

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
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 –
VIGIL**

*4:30 PM - Rosaline Heatley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 –

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Mary Woodall

MONDAY, AUGUST 4 –

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

8:15 AM - O'Connor Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Henry Polidori

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 –

ST. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS AND

ST. CAJETAN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 –

ST. DOMINIC

8:15 AM - Casmer Nagorka

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 –

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

8:15 AM - Betty Wozniak

2:00 PM - Kokal/Safran Wedding

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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 27th \$3,058.00

Maintenance \$580.00

Student's Weekly Offering (14 Envelopes) \$96.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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

Tuesday, August 5

9:30 AM - Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

Friday, August 8

Utopia Rental



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.



III - Emily Kokal (St. Thomas More) & Joseph Safran

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we are discussing what happened to the Church in the Eastern Roman Empire as the West fell apart. As the de facto religion of the Eastern Empire, Christianity had to take part in politics whether it wanted to or not.

Typically histories of this time focus on the ecumenical councils that continued to clarify the Faith, but we are going to summarize. The Council of Chalcedon in AD 451 articulated the Hypostatic Union in which we understand that Jesus Christ has two natures (human and divine) under one Person. About a hundred years later, the Second Council of Constantinople reaffirmed these teachings and condemned the heresy of Nestorianism, which held that Jesus was two distinct persons. In AD 680 the Third Council of Constantinople affirmed that Jesus had two wills that always acted in unison. This council thus condemned the belief that Jesus had a single will - monothelitism. The last vital council was Second Nicea in AD 787, which clarified the teachings of the Church about icons. In short, icons are cool and should not be smashed.

Of the councils mentioned, all of them were centered on Christ except Second Nicea, which focused on icons. That tempest did not come from nowhere. In the East (and it is still the case today among Eastern Christians) icons play a central role in worship. In fact the tradition of icons goes back to a relic we often associate with the West: the Shroud of Turin. The traditional view is that the first icon of Christ was created using the Shroud as a template. Accordingly, all iconography can be traced back to Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Whereas Western Christians will eventually focus on Eucharistic piety (a story for another article), the Easterns developed a deep and abiding devotion to icons.

This devotion went to extremes that disturbed some, including Emperor Leo III. After a major earthquake in 726 caused major tsunami's, Leo III thought that God was punishing the Eastern Empire for worshipping images. What started as a movement of reform quickly degenerated into a low intensity civil war between iconodules, those who loved icons, and iconoclasts, those who smashed icons. Depending on the town or city's religious fervor, one faction or the other won out and would punish - often with riots and street killings - the other side. We now speak of iconoclasm any time that a culture decides to destroy its own art after this incident.

Second Nicea would affirm Pope Gregory III's position - icons are cool - and bring some respite to the East. Although another wave of iconoclasm would erupt in 814, the iconodules had prevailed. At the root of iconoclasm is a misunderstanding of other people's piety and desire to impose one's own purer form of faith. Differences in piety are a blessing to be celebrated, not an impurity to be removed.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
Walter Augustine, Sandra Burns,
Helen Mulrenen, and Alberta M. Palange.
God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time for you. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Gil & Joan Vanza.

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.**



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **July** -
Erica, Hunter & Deegan Dzurik and
Dennis & Helen Czerwony.
Welcome to you!



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 Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, 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.

Join us for the 25th Anniversary of *The FEST!!!*

**For 25 years, thousands from across
our region come together for an
inspiring day of faith, family and
fun – all for FREE...**

**It's The FEST on Sunday, August 3, 2025
in Wickliffe, Ohio.**

**The FEST brings together the best of the
contemporary Christian artists –
Seph Schlueter, Ben Fuller, Danny Gokey
and Maverick City Music.**

**There are faith-based crafts and activities for
the kids. Meaningful displays for adults. There's
inflatables, BMX show, a dog show, along with the
Marc's Moms' Relaxation Station and Man Cave.**

**The FEST has opportunities to come together
in prayer and reflection, along with Adoration
and Confession.**

**The day closes with a beautiful outdoor Mass with
Bishop Malesic at 8 pm followed by an amazing
American Fireworks Display.**

**There's something for everyone at The FEST.
Join us!**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025
Center for Pastoral Leadership
in Wickliffe, OH | 12 noon - 10 pm**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 9/10

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Jill Parks David Marks Denise Puening Sheryl Finohr	Al Margevicius Peggy Palumbo	Noah Nguyen	Friar Stephen DeWitt
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Jennifer Mladineo Vern Recker Chris Koch	Mary Lou LoBue Jaclene Zauszniewski	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Friar Bill McIntyre
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Alexia Torres Audreyana Infante	Friar Bill McIntyre



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CONTRIBUTION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: Donations must be made by **April 15, 2026** to be eligible for a 2025 state tax credit.

State of Ohio Tax Payers can claim a tax credit of up to \$750 as an individual or \$1,500 if married filing jointly.

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Support Area of Greatest Need: \$ _____
 School Designation: _____ \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

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- ☐ **2025 Tax Year**
 Eligibility: Donations made between 1/1/25-4/15/26
☐ **2026 Tax Year**
 Eligibility: Donations made between 1/1/26-4/15/27

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☐ IRA
☐ Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX
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 Phone: _____
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Spouse Designation

Support Area of Greatest Need: \$ _____
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Spouse Payment Information

- ☐ Check if payment info is the same, one check can be submitted
 I am paying by:
☐ Check (made payable to Angel Scholarship Fund)
☐ IRA
☐ Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX
 Card Number: _____
 Expires: _____ CVV Code: _____
 Signature: _____

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or Monthly Contribution

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 or call our office for assistance at 216-696-6525 x 3670



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THANK YOU! Your support directly impacts a family's ability to afford a Catholic education.

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Brooklyn, OH 44144

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:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next 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 ©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.