

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 19 –
VIGIL
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

MONDAY, JULY 21 –
ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI
8:15 AM - Thank You St. Joseph

TUESDAY, JULY 22 –
ST. MARY MAGDALENE
6:45 PM - Dominic Konopka

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 –
ST. BRIDGET
8:15 AM - Joan O’Neil

THURSDAY, JULY 24 –
ST. SHARBEL MAKHLŪF

FRIDAY, JULY 25 –
ST. JAMES
8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, JULY 26 –
SS. JOACHIM & ANNE
8:15 AM - July Birthdays
*4:30 PM - Tom McKay

SUNDAY, JULY 27 –
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM - Rev. James J. Vesely
11:00 AM - People of the Parish
*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for July 13th \$2,665.00
Maintenance \$394.00
Student’s Weekly Offering (13 Envelopes) \$66.00

Faith Direct as of 7/4 \$3,208.00
Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,365.00
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

Tuesday, July 22
2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -
Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday, July 27 GRANDPARENTS DAY
Utopia Rental



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

PSR REGISTRATION - Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available on our website. Please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net with any questions.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2026
Confirmation - If your child will be in the 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please email psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.



I - Emily Kokal (St. Thomas More) & Joseph Safran

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! We want to know why the Western Empire was doomed to fall and how this cataclysm affected the Church overall. Even having a wild sense of this event helps us to appreciate how difficult these times were.

Joseph Tainter provides a simple but depressing explanation of why the Western Empire fell in *The Collapse of Complex Societies*. *He rightly observes that complex societies, like Rome, are essentially problem solving systems. Unlike hunter gatherers or nomads, a true civilization is marked by its ability to adapt and change. This insight raises the question of why any complex society would fall. The answer is diminishing returns from a fixed resource base.*

For Tainter a society solves its problems by becoming more complex. This complexity has a resource cost such that increasing levels of complexity cost more and more resources. Eventually, the increase in complexity cannot justify the increased resource cost. Then the society must become more simple, which usually involves political disintegration.

In the case of the Western Empire, this diminishing return was seen in the tension between taxes and border control. Extracting wealth from the Western Empire's provinces was very difficult due to their distance from water ways. If a farm or town was within ten miles of a river or coast, collecting taxes was profitable. Beyond that it did not make the Empire much money. In a world without automobiles or trains, you could only make so much money via moving goods on an ox cart.

Why not cut services to the part that could not pay for itself? In other words, if the province of Gaul (modern day France) did not make money, just let them deal with their own affairs. Rome did that. The result was that the governors of Gaul (and most of the provinces of the West) began outsourcing their security to barbarian tribes. Eventually the Romans could not pay these barbarian armies, which considered themselves Roman armies, enough money. Instead these armies were allowed to rule themselves becoming de facto independent kingdoms.

The tipping point in the Western Empire was the death of Emperor Theodosius I in AD 395. Over the next eighty years more and more lands were lost till Rome itself was sacked in AD 476. By that time the city was a shadow of its former glory. Only about 30,000 people still lived in Rome when Odocer, the Germanic king, took Italy, and the Roman Senate fled to the Eastern Empire.

The Fall of Rome was seen as a disaster of epic proportions. Since most of the tribes were Arians, the Catholic Church was often persecuted. At the same time the average citizen suffered greatly from lack of basic services and security. Across the Western Empire only one institution remained that could teach, feed the poor, and fix the sewers: the Catholic Church. The more competent the local bishop, the more he would provide - and often the more was demanded. Next time, we will look at how the papacy dealt with this change in the life of Pope Leo I.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"Let a man fear, above all, me, his God, and so much the gentler will he become toward my creatures and animals, on whom, on account of me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion."

St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373),
Visionary, Foundress,
Feast Day: July 23

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Cynthia Tedesco.

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.

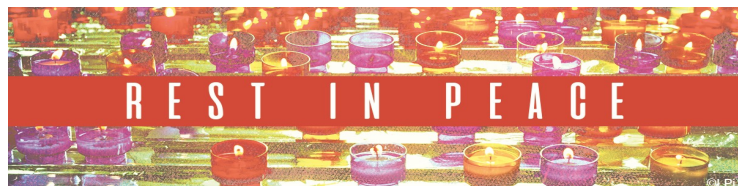
Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2025.



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, Ken Galaida, 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, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, 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, Janet Sekerak, 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.

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.

"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!*



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 26/27

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue Sheryl Finohr Terri Cottos David Marks	Tim Lozar Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Terri Sozio Heather Roberts Aidan Cepek Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jennifer Mladineo Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Madelyn Koranda Mike Sommers	Jackson Colón Cruz Colón	Rev. John Schneider

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Saint Ignatius High School honors the following alumni who have received academic honors for the second semester: Tyler Liebert, Christian Schillinger, and Richard Widdowson.

Trinity High School honors the following alumni who have received academic honors for the fourth half term: Claire Scott.

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, July 22nd, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

The World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima (The Blue Army) has a Holy Hour of Prayer on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm in the church at Mary Queen of Peace. The World Apostolate of Fatima is committed to promoting devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, spreading Her Fatima Message, promoting Eucharistic prayer and the rosary. Everyone is invited to join us.

ST. CASIMIR POLISH FOOD FESTIVAL

The annual Taste of St. Casimir Polish Food Festival will be held on Saturday & Sunday, July 26th & 27 on the parish grounds at 8223 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland, 44103. Featuring a wide selection of the best home-made Polish food in town, the Festival runs from 2-10pm on Saturday and 12:30-7pm on Sunday with live music in the outdoor garden area.

Festive refreshments, raffles, church tours and more ensure a fun time to be had by all and will help us raise funds for a new church roof. Call 216-341-9091 for more details. See you there!

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

You are not alone. Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey. We offer free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is:

July 20th – 3:00 pm In-person at 6 locations throughout the Diocese and 5:00 pm Virtual meeting; The July topic is “Taking Care of Yourself While Grieving”.

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. You can view our local Grief Resource Guide and our monthly Bereavement e-newsletter Bulletin there as well. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

THE FEST

Sunday, August 3, 2025

The FEST 25 YEARS OF FAITH, FAMILY, & FUN '83-'25

united IN FAITH. IN HOPE. IN LOVE. THEFEST

Faith, Family & Fun ALL for FREE!

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!

Marc's Moms Station & Man Cave

Great Food & Giveaways

Adoration, Prayer & Confession

End the day with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00 pm with Bishop Malesic followed by a spectacular American Fireworks display.



Get the full schedule and details at: www.theFEST.us

 <p>SEPH SCHLUETER</p> <p>12:30pm</p>	 <p>BEN FULLER</p> <p>2:00pm</p>
 <p>DANNY GOKEY</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	 <p>MAVERICK CITY MUSIC</p> <p>6:00pm</p>

THE FEST / AUGUST 3, 2025
WICKLIFFE, OHIO
CENTER for PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

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:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 ©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.