

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

Frank Kozuch
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Paul Joseph Kolenc

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 –

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Secilio & Vickie Caraballo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - For Our Country

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 –

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

6:45 PM - Members of the Healing Hearts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15 AM - James Cosgriff

6:45 PM - People of the Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 –

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 –

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – ST. PETER DAMIAN

8:15 AM - Unhoused

*4:30 PM - Linda Bagley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 –

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Janice Kuchar

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 8th	\$3,010.00
Maintenance	\$1,047.00
Student's Weekly Offering (10 Envelopes)	\$80.00
ParishSoft from 1/1 - 1/31	\$4,291.00
ParishSoft Maintenance	\$1,762.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PARISHSOFT - FAITH DIRECT

Faith Direct is now ParishSoft. You can log in at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-684.

Have questions? Please call ParishSoft Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, February 16

NO SCHOOL

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, February 17

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends - UH

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 7:45PM PSR - School

Wednesday, February 18



Thursday, February 19

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Friday, February 20

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 21

Utopia Rental

Sunday, February 22

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM First Reconciliation -

Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. Join us this Tuesday, February 17th at 4pm in Utopia Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2025 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 2/15/26

Processional Hymn: #730 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Offertory Hymn: #453 Only In God

Communion: #444 Only A Shadow

Closing: #443 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ASH WEDNESDAY'S HYMNS 2/18/26

Processional Hymn: #140 Lord Who Throughout
These Forty Days

Ashes Distribution: #139 Ashes to Ashes

Offertory Hymn: #664 Hosea

Communion: #663 Loving and Forgiving

Closing: #141 Ashes

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. Having gone over how the Church spread to Central and South America, we should look at how she developed in our own country. How did the Catholic Church come to the United States? Moreover, how did the Church organize itself in the early days of our country? Let's find out.

As most Catholics know, Maryland was founded to be a Catholic colony. In 1634 about 150 Catholics and Protestants braved the Atlantic to found St. Mary's City. Guaranteed religious protection by the Act of Toleration in 1649, Catholics enjoyed their lives with dignity in Maryland for a while. Unfortunately, in 1689 the English Crown revoked the colony's charter and made the Church of England the official religion of the colony. Catholics, and non-Anglicans, were barred from office and often had to pay double portions of taxes.

In nearby Pennsylvania many Catholics found the Quakers' religious toleration a true Godsend and began settling there. On the eve of the Revolutionary War, however, Catholics only amounted to 35,000 out of a population of 2.5 million, or barely over 1 percent of the Thirteen Colonies. That war changed Catholics' fortunes dramatically. Whereas before the war the United States had no bishops but were led by a Papal representative stationed in London, in 1789 Bishop John Carroll became the first bishop with his diocese of Baltimore. Bishop Carroll's brother Charles had signed the Declaration of Independence representing well the support that Catholics gave our country's move to independence. Nevertheless, the Church was tiny at the close of the 18th century, with one bishop, about 30 priests, and maybe 40,000 Catholics.

Over the next few decades the Church began to expand from immigration and institutional growth. The Louisiana Purchase in 1804 opened up new lands for settlement as Napoleon's Wars in Europe displaced populations. By 1810 the United States had its own seminary, Elizabeth Ann Seton had started the first American Catholic school system, and Baltimore had been raised to an Archdiocese along with New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Bardonia in Kentucky. By our country's 50th birthday, however, the Catholic population had not kept pace with overall growth: 150,000 Catholics out of a population of 12 million is less than 1 percent.

The Church's real growth would come in the next four decades as immigrants from Germany and Ireland came. By the eve of the Civil War, Catholics would number 3 million out of a prewar population of 30 million: 10 percent! Catholicism went from being a tiny minority to the largest single denomination in those pivotal years with a corresponding growth of Catholic institutions. My own ancestors from Prussia came over during this time and settled in Parma, Ohio, where they continued speaking German.

As one might expect, the influx of non-English speakers upset many Americans. The Nativist movement and its No Nothing Party eventually died off after a few decades, but the opposition that Catholics and Protestants faced at this time remind us that assimilation is rarely easy or straightforward. May we pray that whenever these tensions occur - as they do today - that all sides remember that we are God's children first.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Madelyn Koranda.

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. Most of March is still available.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."

St. Peter Damian (1007-1072),

Bishop,

Feast Day: February 21

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

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Quinn McNeill
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Wadsworth

Propaedeutic I, Borromeo

Please keep Quinn and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.



2026 MASS INTENTIONS

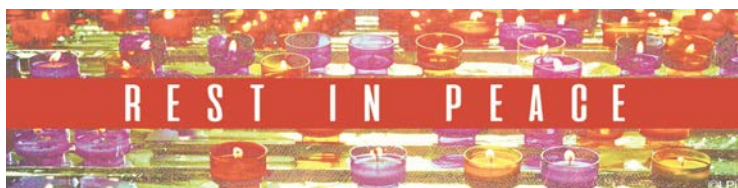
The Mass book for 2026 is available. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15am Masses. **If you have already scheduled your 2 Masses, you may schedule more at this time.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Daniel Breen, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Traci Kelber-Byrne, Michael C., Janet Call, John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Mike Castrigano, 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, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Annette Gyory, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Pat H., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Joshua, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Shirley Kowall, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Brother Bobby McFadden, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Lorrie Minch, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, Chuck Nohejl, David Novatny, Sue Oldag, Ellen Omi-lanowski, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Jim Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Judy Romaniw, Michael S., Mary Schneider, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Mark Suhajcik, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, 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
Carlos Enrique Rodriguez, Tom Wenderoth,
and Virginia Tilicky.
God grant them eternal rest.

Bereavement Ministry

The Ministry of Consolation is in need of volunteers. Please call the rectory if you are interested in this very special ministry.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it.

Yours are the hands... Your support of the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of those who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 21/22

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr Marilu Slimak	Chet Omilanowski Tim Lozar	Ainsley French Amy Vu	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Dolores Hules Heather Roberts	Jaclene Zauszniewski Mary Lou LoBue	Holly Roberts Chase Gerlach	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Linda Rafferty	Patty Riegling Barbara Kish	Cruz Colón Gypsi Hamm	Fr. Don Snyder



Notes From our Music Ministry –
by Frank J. Kozuch; Music Director

Now that we have celebrated our Savior's birth and put all the decorations away, it is time to look ahead and prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. As one of the most sacred times of the liturgical year, we focus our hearts on prayer, fasting and almsgiving to God. It is always my intention to create a more prayerful and reflective environment with music that especially pertains to spiritual renewal. We typically eliminate preludes and reflection hymns however sometimes a very quiet instrumental is a prayerful enhancement. Please note we will be singing the *Mass of Renewal* settings in our BB Missal (#858, #860, #862 & #863) during this season.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

In the Early Childhood Education program, the children are working on identifying and extending patterns. This activity aligns with the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards for Mathematics, which focuses on recognizing, describing, and creating patterns.

The children were given a worksheet featuring hearts, with a pattern already started. Using their fine motor skills, they completed each pattern by coloring the hearts the correct colors. The patterns included AB, AABAA, ABBA, and ABC. The children did an awesome job!



Mrs. Zientarski
PreKindergarten

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Saint Ignatius High School honors the following alumni who made honors for the first semester - Richard Widdowson.

Saint Joseph Academy honors the following alumni who made honors for the first semester - Jocelynn Ashwood, Gabriella Cisneros, Jaime Stutzman, and Lucy Thomas.

PALMS

We will NOT be collecting palms this year. To dispose of your palms at home, you may bury them or burn them and spread the ashes outside.



Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and Good Friday, April 3rd, are days of abstinence from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of fast is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. Prayer opportunities include Children's Stations of the Cross at 2pm on Wednesdays and Stations of the Cross at 6pm on the following Fridays: February 20th, February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th. An almsgiving opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

2026 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

The following Tuesdays from 6-6:30pm:

February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, and March 24th or by appointment

Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession:

Wednesday, March 4th from 5-8pm

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

CRS RICE BOWL

Ending Hunger with CRS Rice Bowl - This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl - connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from any church entrance. Then, visit crs-ricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the 142nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rules. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

St. Thomas More School

2nd Quarter Honors

2025-2026

First Honors

Sophia Adkins, Faith Akateh, Luna Basen, Nicolas Cajo Rubio, Arlo Celis, Jonathan Collins, Cruz Colon, Daniel Coughlin, Bennett Crew, Leyna Crew, Brian Eichenmiller, Jose Gutierrez, Savannah Hodges, Audreyana Infante, Blake Liebert, Aaron Lin, Lexi Nguyen, Noah Nguyen, Leo Nunney, Erika Pedraza, Noah Redloske, Parker Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Kaleb Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez, Sofia Rodriguez, Rayahn Rosa, Benjamin Schillo, Scarlet Schoch, Jordan Thomas, Wyatt Thomas, Sofia Torres, Isaac Vandal, Leah Viera, and Gordon Wu

Second Honors

Xavier Bahr, Jackson Bussy, Hazel Celis, Jiahao Chen, Isabella Diaz, Geovana Fagher, Ainsley French, Khloe Giese, Mia Haught, Nathaniel Infante, Ellisynd Krause, Emmersyn Krause, Ayden Lin, Mason Mariotti, Daniel Pallotta, Julianna Ramos, Radames Rivera, Evelyn Smith, Ethan Tran, and Amy Vu

Third Honors

Arelys Amado, Dominic Azap II, Brandon Breeden, Emma Brown, Nathan Brown, Emilio Cartagena, Gianna Cline, Dariel Colon, Isabella DeLeon-Diaz, Chase Gerlach, Bianka Kingery, Sofia Kingery, Ayden Kosch, Alaya Lagunes, Adrializ Montoya Bruno, Henry Nguyen, Aerabella Ortiz, Brielle Oberby, Adare Quinn, Annalisse Rodriguez, Jacob Rodriguez, Nayeli Rosa, Angelina Sandate, Eric Shelton, Kaydence Stonko, Alexia Torres, Alaina Vandal Mateo Velazquez, Ava Viccarone, and Benjamin Widdowson

