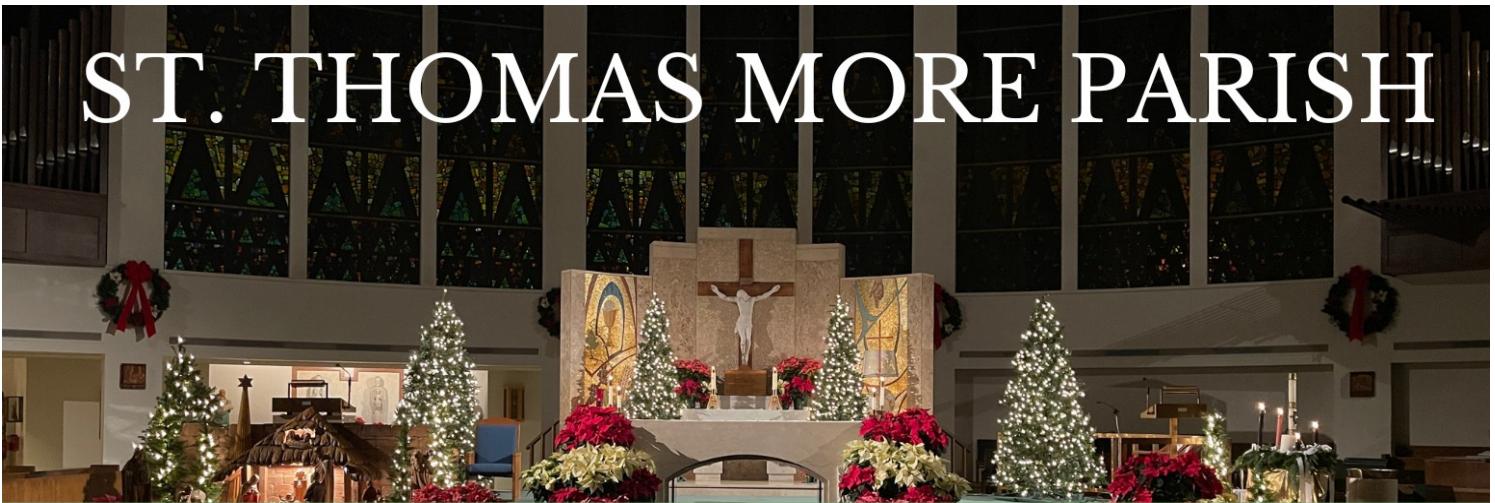


# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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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  
216-749-1660 | [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com)



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 –

### VIGIL

\*4:30 PM - Stanislawa Frankowicz

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 –

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Rev. William J. Rock, OP

## MONDAY, JANUARY 12 –

### WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Stropki Family

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 –

### ST. HILARY

6:45 PM - Richard Balbier

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 –

### WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 –

### WEEKDAY

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 –

### WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Joseph Valencik

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 –

### ST. ANTHONY

8:15 AM - John & Mary Lacotta

\*4:30 PM - Ken Schneider

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 –

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

\*9:00 AM - Clarence "Bill" Smith

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

# Financial Blessings

Collection for December 28th ..... \$3,313.00

Maintenance ..... \$1,253.00

Student's Weekly Offering (17 Envelopes) ... \$105.00

Collection for January 4th ..... \$3,905.00

Maintenance ..... \$1,286.00

Student's Weekly Offering (6 Envelopes) ..... \$40.00

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, January 12

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

## Tuesday, January 13

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

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

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

## Wednesday, January 14

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary

Shrine at Incarnate Word

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

## Thursday, January 15

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

## Friday, January 16

Utopia Rental

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

## Saturday, January 17

Utopia Rental

Holy Land Carvings

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

## Sunday, January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

Ecumenical Sunday

Holy Land Carvings

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

## WOMEN'S GUILD

There is no meeting for January. Please join us on Tuesday, February 10th for our next meeting.

## 60+ CLUB

Please join us to say the rosary at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Shrine (6618 Pearl Road) on Wednesday, January 14th. Lunch after at a local restaurant. All are welcome!

## 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 1/11/26

**Processional Hymn:** #120

When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized

**Offertory Hymn:** #925

Living Streams

**Communion:** #350

Spirit and Grace

**Closing:** #112

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! As the Council of Trent was meeting, the political landscape of Europe shifted tremendously. As mentioned a month or so ago, the Wars of Religion in the mid-sixteenth century shattered Christendom and led to the rise of Confessionalism.

Although the Peace of Augsburg led to relative peace in the Holy Roman Empire from 1553 to 1618, across the rest of Europe much blood was shed over which version of Christianity would be accepted in each country. In France these civil wars broke out in 1562 during the regency of Catherine de Medici, who ruled in the name of her nine year old son, Charles IX. Without a king to rule the country, religious factions of nobles began fighting each other for control over territory and the crown. Ten different wars broke out over a 40 year period that left at least 2 million people dead. The most famous incident was the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in 1572 when Catholics assassinated a number of Protestant nobles and angry mobs rioted for two days. The most famous quote of the period came from King Henry IV who famously said, "Paris is worth a Mass" when he agreed to practice Catholicism in order to become king. Good King Henry ended these terrible wars by moderating the interest of the Catholic monarchy with Protestant nobles.

An even longer conflict occurred in the Netherlands: the Dutch Revolt. Also known as the Eighty Years War, this conflict broke out in the Spanish controlled Netherlands over religion and taxes. Spain had gained control over the Low Countries via inheritance and profited tremendously from the trade happening there. As a Catholic monarchy, the Spanish Habsburgs attempted to eradicate the Calvinists there. For the first decade of this conflict there were a lot of "false starts" with Spain seemingly suppressing the uprising successfully. They did not. The conflict had a number of truces as each side attempted to use diplomacy to cajole the other into an acceptable framework. For example, in the early 1600s it looked possible for the Netherlands to become an independent kingdom permanently allied to Spain but able to conduct its own internal affairs. The conflict ended with the Peace of Munster in 1648 as part of the end of the 30 Years War with the Netherlands as we know them gaining their independence.

A lesser known series of wars was the Tudor Conquest of Ireland. Although England owned part of Ireland - called the Pale - for centuries, from 1542 to 1603 the Anglican Tudors conquered all of its territory. Just as Irish culture and language was suppressed so was the Catholic religion as England consolidated its hold over Ireland.

The most brutal war was yet to come: the 30 Years War. That conflict would demonstrate that religious affiliation was a poor reason for war. More on that in the next article. In all of the above, and especially in the 30 Years War, religion was a reason but never *the* reason for war. May we always pray for peace.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:  
**Barb Bonus & 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.**

## SAINT QUOTE

*"I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, "What can get through from such snares?" Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Humility.'"*

St. Anthony of Egypt (251-356),  
Desert Father,  
Feast Day: January 17

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

## SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

**Johannes Benninghoff**  
St. Clarence  
North Olmsted  
II Theology, Saint Mary



Please keep Johannes 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.

## THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

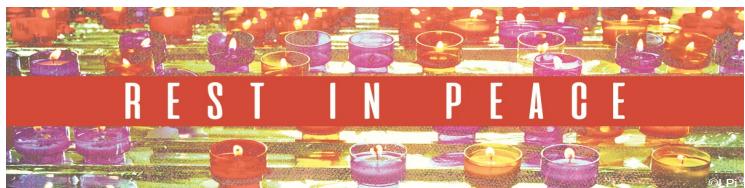
Next weekend, the diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America - a national research university in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. Visit [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu) to learn more.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Donna Baker, 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, 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, Janice Kuchar, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, 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, Ellen Omilanowski, 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, 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  
Deacon John M. Rivera, Officer Tony Smerk,  
Mary Malenic, Ken Schneider, Elinore Korow Bieber,  
Justin Weegar, and Rev. Michael J. Troha.  
God grant them eternal rest.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2026 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.

## THANK YOU CORNER

Women's Guild: "Thank You" to all who contributed to our December toiletries collection. Your donations were given to the St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Pantry on Broadview Road in Cleveland. You helped to make their clients' lives much brighter. God bless you for your generosity.

STM Parish: A special "Thank You" to all who donated scarves, hats, gloves, and other clothing items to our Christmas collection. The "warmth" of your Christmas giving will keep many men, women, and children warm this winter. The items were given to two St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Centers with the children's items being given to the students at Holy Name Elementary School on Broadway Avenue. May God bless you always in all ways! All your donations will certainly make it a Happy New Year for so many! Blessings to all...

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome Kaden James Fagel  
who was baptized on December 27th.  
God bless you!

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 17/18

MASS	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue David Marks Sheryl Finohr Jill Parks	Tim Lozar Chet Omilanowski	Emma Wright Amy Vu	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Vern Recker Bonnie Kaznoch Nathan Noga Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jennifer Mladineo Rob Cepek	Henry Nguyen Sabriena Smith	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Bernie Barker Linda Rafferty Patty Riegling	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Cruz Colón Gypsi Hamm	Fr. John Schneider

# The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Fourth grade has come back from Christmas break recharged and ready to take on the second half of the school year. We just started our novel study: The One and Only Ivan. This book tends to be a crowd favorite, with older students remembering this book when they see the final project in the hallway. Fourth graders are learning about the types of prayer and are tasked with writing their own prayer. They have been working hard. I love to see the outcome of this activity because of the talent and ideas that the students bring forward are amazing. Our love of reading is being shared with preschool, through buddy reading. This small but mighty activity has quickly become something we look forward to.

Stop by the school during Catholic School's Week Open House to see this and all the other amazing work that St. Thomas More students have to offer. I am excited to enter the second half of the school year with these students and see their growth continue.



Emily Viskocil  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA  
and Religion



## THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting St. Thomas More on the weekend of January 17th & 18th.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand-carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks.



May God bless you & keep you safe.  
The Holy Land Shepherds  
[www.theholylandshop.com](http://www.theholylandshop.com) (810) 625-8536

## CHRISTMAS CASH

Congratulations to the following Christmas Cash winners:

- 12/13 - Tina Magistro
- 12/14 - Jacqueline Gutierrez
- 12/15 - Drew & Alex English
- 12/16 - Amanda Campbell
- 12/17 - Karen Kado
- 12/18 - Bobby Flor, Jr.
- 12/19 - Trish Pietrino
- 12/20 - Bob Conkey
- 12/21 - Judy Perhacs
- 12/22 - Cassandra LoPiccolo
- 12/23 - Ellen Charboneau
- 12/24 - Wendy Huynh

- 12/25 - Ebony Price
- 12/26 - Michelle Eck
- 12/27 - John McGown
- 12/28 - Amanda Campbell
- 12/29 - Debbi Rochford
- 12/30 - Aaron Folger
- 12/31 - Sean Cosgriff
- 1/1 - Isauro Enriques
- 1/2 - Angelo Torres
- 1/3 - Brian & Kaytlynn Madzia
- 1/4 - Chuck Cramer
- 1/5 - Schillo Family



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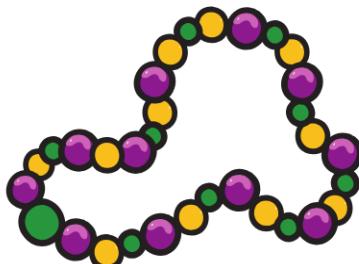
# MARDI GRAS

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

Doors Open at 5:30pm /Dinner at 6:15pm  
(Adults age 21 and over)

Dinner Ticket

**\$35 per person**  
includes 1 alcoholic drink



**Table of 8**  
**\$265 per table**

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

Beer/Wine \$3 each or \$10 unlimited

After Dinner - 8pm entry  
No Charge

**Live & Silent Auctions,  
Basket Raffles, DJ & more!**

Tickets available at  
[stmparish.net/mardigras](http://stmparish.net/mardigras) or at the rectory  
No Outside Alcohol Permitted

