

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

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, JANUARY 18 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 –

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - John A. Russo III

11:00 AM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 –

SS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 –

ST. AGNES

6:45 PM - John & Pauline Stropki

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 –

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8:15 AM - Karen DiRienzo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 –

SS. VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 –

FRANCIS DE SALES

8:15 AM - Deacon Rudolph Jarosh
- Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 –

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8:15 AM - January Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Patrick McGann

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 –

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - St. Thomas More Students & Faculty

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 12th \$3,450.70
Maintenance \$1,245.00
Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$56.00

Faith Direct as of 1/4 \$3,068.00
Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,340.00

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

OLP

Monday, January 20 NO SCHOOL

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 3 G BB Practice

- Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 3 B BB Practice

- Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice

- Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Cheer - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

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

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, January 22

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 3 B BB Practice

- Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 3 G BB Practice

- Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice

- Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Thursday, January 23

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Lil Wolverines Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Friday, January 24

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

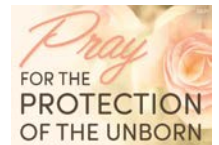
Saturday, January 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

Sunday, January 26

11:00 Mass - Kick-Off Catholic Schools Week

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM School Open House



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Please join the STM School Community on Sunday, January 26, 2025 for our Catholic Schools Week kick-off. We will begin with the 11:00 AM Parish Mass, followed by an Open House until 1:30. Stop by school to meet the teachers, hear from students, and witness the faith-filled environment we offer children from preschool through grade 8.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated Jubilee 2025. What is a jubilee though? How will this year of mercy help us get to heaven? Let's find out.

In ancient Israel and throughout the ancient world, the jubilee was an important practice to keep their civilizations running. When a new king came to power or at certain set intervals, all public debts were erased. The economic debts were not usually counted in money but in food. During famines and times of duress, the government would lend out its stores of food to landowners, who would in turn feed their workers and others. These debts would often be impossible to repay, which would in turn cause too much wealth to accumulate in too few pockets outside the government. Accordingly, the jubilee year cancelled those debts so that the ancient economy would stay diversified, i.e. the rich would not become super rich and oppose the government.

Besides monetary debts, punishments and rivalries would also be forgiven. Both the Romans and the Jews would have years of forgiveness when all punishments were commuted so that the community would grow back together. It seems that both the Jews and Romans had jubilees every fifty years - see Leviticus 25:10.

The first time the Church called a jubilee was in 1300 AD under Pope Boniface VIII when thousands of pilgrims had come to Rome. At the Christmas of 1299 AD, many were thanking God for deliverance from the plague and wars. In February 1300 Pope Boniface published the bull "Antiquorum habet fida relation" which gave the full forgiveness of temporal punishments for sin. Pilgrims had to visit either the basilica of St. Peter or St. Paul and pray for fifteen minutes for 15 days - residents had to do it for 30 days.

But wait, what is temporal punishment? CCC 1472 puts it well: To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin.

In our next article, we will go over how to obtain the indulgences of this holy year and more generally. For now let us ask ourselves how we understand and participate in forgiveness. Have we always forgiven easily? Have we sought reconciliation humbly and honestly with those we have become estranged with? Jubilee 2025 is about more than a pilgrimage to Rome - it is about making our lives true pilgrimages to Heaven. May we forgive as we have been forgiven.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Sean Neville
St. Mary of the Falls
Olmsted Falls
IV Theology, Saint Mary



Please keep Sean 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.

SAINT QUOTE

"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622),
Bishop & Doctor,

Feast Day: January 24th

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Tina Westfall.

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.**

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2025 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. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.**



MARDI GRAS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1st for our annual Mardi Gras celebration. Tickets are \$35 per person or a table of 8 for \$265. Tickets will be available starting the week of January 20th and include dinner and one complimentary alcoholic beverage. Come enjoy an evening of delicious food, raffles, auctions and more! Purchase your ticket by February 7th to be entered into a drawing for \$100. Also, after dinner tickets are available for \$10. Volunteers and donations are also needed to make this year's event a success. Visit our parish website stmparish.net/mardigras or contact the rectory.



Baby Elijah, Domenica Basich, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Anita Dloniak, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Dorothy Kashary, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Joe Lawrence, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Dale Mathews & family, Michael McClelland, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, Ethelle Mirande, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Joan O'Neil, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Tino Perez, Betty (Grunkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodbeck, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Sam Urban, Mary Weinstock & family, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Jan Woytek, 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 Madeline Stimac, Rev. Edward F. Weist, Rev. David L. McCafferty, Maryann Blakeley, and Rita Babarsik.
God grant them eternal rest.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles for 2025 are now available. The cost is \$220 for the year, \$210 if you return your November candle or \$110 for six months. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2024 donations, please contact the rectory. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, January 21st due to the weather. See you on February 18th for our next gathering.

60+ CLUB

Join us for the next 60+ Club meeting on Thursday, January 30th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. We will be playing bingo, so please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for prizes!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 25/26

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Abbey Eichenmiller David Marks *Denise Puening Jill Parks	Steve Cottos Tim Lozar	Noah Nguyen Emma Wright	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	*Nathan Noga Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Terri Sozio	Jessica Noga Dolores Hules	Holly Roberts Aubrey Rankin	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Bernie Barker Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda *Patty Riegling	Mike Sommers	Paige Madison Gabriella Madison	Rev. Don Snyder

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars

Second Grade has had a productive and fun-filled fall. We spent time preparing and celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Fun was had by all at the PTU Boo Bingo and Halloween Parade where the children proudly showed off their Halloween costumes. In November, we felt blessed to collect food for our community, helping others during the season of giving. Advent was a meaningful time for us. We learned about the four candles on the Advent wreath, the significance of the color purple as a reminder of the seriousness of waiting for Jesus, and the Jesse tree's special meaning. After Christmas break, we continued celebrating the Christmas season by discussing the Epiphany, reflecting on our gifts for the Christ child, and creating gold, purple, and green crowns to wear to commemorate this day.

In class, we explored many new topics and skills. In religion, we learned all about what the Ten Commandments mean to us as second graders. We are especially excited to begin preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In social studies, we learned about how to be good citizens. In science, we studied motion and magnetism. Math class has been busy with lessons on adding two-digit numbers and understanding place value. The children particularly enjoy using base-ten blocks to model their work.

A special highlight has been our Mystery Reader! The children have enjoyed being surprised by their parents and loved ones who came to share wonderful stories. It's always a treat to involve our families while enjoying a great book together!



Mrs. Marlena Graziano
Second Grade
St. Thomas More School

PILGRIMAGE

Join Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM for a Footsteps of St. Paul Jubilee Pilgrimage - Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 8, 2025.

Athens, Greek Island Cruise, Turkey, Rome - Assisi. Enter all the Holy doors in Rome and visit the tomb of the newest saint: teenager Carlo Acutis in Assisi.

For more information, visit www.friarjp.com or AMI Travel at www.amitravel.com

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference, "CALLED TO LEAD," will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025. For more information or to register, go to www.cmfneo.com.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Please join us in Merici Chapel on the third Thursday (January 16th - 7:45PM) of each month where The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

PRESQUE ISLE CASINO - Monday, March 17th
Senior Day: 10x slot points: 10AM-2PM
\$40/person Deadline: Monday, February 24th

RIVERS CASINO - Wednesday, April 9th
Casino Bonus: \$20 Slot Play
\$45/person Deadline: Tuesday, March 18th

HARTVILLE - Friday, May 16th
\$76/person (lunch included) Deadline: Friday, April 25

MEADOWS CASINO - Tuesday, June 10th
Casino Bonus: \$20 Slot Play
\$47/person Deadline: Tuesday, May 20th
Please contact Sand Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.



ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: Donations must be made by **April 15, 2025** to be eligible for a 2024 state tax credit.

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

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☐ 2024 Tax Year

Eligibility: Donation made between 1/1/2024 - 4/15/25

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