

# 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  
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Terri Sozio  
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**St. Thomas More School**  
**PreSchool thru 8th Grade**

Meg Cosgriff - Principal  
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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 –  
VIGIL**

\*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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27 –  
ST. ANGELA MERICI**

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the  
Ritter & Naylor Families

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 –  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
6:45 PM - Richard Lewis (Living)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 –  
WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Dory Seifert

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 –  
WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 –  
ST. JOHN BOSCO**

8:15 AM - Ray & Mary Jane Lisowski  
- Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 –  
WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - John Poleno

\*4:30 PM - Jeanne M. Parti

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 –  
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

\*9:00 AM - Madeline Stimac

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for January 19th ..... \$3,395.00  
Maintenance ..... \$747.00  
Student's Weekly Offering (14 Envelopes) ..... \$65.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Enroll online at [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684). Have questions?  
Please email [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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### Monday, January 27

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 28

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - 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 29

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 30

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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 31

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, February 1

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

Rosary before Mass

### Sunday, February 2 CANDLEMAS DAY

Rosary before Masses

World Day for Consecrated Life



**OPEN HOUSE**  
JANUARY 26, 2025  
12:00 NOON-1:30 PM

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Not only does God forgive our eternal punishment, He also helps us to be purified from our temporal punishment. The Church assists us in this by sharing from her treasury of graces.

Like last week's article, let us turn to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

What is an indulgence? "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead. (CCC1471).

Indulgences do not remit the sin itself or take the place of seeking God's Mercy. Instead, indulgences aid us in the act of repenting fully from our past transgressions. By formalizing the process of obtaining indulgences for ourselves and others, the Church leads us into practices that nurture and strengthen our Faith. The Church has so greatly desired this purification that she has sometimes allowed her ministers to offer indulgences imprudently. Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation because he thought that indulgences were being distributed to the detriment of the poor.

How do we gain indulgences? First, the Church designates certain activities that grant either a plenary or partial indulgence. Second, we do one of those activities with the intention of obtaining the indulgence. Third, we need to be in the state of grace (no mortal sin) when doing the indulgence. Fourth, we have the interior disposition to reject all sin, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and go to Confession and Communion within three weeks (before or after the act of obtaining the indulgence).

For Jubilee 2025 the following actions obtain a plenary indulgence:

1. Make a pilgrimage to a jubilee site in Rome or the Holy Land
2. Making a pious visit to a jubilee site so erected by the local bishop (more on that below)
3. Participate in a public work of mercy and penance

In the Diocese of Cleveland, the following pilgrimage sites have been designated: St. Edward Parish, Ashland; Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland; St. Mary Parish, Chardon; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Lorain; St. Colette Parish, Brunswick; Queen of Heaven Parish, Uniontown; Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Doylestown; Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Euclid; Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Parma Heights; and the Shrine of Saint Ann, Highland Heights.

We will have more information about this in future bulletins. For now, let us all resolve to use this jubilee as an opportunity for grace. May Our Mother Mary lead us deeper into Her Son's Divine Mercy.

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

*"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 Editors & Publishers,  
Feast Day: January 31st

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

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**The Timock 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 2025.**

## ROSARY

Next weekend, February 1st & 2nd, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

## 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!

## LATIN AMERICA

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](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CALIFORNIA FIRE VICTIMS

With the devastation of the Los Angeles County fires over the past few weeks, the diocese has received many inquiries about how to help the victims of this terrible tragedy. Continued prayers are asked for the victims of the fires and there is a special fund set up through Catholic Charities. Please visit our website, [www.stmparish.net](http://www.stmparish.net), for more information on how to give to the fire relief fund.



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, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Joe Lawrence, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Dale Mathews & family, Michael McClelland, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreauna 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 (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Michael Spring, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodtbeck, 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 Rev. David L. McCafferty, MaryAnn Blakeley, Rita Babarsik, William J. Bouhall (Father of Fr. Bill Bouhall), Leona Vrsansky, and Dorothy E. Kashary. 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.

### 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 February 8th & 9th.

We encourage you to look over the 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.theholylanshop.com  
810-394-5291



### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### February 1/2

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	*Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr Mary Lou LoBue David Marks	Steve Cottos Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Emma Wright	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	*Terri Sozio Aidan Cepek Heather Roberts Jaclene Zausznieski	Jennifer Mladineo Dolores Hules	Jackson Colon Holly Roberts	
11:00 AM	*Marty Rini Sue Poole Joyce Stutzman Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Brendon Kiscoe Alexia Torres	

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) is a State of Ohio approved Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors to ASF may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on their State of Ohio income tax return. ASF donations are awarded as tuition assistance for K-12 students in the Diocese of Cleveland, and donors may designate a school/schools to receive their donation.

Here's how it works\*:

The maximum credit amount is \$750 per individual; married couples that file a joint return can each claim this credit if both spouses make eligible donations (\$1,500 total). **Please note this is a non-refundable credit, which means that the amount of the credit cannot exceed the amount owed in state taxes.** Just follow three steps:

STEP 1 - Estimate your 2024 Ohio state tax liability

STEP 2 - Make your donation to ASF (designate St. Thomas More School)

STEP 3 - Claim your scholarship tax credit when you file your 2024 State of Ohio taxes

*\*This does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with a tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.*

It is not too late to have your donation count against your 2024 tax liability. Contributions can now be made that are eligible for the credit in the 2024 OR 2025 tax year. Please visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) to make an online contribution or forms are available at the rectory.

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Our first graders at St. Thomas More School have been very busy during the last few months of 2024 and heading into 2025. We are learning what common nouns and proper nouns are. We have done multiple activities discovering how common nouns and proper nouns are the same and different. First grade has also been learning how to retell a story using key details from the beginning, middle, and end of a story. We have learned to write explanatory pieces on how to make hot chocolate as well!

In our math class we have learned different methods on how to add and subtract such as recognizing doubles facts, counting forward or backwards and making a ten then adding more. Once we came back from Christmas break, we dove into learning how to split a two-digit number into tens and ones. We have been exploring making numbers using our tens and ones blocks in class. In Social Studies we have learned what goods and services are and where we see them in our everyday lives. To end our unit the first graders made posters of items we could use in our classroom. The students had to come up with a cost and make a poster advertising their item.







We also enjoyed celebrating the holiday season by participating in our Christmas concert and our prayer service with our church buddies.

Mrs. Lewis - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

The poster is for a Mardi Gras event at St. Thomas More Parish. It features a central illustration of a green and purple Mardi Gras mask with a fleur-de-lis design, surrounded by strings of colorful beads in purple, green, and yellow. The text is arranged in a festive, celebratory manner. At the top, it says 'St. Thomas More Parish' and 'MARDI GRAS' in large, bold, green letters. Below that, the date 'Saturday, March 1, 2025' is enclosed in a green-bordered box. The event details include 'Doors Open at 5:30pm /Dinner at 6:15pm (Adults age 21 and over)', 'Dinner Ticket \$35 per person includes 1 alcoholic drink', and 'Table of 8 \$265 per table'. A purple banner states 'DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025'. Other details include 'Beer/Wine \$3 each or \$10 unlimited', 'After Dinner Ticket (8pm entry) - \$10 per person includes 1 alcoholic drink', and 'Live & Silent Auctions, Basket Raffles, DJ & more!'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets available at [stmparish.net/mardigras](http://stmparish.net/mardigras) or at the rectory' and 'No Outside Alcohol Permitted'. The poster is decorated with colorful Mardi Gras hats and a trumpet at the bottom corners.



St. Thomas More Parish Calendar  
February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 CYO Basketball 9am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass</p>
<p>2 Candlemas Day World Day for Consecrated Life Rosary before Masses</p> 	<p>3 Feast of St. Blaise 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>4 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>5 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm Band Concert 5-8pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm PTU Meeting 8pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>6 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>7 National Marriage Week - February 7 - 14</p>	<p>8 Holy Land Carvings Confessions 3:30-4:15pm PTU Sweetheart Dance</p> 
<p>9 Holy Land Carvings Confirmation Meeting 9am Mass &amp; 10-11:30am Meeting</p> 	<p>10 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>11 World Day of the Sick Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>12 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>13 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>14 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p> 	<p>15 Catholic Charities Appeal Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>16 Catholic Charities Appeal</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p> 	<p>18 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>19 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>20 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>21 Middle School Social 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>22 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>23 First Communion Meeting 11am Mass - Meeting after Mass in Utopia Hall</p>	<p>24 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>25 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>26 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm <b>First Reconciliation 6:30pm</b> 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>27 60+ Club 1pm 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>28 Mardi Gras Set Up</p>	<p>FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH</p> 