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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

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St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 –
VIGIL**

*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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 –

SS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - LoBue & Kaduk Families

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 –

ST. MONICA

8:15 AM - Rose & Stanley Morales

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 –

ST. AUGUSTINE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 –

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15 AM - Tom Martin

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - August Birthdays

4:30 PM - Rev. Russell P. Lowe

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 –

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 17th \$3,060.00
Maintenance \$908.00
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) \$57.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, August 25

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 26

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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 27

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 28

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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 29

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 30

Utopia Rental

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.

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, August 26th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed.

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, August 28th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering. Men and women 60 years old and over are welcome. No fees or dues to join. Hope to see you then!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Although *The History Channel* is not the best place for well researched information about the past, it is the great popularizer of such events. Its hit show *Vikings* may have stretched the truth (a lot), but it did cover a very important and often forgotten event: the Viking conquest of England.

Around AD 780 Vikings began to raid England, France, and parts of Germany. The Vikings would raze towns to the ground, enslave women and children, and steal whatever valuables they could find. Across Western Europe the Vikings were able to raid deep inland due to their ships having very low drafts, i.e. they did not need deep rivers and could go almost anywhere the water flowed. Eventually, these raids forced the Frankish kings to organize relatively large armies or buy the Vikings off.

The peoples of England were less lucky. At the time of the first Viking raids, Picts, Britons, and Scots lived in modern day Scotland. South of them in Wales and England lived Angles and Saxons who were Germans but increasingly grew into one ethnic group and, of course, the Welsh. These groups did not like each other much, but they did accept Christianity and so tolerated other Christians. England only had a half a million people in it with very few towns of note - York and London being the only ones with any great level of development. Scattered across the island, however, were monasteries that slowly gained wealth in the form of religious art and church vessels (chalices and vestments). The Vikings discovered that England lacked any strong powers and that monasteries were easy pickings - monks did not fight very well.

The resulting raids intensified over the next century till the Vikings actually invaded England for outright conquest. By AD 865 eastern England had become the Danelaw - a territory occupied by Vikings who treated the populace as a conquered race. For a while the Vikings attempted to consolidate their holdings but were unable to do so. The Vikings would only be forced out of England entirely at the Battle of Stamford Bridge in 1066. If that year sounds familiar, it should. For in that year the Normans successfully invaded and conquered England, but that is a story for another day.

The Viking raids against England, and Western Europe more generally, reveal how fragile and chaotic politics were at that time. The lack of military power available to kings, dukes, and counts forced them to create defensive works to protect their own territory. Wooden palisades eventually gave way to stone keeps. The Middle Ages of great castles and powerful noblemen started to exist because of the Vikings.

Eventually, missionaries were accepted in Scandinavia and those lands too became Christian. The conversion of the Baltic would take more than kind words: crusades would be launched. Perhaps the most misunderstood part of the Middle Ages, the crusades will be our next topic.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"Whenever we cover our brother's sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother's guilt, God will do the same about ours."

St. Poemen (340-450),
Monk, Desert Father,
Feast Day: August 27

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Cynthia Tedesco.

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.**

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.

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 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 & Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, 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 (Grunkowski) 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
Daniel Allen, Jean Reisinger Davis
(Sister Jane's sister), Donald & Maria Nunney.
God grant them eternal rest.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the annual Faith & Values Appeal.

FAITH DIRECT/PARISHSOFT

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.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition. You'll receive more information as we get closer to launch.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 30/31

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Marilu Slimak Mary Lou LoBue Steve Cottos Sheryl Finohr	Blake Liebert Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Heather Roberts Nathan Noga Dolores Hules Jennifer Mladineo	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jessica Noga	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Mike Sommers Barbara Kish	Gabrielle Madison Paige Madison	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

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our annual birthday party is back! You are cordially invited to a Birthday Celebration in honor of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Our celebration will include input from Gilbert Keith Chesterton on the part that Mary played in his conversion to the Catholic Church.

The Rosary will be offered up for the cause of life, followed by a birthday celebration with the traditional cake and a wide variety of party foods.

All are welcome to attend this free event at St. Clement Church (14505 Madison Ave., Lakewood) on Monday, September 8th at 7pm. Sponsored by the St. Clement Respect Life Committee. For more information, please call 216-312-2511.



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.

2025 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The 2025 Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection is Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Road, in Independence.

Join us for a day of spiritual renewal featuring:
Mass with Bishop Michael Woost
Speakers: Jackie Angel and Fr. Ryan Mann
Music by Kira Andrea

Register at tobcle.org. Cost: \$45 (Students \$25, Religious free)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

JOIN US!

Sunday, September 7th

12:15 - 2:15

REGISTER HERE



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