

# 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

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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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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 –**

**VIGIL**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 –**

**LABOR DAY**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 –**

**WEEKDAY**

6:45 PM - Ken & Marie Jablonski

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 –**

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

8:15 AM - Virginia DeGirolamo

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 –**

**WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 –**

**WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 –**

**WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - John Skubie

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 –**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

\*9:00 AM - Sandra Burns

11:00 AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for August 24th ..... \$3,035.03

Maintenance ..... \$566.00

Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) ..... \$64.00

Faith Direct as of 8/15 ..... \$2,037.50

Faith Direct Maintenance ..... \$387.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684). Have questions?  
Please email [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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**Monday, September 1 RECTORY CLOSED**

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

No Athletics



**Tuesday, September 2**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Athletic Pictures - Utopia Hall

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, September 3**

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

6:30 PM Curriculum Night - Church, School & Gym

**Thursday, September 4**

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, September 5**

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, September 6**

Utopia Rental

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Football - Field

Rosary before Mass

**Saturday, September 7**

Grandparents Day

Rosary before Masses

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 1st due to the observance of Labor Day and Mass will be at 9am.

### ROSARY

Next weekend, September 6th & 7th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!



I - Emily Carson (St. Thomas More) &  
Matthew Henderson

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Of all the things that the Church engaged in, the Crusades are the most controversial. They were also perhaps the most complex. This article will give some general points and note the areas and times of crusades.

First, the Church did not develop the idea of a holy war of conquest. The bloody takeover of the Middle East, North Africa, and Iberia by the Rashidun and Umayyad Caliphates for Islam redefined warfare in the seventh and eighth centuries. The Church certainly supported the defensive call to arms at the Battle of Tours that stopped the Umayyads from entering France in AD 732. From this point forward religion (Catholic and non) was a motivation to go to war.

Second, the original call to reconquer the Holy Land came not from the Pope but from the Byzantine Emperor in 1095. Emperor Alexius I Comnenus wanted help from the West in reclaiming lands in Turkey and Syria. He petitioned Pope Urban II for aid, and he agreed. At the end of the Council of Clermont, Pope Urban gave his famous speech calling for a crusade to retake the Holy Land. It is reasonable to assume that Pope Urban saw his cooperation with the Byzantine Emperor as a way of reuniting the Eastern and Western Churches, which had drifted into schism. Nevertheless, Pope Urban had argued that going on crusade would be a way of doing penance for their sins. Throughout the following centuries, most men who went on crusade did so to gain access to the Holy Land or to show God their sorrow for their sins.

Third, going on crusade could be ruinously expensive. Unlike today where travel is quick and relatively inexpensive, at the time of the crusades most people never left the town they were born in. A lord who went on crusade would have to pay for the transport, food, and wages of the knights he took. The levies - peasants forced to come along - would also have to be fed, and any ships carrying them would be paid for. The best example of this was King Louis IX, who spent an amount equal to six years of his government's taxes taking his armies to Egypt only to be captured himself.

Fourth, the crusades for the Holy Land were the least worthwhile. The Reconquista of Iberia can be seen as the most successful in terms of freeing Christians. The crusades in the Baltic went so well that the Teutonic Order got their own state: the Duchy of Prussia. The crusades against Catharism, also known as Albigensians, did remove the gnostic cult but at great cost in terms of lives.

As we have run out of space, next time we will address the morality of the Crusades in particular and war more generally. Even though the crusaders themselves were often motivated by the Gospel, they often conducted grossly unjust wars. Let us always remember to pray for peace.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## SAINT QUOTE

*"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."*

Pope St. Gregory I (540-604),  
Pope, Patron of Musicians,  
Feast Day: September 3

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of August - Margarita Matos.

## 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 2026.**

## WOMEN'S GUILD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our meetings will begin again starting Tuesday, September 16th at 11:30AM in Utopia Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. John J. Schneider. Pastry, coffee, and tea will be served. Hope you can join us.

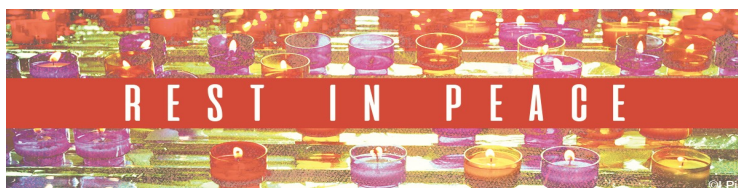




### PRAYER REQUESTS

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  
Donald & Maria Nunney, Jean Wiesler, and  
Frank Siedlack, Jr.  
God grant them eternal rest.

### PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. 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.

### 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 our relationship with all of creation - Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on the weekend of September 13-14 to assist the Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas.

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 6/7

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	David Marks Nina Ferguson Mary Lou LoBue Jill Parks	Sheryl Finohr Al Margevicius	Emma Wright Amy Vu	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Terri Sozio Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Heather Roberts	Jennifer Mladineo Jessica Noga	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Patty Riegling Bernie Barker Joanne Uhl Linda Rafferty	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Amelia Nieves Cruz Colón	Rev. John Schneider

# **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**      **August 31, 2025**

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

God of all knowledge, you knew us when we were still in our mother's womb. You know our comings and our goings. Grant us wisdom to act on the knowledge we have of you, and humility to admit when we do not know what to do.

Bless our minds with the knowledge of you and how you sent your Son into the world to show us the way to you. Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school. Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn. In addition, give us who are parents the ability to be the first teachers in the faith we have received from our parents. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother. Amen. ©LPi

Welcome back! School resumes on Tuesday, September 2nd. Good luck to all of our students and teachers on the new school year!

Parking Lot - With school resuming this week, please be careful in the parking lot. We need to always be mindful of anyone walking across the lot whether it be during school time, an athletic or parish event. Slow down and watch out for others!

## **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](https://CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:psr@stmparish.net).

## **FROM THE DESK OF SR. JANE**

I am truly overwhelmed by all the expressions of sympathy and support that I have received since the death of my sister, Jean Davis. St. Thomas More is certainly a caring community. From the floral arrangement sent from St. Thomas More Parish and School Staff, the Women's Guild, all the cards, Masses, emails and kind words have been very comforting for my family and me. I hold each of you in my heart and will often read over again the beautiful messages you sent.

By calling Jean "my twin sister," I have unknowingly given out my age, as someone reminded me. When we were born, my older sister wanted to send the two of us back to the hospital, but I am glad she couldn't find an accomplice. Jean was not my "evil twin;" she was my "fun twin" and a true blessing from God. One day she told me that I was too "preachy." Apparently, I did not listen. She always kept me grounded and able to laugh even at ourselves.

The Catholic Church has a marvelous "networking" system. It is called the "Communion of Saints." The Church on Earth can pray for one another and the Church Suffering, and the Church in Heaven prays for us. Every Mass reminds us of this in the Eucharistic Prayers. I would also like to recognize a group in our Parish known as Ministers of Prayer and Praise. Each day, using their own prayer time, they pray for the intention of the Parish and Society. No meetings, only a monthly newsletter that lists daily intentions for the day. Call the Rectory if you would like to hear more about it.

Another "behind the scenes group" is the Ministry of Consolation who can help you prepare a prayerful Mass of Christian Burial. Speaking of Mass, we also want to put a shout-out for more lectors, adult and youth servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Please call the Parish Office and Lisa will refer you to the person with whom you need to speak. Many times, families from outside the parish come for Mass, we want them to be welcomed by a vibrant, joy-filled parish with lots of liturgical Lay Ministers who can help us worship our Good and Loving God. It takes an invitation from you to make this happen.

## **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.



Don't forget to stop by and check out the FREE religious items on the cart next to the Sharing Market.

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar  
September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 RECTORY CLOSED NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS MASS AT 9AM</p> 	<p>2 Sports Pictures 5-9pm Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p> 	<p>3 Curriculum Night 6:30-8pm Football Practice 6-8pm</p>	<p>4 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>5 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>6 Utopia Rental CYO Football 10am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass</p>
<p>7 <b>Grandparents Day</b> Rosary before Masses</p>	<p>8 Board of Elections 3-10pm 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>9 Board of Elections 5am-10pm Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>10 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm PTU Meeting 6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 5/6 VB Practice 7-8pm Drop-In 8-9pm</p> 	<p>11 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>12 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>13 2nd Collection: Victims in Gaza Utopia Rental CYO Football 9am-2pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
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<p>21 <b>Catechetical Sunday</b></p> 	<p>22 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm</p> 	<p>23 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm St. Elias Food Pantry: 2pm Distribution: 3:30-5:30pm Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>24 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 5/6 VB Practice 7-8pm Drop-In 8-9pm</p>	<p>25 60+ Club 1pm 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>26 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>27 CYO Volleyball 9am-2pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>	<p>30 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm</p>				