

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 21 –

VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Linda Bagley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 –

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Janice Kuchar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 –

ST. POLYCARP

8:15 AM - Joseph M. Moynihan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - "Parky" & Sally Parkison

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Mary Ryba

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 –

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - February Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Joseph Ray

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 –

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00 AM - Leroy Werley

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 15th \$3,458.00

Maintenance \$934.00

Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$45.00

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

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Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

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

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Confessions - Church

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

Wednesday, February 25

2:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross - Church

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

5:00 PM Holy Hour for Peace @ the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Thursday, February 26

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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

Friday, February 27

2:00 PM Band Concert - Utopia Hall

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

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 28

Utopia Rental



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome Edmund Philip Steward who was baptized on February 15th. God bless you!

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, February 26th 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!

RECYCLING BINS

The three paper bins will soon be removed from the property. We kindly ask that you no longer bring paper products from home for disposal. There have been pickup issues and the school no longer profits from them. Thank you for your support over the years!

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 2/22/26

Processional Hymn: #132 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Offertory Hymn: #661 Change Our Hearts

Communion: #439 Be Not Afraid

Closing: #130 Led By the Spirit

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. Last time we left off with the Catholic Church becoming the largest single denomination in the United States on the eve of the American Civil War. In those early decades of the nineteenth century, the Faith came to Ohio.

The first Catholics in Ohio settled near Somerset, Ohio, in Perry County. On December 6, 1818 they erected the first Catholic church in the state, which they dedicated to St. Joseph. The third church of that parish still stands on the same spot where that original church was built.

Enough Catholics had moved to Ohio for the Diocese of Cincinnati to be established on June 19, 1821. Father Edward Fenwick, who had been the pastor of the above-mentioned St. Joseph's, became the first bishop of Ohio that year... as the whole state was covered by that single diocese. Over the next few decades the cities of Cincinnati and Cleveland experienced significant growth with more and more Catholic immigrants from Germany and France arriving.

In 1847 Pope Pius IX erected the Diocese of Cleveland splitting Ohio into two. Originally, this division cut through entire counties such that bishops of Cleveland and Cincinnati had to trade counties till the division followed county lines. The first church in Cleveland had been St. Mary's of the Flats, which had been built in 1840. To lead this new flock, Pope Pius IX chose a French-born priest named Louis Amadeus Rappe. Rappe had been ordained in 1829 and came to America in 1840 at the invitation of Archbishop Purcell. He had served as the first resident pastor in Toledo before being tapped for Cleveland.

Bishop Rappe moved with remarkable energy. Within a year of taking office, he had laid the cornerstone of a proper cathedral — St. John the Evangelist — at the corner of Superior Avenue and Erie Street (now East 9th Street). He also converted a frame building on East 6th Street into Cleveland's first diocesan seminary, which would later grow into St. Mary Seminary. By the end of 1848, the first priests for the new diocese had been ordained there.

Recognizing that a young diocese needed more clergy than American soil could yet produce, Rappe made a voyage to Europe in 1849 to recruit. He returned in 1850 with four priests, five seminarians, two Sisters of Charity, and six Ursuline nuns — a small but vital influx of talent and dedication. St. John's Cathedral was consecrated on November 7, 1852. This imposing Gothic brick structure signaled to the city that Catholicism had truly arrived. By then, Rappe had also established the city's first parochial school and was laying the groundwork for what would become a remarkable network of Catholic institutions. By the time his episcopacy ended in 1870, he had founded almost twenty parishes in Cleveland and set the diocese up for continued growth.

Our Faith started as one small church outside of one small town. Grace begins in each of us as one small invitation. May we remember the great things that God can do for us when we say "yes" to His Will.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Ron & Karen DiCaprio.

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.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Now may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the eternal high priest himself, the Son of God Jesus Christ, build you up in faith and truth and in all gentleness and in all freedom from anger and forbearance and steadfastness and patient endurance and purity."

St. Polycarp (75-156),

Bishop Martyr, Feast Day: February 23

(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

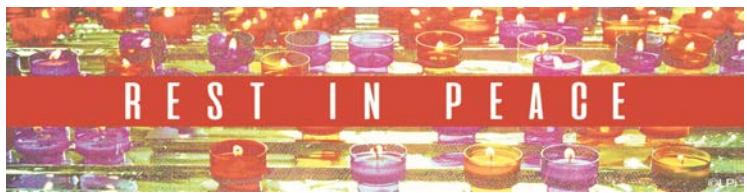
The Mass book for 2026 is available. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15am Masses. **If you have already scheduled your 2 Masses, you may schedule more at this time.**



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 Hengoed, Eddie Hengoed, 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
Catherine Palcisko
God grant her 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.

2026 BEHOLD RETREAT

The Behold Retreat is a mother-daughter retreat (any mother-daughter-like relationship) designed specifically for adult and teen women in the spirit of Mary's fiat.

The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Saturday, March 21st from 10am to 4pm.

The theme for 2026 is "Behold Friendship" with keynote speaker, Maggie Craig, author of Friendship Reset. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Damian Ference.

Registration is now open. Only 150 tickets will be sold. More information can be found at tobcle.org/behold.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for hosting the 2025 Baby Bottle Collection to support Womankind! A grand total of \$1,889.81 was collected in the Fall 2025 Campaign for Womankind. Your support helps us bring hope, help, and possibility to any pregnant woman who needs us, no matter the circumstances.

With gratitude,
Bridget O'Callahan, MSN, RN, CCM Executive Director

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE February 28/March 1

MASS	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue David Marks Marilu Slimak Jill Parks	Al Margevicius Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Chris Koch Terri Sozio	Jennifer Mladeno Dolores Hules	Noah Redloske Henry Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Amelia Nieves Geovanna Fagher	Fr. John Schneider

First Sunday of Lent

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The students in the Early Childhood Education Program at Saint Thomas More School have been excitedly exploring our new Creative Curriculum! As part of this experience, they dove into the Water Study, a hands-on, inquiry-based unit designed to build science knowledge through exploration and play. During the study, the class participated in a “Sink or Float” investigation. Students used their scientific thinking skills to make predictions about whether various objects would sink or float. They recorded their findings using tally marks, strengthening their math skills as they counted how many items sank and how many floated. The children then compared the totals to determine which group had more, further developing their understanding of number concepts. Language and literacy skills were also incorporated, as students used letter recognition to identify and read the words “sink” and “float” on the chart. The children had so much fun exploring, predicting, counting, and learning together through this engaging, hands-on activity!



Ms. Julia Henderson
Preschool

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Annual Men's Conference on March 7th, at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road.

Join other men from around the Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food, and Brotherhood. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's speakers are Pete Burak, columnist & podcaster; Fr. Damian Ference, Vicar for Evangelization; and Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who will also celebrate a Vigil Mass at the end of the day. For more information & to register please visit www.cmfneo.com.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

An inter-parish men's group will meet March 6th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Our speaker and celebrant will be Fr. Vincent Hawk, Pastor of Holy Trinity and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parishes, Avon. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, March 3rd to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00.

February 22, 2026



Good Friday, April 3rd, is a day 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 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

Lent: A Time of Preparation - CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

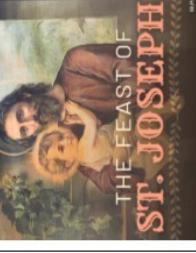
This weekend, our parish will take up the 142nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/cce. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Confessions 6:00-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	4 Children's Stations of the Cross 2pm Open House 4-6pm Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession 5-8pm	5	6 Stations of the Cross 6pm	7 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass
8 Rosary before Masses Confirmation Meeting 11am Mass & 12-1:30pm Meeting	9 	10 Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Confessions 6:00-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	11 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Children's Stations of the Cross 2pm First Reconciliation 6:30pm	12	13 	14 Utopia Rental PTU: Bowling with the Boys 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
15 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services Shroud of Turin Presentation 12pm	16 	17 NO SCHOOL Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Confessions 6:00-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	18 Children's Stations of the Cross 2pm	19 	20 Utopia Rental Stations of the Cross 6pm	21 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
22	23	24 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Confessions 6:00-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	25 Children's Stations of the Cross 2pm	26 60+ Club 1pm	27 Living Stations of the Cross 6pm	28 Donuts with the Easter Bunny Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
29 Egg-Strata-Ganza 10am-1pm First Communion Meeting 9am Mass 10am Meeting	30 	31 PSR 6:30-7:45pm				