

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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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 –

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Mary Malenic

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 –

SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:15 AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 –

ST. ANGELA MERICI

6:45 PM - Robert & Marie Marks

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 –

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

8:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Casey & Finohr Families

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Dee Marzola

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 –

ST. JOHN BOSCO

8:15 AM - January Birthdays

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 –

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Officer Tony Smerk, Jr.

*11:00 AM - Elinore Korow Bieber

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 18th \$2,444.00

Maintenance \$377.00

Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$69.00

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, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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

Friday, January 30

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

Sunday, February 1

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 1/25/26

Processional Hymn: #310 Gather Your People

Offertory Hymn: #463 The Lord Is My Light

Communion: #388 The Summons

Closing: #382 City of God

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Please join the STM School Community this Sunday, January 25, 2026 for our Catholic Schools Week kickoff. We will begin with the 11:00am Parish Mass, followed by an Open House until 1:30pm. Stop by school to meet the teachers, hear from students, and witness the faith-filled environment we offer children from pre-school through grade 8.



Catholic Schools Week

GIVEAWAY!



We could WIN a Tiny Saint charm for every student PLUS saint-inspired gifts for each teacher when you vote for our school.



Vote today at tinysaints.com or scan the QR code to spread the word!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Before we move away from the Counter Reformation, we need to account for its spiritual element. In the person of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we have an exemplary man who deliberately chose God over nation and honor.

Born the youngest son of thirteen children, Ignatius initially set out as a soldier. His family had been minor nobility and through their connections and his industry became at first a page and soon a direct subordinate to the Viceroy of Navarre. After ten years in that duke's service, Ignatius was gravely wounded while defending the fortress of Pamplona. So severe was Ignatius's vanity that he had his leg broken...twice to make the bones better.

While recovering from that second surgery, Ignatius experienced a profound religious conversion. Unable to walk around much, he read. He discovered, however, that reading about knights and heroes left him unsatisfied afterwards but that reading the lives of the saints left him at peace. Ignatius had come to understand how to see his emotions as indicators of his heart and the movement of the Holy Spirit.* This insight not only changed his life but became a founding principle for the Jesuits, but we are skipping ahead of ourselves.

Ignatius then applied himself to mastering his own brokenness and learning theology. The first he did by living like a hermit for a year including living in a cave. The second he accomplished by studying in Barcelona before going to Paris. It was there in 1534 that he and six other "companions" took the vows of life long service that created the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. The Society received official recognition in 1540 when Pope Paul III accepted their founding rules and Ignatius as the Superior, or "Father General" of the Society. The actual constitution for the order would be approved in 1553, a few years before Ignatius's death. The saint likely died from Malaria in Rome in 1556. By that time the Jesuits had expanded significantly in their scope of work and numbers.

The Jesuits quickly became both a scholarly and missionary force within the Church. By 1541 St. Francis Xavier had already embarked for India and the Far East, and the Jesuits possessed a university in Sicily. These twin works would define the Society for the next few hundred years as their work in letters and proclaiming the Gospel spread throughout Europe and the world.

St. Ignatius had started his adult life wanting to be a hero on the battlefield - an image he would use much in his *Spiritual Exercises*. In discerning that God wanted him to spread His Glory, Ignatius represents well the renewal and vigor of the Counter Reformation Church. The Jesuits attracted many men to their ranks and educated many more because they shared with their founder a dedication to what the eye could not see. Next week we turn to an area the early Jesuit missionaries did tremendous work in: the Americas. May we always seek the Greater Glory of God (ADMG).

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

*See the bulletin article for February 23, 2025 for more information on Ignatian discernment.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Bob Hreha.

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. ALL THE WEEKS OF FEBRUARY ARE STILL AVAILABLE.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved...you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."

St. John Bosco (1815-1888),
Priest, Patron of Publishers

Feast Day: January 31

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; 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.

60+ CLUB

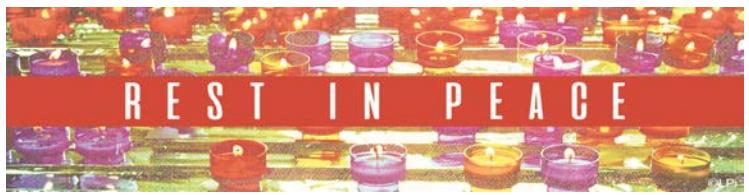
Please join us on Thursday, January 29th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering. Men and women 60 years old and over are welcome. No fees or dues to join. Hope to see you then!



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, 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, 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, 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
 Lawrence Masek, Emmanuel Akateh,
 Vickie Caraballo, Rev. Robert A Burge,
 Leroy Werley, Janice Ann Kuchar, and Joseph Ray.
 God grant them eternal rest.

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

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support during last week's collection for The Catholic University of America. The money we raised will support Catholic education and form tomorrow's Catholic leaders. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit collection.catholic.edu.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 31/February 1

MASS	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr David Marks	Al Margevicius Stephanie Liebert	Emma Wright Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jaclene Zauszniewski Heather Roberts Jennifer Mladineo	Mike Sommers Mary Lou LoBue	Noah Redloske Sabriena Smith	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Patty Riegling Carl Krist Bernie Barker Marty Rini	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Cruz Colón Gypsi Hamm	Fr. John Schneider

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 the cardinal directions. In Science, we studied motion and magnetism. Math class has been busy with lessons on subtracting two-digit numbers and understanding two step word problems.

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
2nd Grade

MARDI GRAS VOLUNTEER FOR MARDI GRAS

In order to make Mardi Gras successful, help is needed in a variety of tasks including decorating, kitchen prep, dinner service, side boards, raffle basket tickets, and more. Want to help? Visit stmparish.net/mardigras to view our SignUpGenius form to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

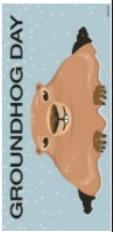
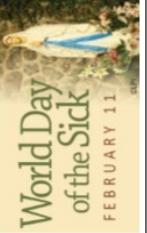
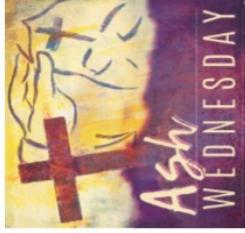
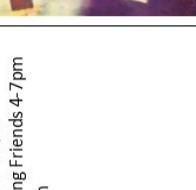
DONATE TO MARDI GRAS

Do you have sports, concert, or theatre tickets? Do you own a business? Do you want to donate to Mardi Gras? We are currently accepting donations of a variety of items for our auctions and basket raffles. In addition, you can make a monetary donation which will be turned into one of our signature gifts. If you are making a basket, the value of each completed donated basket must be at least \$25. No lottery baskets can be accepted. Contact the rectory or email Jeff Stutzman at jstutzman@stmparish.net to donate.

DESSERT DASH

One of our favorite games during Mardi Gras is a Dessert Dash, where participants bid to be the first to choose a dessert from the table. Under the dessert is a chance to win a gift card. To donate a dessert to the game, please contact the rectory. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still provide a dessert.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CYO Basketball 1-7pm	2 CANDLEMAS DAY World Day for Consecrated Life Basketball Practice 4-9pm GROUNDHOG DAY 	3 FEAST OF ST. BLAISE Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Basketball Practice 4-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 	4 Re-enrollment Assistance Office Hours 3-6pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm NEW Kindergarten Parent Meeting 5:30pm PTU Meeting 6pm 	5 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	6	7 National Marriage Week - February 7-14 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass PTU: Under the Sea Dance 6-9pm 
8 Rosary before Masses	9 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	10 Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Basketball Practice 4-9pm Winter Band Concert 6pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 	11 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Basketball Practice 4-9pm 	12 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	13 NO SCHOOL Mardi Gras Set Up	14 Happy Valentine's Day Catholic Charities Appeal Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Mardi Gras 5:30pm 
15 Catholic Charities Appeal Confirmation Meeting 9am Mass & 10-11:30am Meeting	16 NO SCHOOL Basketball Practice 4-9pm 	17 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Basketball Practice 4-9pm Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 	18	19 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	20 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	21 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 
22 First Communion Meeting 11am Mass & 12-1:30pm Meeting	23 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	24 Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 	25 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	26 60+ Club 1pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm 	27 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	28 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 