

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
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 –
VIGIL**

*4:30 PM - Teddy Forster

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 –

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - Rev. John Juhas

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 –

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 –

ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT

6:45 PM - Richard Balbier

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 –

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Louis & Mary Galuszka

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 –

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 –

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Robert Prince - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 –

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Steve & Lillian Hudak

*4:30 PM - Rose Marie Ripepi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 –

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

The financial information for December 29th is not available due to the early bulletin submittal.

Faith Direct as of 12/15 \$1,762.50

Faith Direct Maintenance \$357.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, January 6

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 Parish & Finance Council Meeting -
Rectory

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 7

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 8

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

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

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 9

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 10

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 11

Utopia Rental

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

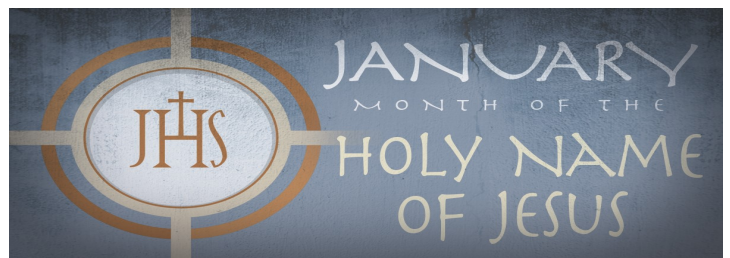
Sunday, January 12

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Confirmation -

Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2024 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! This weekend we celebrate another great solemnity: the Epiphany of the Lord. As most of our Nativity scenes remind us, today the Magi visit our Lord in Bethlehem. Bearing the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, these wise men bore witness that Jesus Christ was the King of the Jews and the King of all nations.

Although we often use the word to mean a sudden and personal insight, a true epiphany is a revelation to everyone. The English word Epiphany comes from the Greek word, "*ipiphineia*," which means "manifestation." The wise men's visit to the Child Jesus was not a private affair but a public event - a liturgy of their people - to give homage to the true and eternal King. Representing all the Gentiles symbolically, the Magi reveal that Christ has come to save the entire world.

The Magi's journey also points to a cosmic manifestation of Christ's birth: the Star of Bethlehem. As the Gospels testify the wise men followed a star to Israel in order to find the newborn King of the Jews. How did the Magi know that the Star of Bethlehem was special? And how did they know that it would lead them to a king?

Ancient astronomers, like the Magi, assigned symbolic meanings to all the objects in the night sky. Around the time of Jesus' birth, two symbols of kings met: the star Regulus and the planet Jupiter. Without going into too much astronomy, the Magi would have seen something unique with these two bodies meeting in the night sky three times in a period of a few weeks. With this meeting happening at the time of the Jewish New Year, the Magi could have reasoned that a new king had come to Israel. Whether we believe this theory about the star or not, Matthew's Gospel wants us to see both a human and cosmic manifestation of Christ's birth. All the human world and all of creation celebrate Christ's appearance.

How can we celebrate this august feast in our own lives? Traditionally, Epiphany marked a time when Catholics would either have their homes blessed or remember this blessing. If you have never had your home blessed by a priest or deacon, now would be a wonderful time to do so. Just don't all call at once! If your home has been blessed, the head of your family can use blessed chalk to write 20 + C + M + B + 25 on the main entrance to your home.

As we start this new year, let us begin with Christ in the center of our homes and hearts. Epiphany reminds us that the pronouncement of the Gospel began even before Christ could speak. May we always remember and share the great mysteries that we are blessed to partake in.

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

"He conquered death, broke the gates of hell, won for Himself a people to be His coheirs, lifted flesh from corruption up to the glory of eternity."

St. Hilary (315-367),
Doctor of the Church,
Feast Day: January 13th

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

The Carson 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. You can pick up the statue on Saturday after 4:30 Mass or after either Sunday Mass. She must be returned by 4:00PM the next week for the next family to pick her up. Please leave and pick up the suitcase with the statue outside the Music Office in the Church. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2025. ALL WEEKS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ARE AVAILABLE.**

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



Congratulations to
Hannah Verba and Brandon Plaza
who were married at St. Thomas More on
December 28th. May God bless you!



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, Tino Perez, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, 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. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.**

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Jeanne Parti, and John A. Russo III. God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time for you. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.



EPIPHANY BLESSING OF A HOME

ALL: Make the Sign of the Cross.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

READER: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things come to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3, 14)

Using chalk, write the first half of the current year (20), initials of the 3 Magi (C + M + B) followed by the other half of the year (25) (20+C+M+B+25). Each could be written by a different member of the household. Place this above the main entrance to your home.

ALL: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 11:30AM in Utopia Hall (**Weather Permitting**). A representative from the new Brooklyn Library will speak of the many benefits of the new Library and will discuss book reviews. Pastry, coffee & tea will be served. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

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



RETROUVAILLE

A unique program to renew, strengthen and heal your marriage - January 17-19, 2025.

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Healing Mass for January will be held at St. Julie Billiart Parish on Friday, January 17th at 7PM. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. The church is located at 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, 44039. Praise and worship will begin at 7PM and the liturgy will start at 7:30PM. Healing prayer teams will be available after the Mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after the Mass. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy as we enter into the Jubilee Year 2025.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

MQP hosts a *Catholic Movie Night* once a month. All movies are FREE in the Parish Center Upper Hall. They start promptly at 6PM. Dollar concessions available! January 12, 2025 - "On the Waterfront" (1954)

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Mark your calendar for February 15th for Dance the Night Away Sponsored by Lorain County Singles at St. Mark's Church (1434 Lake Breeze Rd, Sheffield Village). Admission: \$8.00 and starts at 8PM. RSVP to 440-785-5289.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over



Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Monday, January 13

Our First Ever – Night of Reflection Nunc Coepi & Ho'oponopono (the Hawaiian Blessing) Retreat

A look at the New Year. A time to start over, a time to begin. Tom Pussel, Dir. of Evangelization/St. Raphael's Parish & Ginny Pippin, Cert.Lay Ecclesial Minister & Spiritual Dir. will provide talks, time for reflection & group discussion to draw us closer to God & God's plan for us.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Includes all materials, light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available.

Advance tickets highly recommended
for catering purposes.

Register in advance:
www.theologyontherockswest.com

[Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.](#)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 11/12

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Abbey Eichenmiller David Marks *Mary Lou LoBue Jill Parks	Sheryl Finohr Tim Lozar	Noah Nguyen	
9:00 AM	Jennifer Mladineo Vern Recker Terri Sozio *Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jessica Noga Mary Lou LoBue	Jackson Colon Holly Roberts	
11:00 AM	Bernie Barker Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda *Patty Riegling	Mike Sommers	Paige Madison Gabriella Madison	

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register by calling the rectory or fill out the new parishioner registration form on our website. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Fourth Sunday of the Month. Time: TBD. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Marriages should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for your prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For the Right to an Education - Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

"My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day, encouraging you to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:
DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers



Let's all
come together
in prayer!



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WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

JANUARY 1, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1Jn 4:7-10/Ps72:1-2, 3-4,7-8/Mk6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

- ❖ Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work, and the community.
- ❖ Pass on our faith and tradition.
- ❖ Strengthen, love, and support all of God's people.
- ❖ Nurture our gifts and share them with others.
- ❖ Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.