live Bands & Performances ~ Bounce Houses ~ Face Painting & More. Free Parking <http://stjosaphatcathedral.com/festival>

CHURCH FESTIVALS

We are so grateful for the support we received during our festival. For a complete listing of festivals, visit ohiofestivals.net/ohio-festivals/

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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!

September 14 - The Mission (1986)

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt
19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-
16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt
22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c
-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3,
4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb
12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 ©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.