

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

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com



SATURDAY, JULY 12 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Jan Woytek

SUNDAY, JULY 13 –

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

MONDAY, JULY 14 –

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

8:15 AM - Eleanor Yencha

TUESDAY, JULY 15 –

ST. BONAVENTURE

6:45 PM - Joan Kremser

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 –

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, JULY 17 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 18 –

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

8:15 AM - Eleanor Durica

SATURDAY, JULY 19 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 20 –

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - George Kozickie

*11:00 AM - Mary Jo Joyce

*Mass of Remembrance

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Saturday, July 19

Utopia Rental

ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

Baskets - We will gladly accept your baskets back to be used for next year. Just drop them off at the rectory.

T-Shirts - Festival shirts are available for \$10.00

Popcorn - \$5.00/ bag (Flavors: 4 bags of Dill & 2 bags of Butter)

JULY 2025 CHURCH FESTIVALS

We are so grateful for the support we received during our festival, so here is a list of some upcoming area church festivals:

7/11 - 7/13 St. Charles Borromeo - Parma

7/11 - 7/13 St. John Vianney - Mentor

7-17 - 7/20 St. Paul Grecian Festival - North Royalton

7/19 - 7/20 Ss. Robert & William - Euclid

7/26 - 7/27 Taste of St. Casimir - Cleveland

7/27 St. Justin Martyr - Wickliffe

Complete listing at ohiofestivals.net/ohio-festivals/

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles, with your loved one's name inscribed on it, are available. You can have a candle displayed for six months for \$110. Forms are available at the rectory.

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 6th \$5,306.00

Maintenance \$1,309.00

Student's Weekly Offering (4 Envelopes) \$30.00

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.



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TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

We are looking for parish school of religion teachers. Our classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. There is a curriculum book that we use as well prepared resources. Please think about being part of our program and sharing your faith with our students to know and love God and our Catholic faith.

If you are interested please email me at psr@stmparish.net.

Thank you and God bless,
Terri Sozio
Director of Religious Education

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! By the late fourth century, the Catholic Church was ascendant in the Roman Empire and expanding well outside its borders. Proclaiming the Gospel to the barbarians was no easy task.

Who were these barbarians? How did they differ from the Romans? Let us oversimplify. A civilization is a group of related people (a nation) that has its own language, customs, and at least a city. One cannot overemphasize how important the development and maintenance of cities were in human history. Nevertheless, most people in any ancient civilization did not live in their cities but were farmers. Usually, 10% of the population lived in urban areas and the other 90% were in small towns or villages across the countryside.

Barbarians lacked cities. The Gauls, Germans, Slavs, etc all had languages and decent technologies but they did not create large cities. Their power came from their interlocking families and ties of honor. Also, some barbarians like the Magyars were nomadic having no permanent settlements. A funny thing happened when these barbarians settled near the Roman Empire: trade. As these groups exchanged goods with the Empire, they also sent a good number of their men as mercenaries into the Roman army. Later on Rome would discover that Roman armies mostly staffed by barbarians were, in effect, barbarian armies.

Accordingly, the first missionaries outside the Empire had a rough idea of the peoples they would encounter. Much more superstitious than Imperials, the pagan beliefs of many tribes were quite brutal. For example, many German tribes decided disputes not through courts but combat! Before the fall of the Western Empire, missionary contact was quite limited.

Much more common was for a barbarian tribe to settle in the Empire and become Christian...mostly. Let us take the Vandals for an example. They were allowed to settle in modern day Slovenia by the Empire. As they lived there they began to believe in Arian Christianity. Although the Church had condemned this belief, it was easier for the Vandals - and many other tribes - to believe that Jesus was God's chosen and not really God.

Converting these Arian Christians to Nicene Christians became the major work of evangelization for the next few centuries. The following pattern would repeat. Tribe moves into the Empire. Tribe becomes sort of Christian as it moves further into the Empire. After several generations the tribe has its own priests and bishops and begins to understand the Trinity. Full conversion into Roman and Christian culture and mores.

We are now ready to understand one of the most important events in Western history: the fall of the Western Empire. The political disintegration of the Western Empire will leave the Church as the bulwark of civilization. Care of the soul will lead to care of the body.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John



SAINT QUOTE

"We must beg the Holy Spirit, with ardent longing, to give us these fruits. The Holy Spirit alone, knows how to bring to light, the sweetness hidden away under the rugged exterior of the words of the Law. We must go to the Holy Spirit for interior guidance."

St. Bonaventure (1221-1274),

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: July 15

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

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 2025. There is one more week available in July.



PRAYER REQUESTS

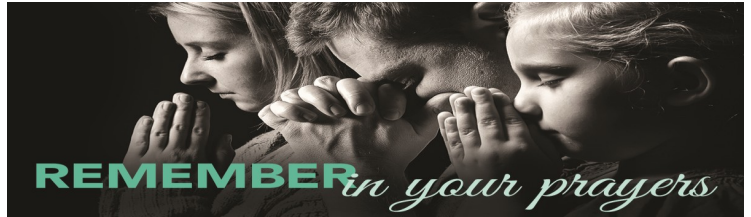
Baby Elijah, Baby Kevin, JoAnn Bartkiw, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, Irene Csur, Lori Curry, Lisa Cwalinski, Barb Davis, Rosie DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Janice Kuchar, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, 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 Mary Woodall,
Thomas Coyne & Michael Heryak.
God grant them eternal rest.



Let us remember all those affected by the recent floods, especially for those in Texas.

God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.
(catholiccharitiesusa.org)

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Dear Jesus,
If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past.
If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.
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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 19/20

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	David Marks Abbey Eichenmiller Sheryl Finohr Jill Parks	Peggy Palumbo Mary Lou LoBue	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jessica Noga Nathan Noga Terri Sozio	Rob Cepek Jennifer Mladineo	Jackson Colón Cruz Colón	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Madelyn Koranda Patty Riegling	Alexia Torres Amelia Nieves	Rev. Don Snyder

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER JULY 2025 PROGRAMS & RETREATS

5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in July. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass in the Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary).

July Weekend Directed Retreat. Friday, July 18, 5:30pm - Sunday, July 20, 1:00pm. Directed Retreats are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity for sustained personal prayer. Cost: \$300 - \$400

Giving and Receiving: For Those Who Give (or Would Like to Give) the Spiritual Exercises in the 18th or 19th Annotation. Sunday, July 20, 5:30pm - Thursday, July 24, 4:00pm. A program of study and prayer on the graces, dynamics and movements of the Spiritual Exercises for those who give (or would like to give) the Spiritual Exercises in the 18th or 19th Annotation. Email Bill Hobbs (bhobbs@jesuitretreatcenter.org) for information or registration link.

July Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, July 21, 9:30 - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit & help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Free Will Offering (registration not required).

July Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tuesday, July 22, 8:30am - 3:30pm. We have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC - to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us on Monday, July 14
7 - 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



Be Still and Know: A Personal Invitation to Christian Meditation. Dr. Georges Nakhoul, physician, will share with us the fruits and biblical basis of Christian Meditation. Find out what led him to adopt this practice. Join us for a theologically enriching evening.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference** to be held on Saturday July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of *Faith on Fire!*, Dave Van Vickie, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening. Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 [for more information](#).

Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.

THE FEST:

THE BEST ONE-TANK TRIP THIS SUMMER!

Looking for the perfect family day – without going far? **Join us on Sunday, August 3, 2025, for The FEST** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, from **12 noon to 10:00 pm**.

The FEST is a **FREE** day of **faith, family, and fun**, featuring **national Christian artists** including **Seph Schlueter, Ben Fuller, Danny Gokey, and Maverick City Music!** This is an amazing line up of inspiring music!!! AND there's something for everyone:

- **Kid-friendly fun** – inflatables, a dog show, water tag, BMX stunt show, along with faith-based crafts and activities.
- Special zones like the **Marc's Moms Station** and the **Man Cave**. Great displays and information along with incredible chances to win prizes! Great food, convenient parking, and plenty of giveaways!

End the day with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00 pm followed by a spectacular **American Fireworks** display. **It's all FREE** thanks to our generous sponsors: **Marc's, Barons Bus Lines, Journey Home Restoration** and the **Diocese of Cleveland**. Get the full schedule and details at: www.theFEST.us It's the perfect family day....and in Wickliffe, Ohio. Join us!

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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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

Mountaineer Casino - Tuesday, August 12
Cost: \$43/person Bonus: \$15 slot play
Deadline: Tuesday, July 22

Annual Fall Shopping - Monday, September 22
Amish Country
Lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen (included)
Cost: \$74 per person
Deadline: Tuesday, September 16

Seneca Niagara & Allegany Casinos -
Thursday & Friday, October 23 & 24 (overnight)
Seneca - \$50 Slot Play \$20 Food Credit
Allegany - \$20 Slot Play \$5 Food Credit
Single Occupancy - \$289/person
Double Occupancy - \$198/person
Triple Occupancy - \$190/person
Deadline: Tuesday, September 16

Please contact Sand Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

Gospel:

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself.* (Lk 10:25)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13, 2025

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42 ©LPi

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.