

# 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 - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

## Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

## Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

## Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

*Pastor*

Deacon Don Brandt

*Permanent Deacon*

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

*Retired Permanent Deacon*

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

*Pastoral Associate*

Lisa Carson

*Office Manager*

Melissa Wensing

*Business Manager*

John Mastandrea

*Development*

Lorrie Wenmoth

*Music Director*

Terri Sozio

*Religious Education*

Jeff Stutzman

*Youth Minister*



**St. Thomas More School**  
**PreSchool thru 8th Grade**

Meg Cosgriff - Principal  
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# ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

**BROOKLYN, OH 44144**



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### **SATURDAY, JULY 29 -**

#### **VIGIL**

\*4:30 PM - Jerome Wancho

### **SUNDAY, JULY 30 -**

#### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00 AM - Helen Hanslik

### **MONDAY, JULY 31 -**

#### **ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

8:15 AM - Robert & Loretta Marks

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 -**

#### **ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**

6:45 PM - Gina Marie Russo

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 -**

#### **SS. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI & PETER JULIAN EYMARD**

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 -**

#### **WEEKDAY**

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 -**

#### **ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

8:15 AM - Jack Adams

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 -**

#### **THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR**

8:15 AM - Katie Sutkoway

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 -**

#### **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

\*9:00 AM - John "Jack" Baatz

\*11:00 AM - Carole Popow

\*Mass of Remembrance

#### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Collection for July 23rd ..... \$3,359.00

Maintenance ..... \$1,084.00

Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) ..... \$40.50

Faith Direct as of 7/15 ..... \$2,387.50

Faith Direct Maintenance ..... \$370.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

#### **FAITH DIRECT**

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.

### **Monday, July 31**

5:00 - 6:00 PM 3/4 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - Field

6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 Football Practice - Field

7:00 - 9:00 PM 7/8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

### **Tuesday, August 1**

5:00 - 6:30 PM 6/7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

### **Wednesday, August 2**

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - Field

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grades 4-6 Cheerleading Practice

7:00 - 9:00 PM 7/8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

### **Thursday, August 3**

5:00 - 6:00 PM 3/4 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - Field

6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 Football Practice - Field

6:30 PM Catholic Summer School - Church

7:00 - 9:00 PM 7/8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

### **Friday, August 4**

5:00 - 6:30 PM 6/7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grades 1-3 Cheerleading Practice

**Saturday, August 5** Rosary before Mass

3:00 - 6:00 PM Athletics: Car Wash & Donut Sale

**Sunday, August 6** Rosary before Mass

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Athletics: Car Wash & Donut Sale

12:00 - 10:00 PM The FEST - Center for Pastoral

Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH)

#### **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 online or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Sunday: 12:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. 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**

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.

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 30, 2023

## FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time* continues to point us to heaven, to the greater love and mercy of **God**. **Solomon** asks for the wisdom of understanding from **God** to better serve his people, **God's people**. **St. Paul** writes that we are predestined to be in the image of **Jesus**, that we need to work for **God**. The one *who* loves **God** will see the good. This is very important for all of us, that we see the good of God, that we see God in each other. Having this wisdom to see **God** in all things, is a challenge indeed. *BUT*, the beauty is that with this wisdom, we'll find **God's peace** in our hearts. Let's continue to work towards this wisdom of **God**.

*Fr. Mike*

### From the Pastor's Desk:

Back a few weeks now, we mentioned about the summer being half over. I know that some of us have also been celebrating "*Christmas in July*". Even the worker up at Lowe's laughed when we talked about the Halloween decorations already being in the store, and Christmas was not that far off. So, with that we also see the start of the fall sports season and the school year. There will be *many* (*many*) opportunities to *get engaged* with the sports or school events. Talk with our school age parents to encourage them to also "**Get Engaged**"!

### TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of  
**Elaine Smet.**

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send in any pictures that you take to the rectory. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2023.

### PARISH PRAYER

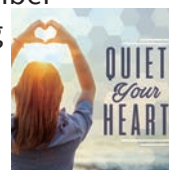
O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify you, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### MASS NOTES

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The announcements will be moved from after Communion to before Mass begins.

**AED MACHINE** - Our church now has an AED machine. It is located in the main vestibule outside of the restrooms.

**QUIET BEFORE MASS** - Please remember that others are praying and preparing their hearts and minds for Mass. We ask that personal conversations be kept to a minimum.



### August 5/6

#### LECTORS

Sheryl Finohr  
Wendy Huynh

Jennifer Mladineo  
Carole Flanagan

Barb Kish

#### SERVERS

Emma Wright  
Noah Nguyen

Aidan Cepek  
Aubrey Rankin  
Danny Coughlin

Roger Kalbrunner

#### MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM Denise Puening  
Barb Mundson  
Marilu Slimak

9:00 AM Nathan Noga  
Jessica Brown  
Heather Roberts  
Vern Recker

11:00 AM Bernice Barker  
Madelyn Koranda  
Sue Poole  
Brandy Emery



## Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Lisa Bodnar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Shawn Calvey, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ken Galaida, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Shirley M., Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Marlene Mohnickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Frank Mosia, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Annette Pirozek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Irene & Tom Sheridan, Elaine Smet, Ron Sommers, Margie & Don Spits, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Sam Urban, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Betty Wozniak and Deacon Chuck & Marian Zawadzki.

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 Lois Girardi, Robert Pacanovsky, Joyce Krist, Robert Zerby, Dolores Zerby and James Zerby in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

### **VOCATION CORNER**

**For all of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary  
and for all those in formation**

You can learn more about this order by visiting: [www.humilityofmary.org](http://www.humilityofmary.org). Please keep the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to PO Box 534, Villa Maria, PA 16155.

### **SAINT QUOTE**

*"Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity."*

St. Peter Chrysologus (400-450),  
Doctor of the Church,  
Feast Day: July 30th

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

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**RCIA** - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received all the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called RCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

**PSR** - Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be available soon at the rectory or by contacting [psr@stmparish.net](mailto:psr@stmparish.net).

### **CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024**

**Confirmation** - If you will be in the 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please contact Terri Sozio at [psr@stmparish.net](mailto: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](mailto:psr@stmparish.net).

### **THANKFUL CORNER**

Thank You to all those who helped with last week's outdoor Mass and cookout. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off these events and we are so grateful for all of your help. There are too many names to mention you all individually, but please know how much we appreciate all you do for our parish!

Mark your calendar for our next Summer of Fun activities:  
Catholic Summer School - Questions and Answers: Thursday, August 3rd in the church  
Ice Cream Social: Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th (after the 11am Mass)  
Back to School Outdoor Mass, Backpack Blessing & Cookout: Sunday, August 27th (11am Mass)

### **ST. ELIAS LADIES GUILD**

LEGENDARY LADIES OF MOTOWN

Durrant's Tribute to Diana Ross, Tina Turner  
and Donna Summer

Friday, August 18, 2023 at Williams on the Lake (787 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH).

Doors open: 5:30pm ~ Dinner: 6:30pm ~ Show Time: 7:30pm  
Tickets include: Chicken marsala dinner, gratuity, coffee, tea, iced tea & show (cash bar)

Cost: \$66. Checks payable to St. Elias Ladies Guild. For tickets contact: Pamela Haddad via text or call 860-997-0129 or Deneen Kassouf via text or call 440-666-4708

### **TASTE OF ST. CASIMIR POLISH FOOD FESTIVAL**

Historic St. Casimir (8223 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland, 44103), will host a Polish Food Festival on Saturday, August 5th from 1-11pm and Sunday, August 6th from 12:30-7pm. Homemade food, drinks, desserts, live music, church tours and more!

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    JULY 30, 2023**

## ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Join Our Church Community and Make a Difference!  
Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and make a positive impact in our STM family? Our Athletics Department invites you to join our dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about spreading love, compassion, and faith to our youth. We are seeking volunteers for coaching, site directing, and concessions. Contact us at [Athletics@stmparish.net](mailto:Athletics@stmparish.net) or call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to express your interest and learn more about specific volunteer roles. Remember, volunteering is a fulfilling way to grow spiritually, build relationships, and serve God by serving others. We look forward to welcoming you to our volunteer family and witnessing the positive impact we can make together!

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CAR WASH & DONUT SALE

STM Athletics is hosting a Car Wash & Donut Sale next Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th during all Mass times. Car Wash - Free will donations. Krispy Kreme Donuts - \$10/dozen. All proceeds support the St. Thomas More Athletics Program.

## ROSARY UPDATE

**NEW SCHEDULE:**  
**FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF THE MONTH**

## WHY: The First Five Saturdays Devotion

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady appeared to Sr. Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, in the following way:

*"See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary."*

Jesus then appeared to Sr. Lucia on May 29-30, 1930, and gave her the reason behind the five Saturdays devotion. It is because there are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

**First: Offenses against the Immaculate Conception.**

**Second:** Offenses against Our Lady's Perpetual Virginity.

**Third:** Offenses against the Divine Maternity, refusing, at the same time, to receive her as the Mother of mankind.

**Fourth:** Those who seek publicly to implant, in the hearts of children, indifference, disrespect, and even hatred of their Immaculate Mother.

**Fifth:** Insults directly against her sacred images.

To make this devotion, for five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, and with the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are asked to:

1 – Go to Confession (may be 8 days before or after, if you are in a state of grace)

2 – Receive Holy Communion  
(can be received at a Sunday  
evening anticipatory Mass)

### 3 – Pray five decades of the Rosary

4 – Keep our Blessed Mother company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary.



**For more information: <https://americaneedsfatima.org/prayers/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion>**








## THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SUMMER

Join us next Sunday, August 6th for The FEST at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. For thousands across our region, it's the highlight of the summer as we come together for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE. Come and hear inspiring music (Chris Tomlin, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave, and Katy Nichole). Wander around the 56 acre campus of the CPL and find opportunities for prayer, reflection, Confession and Adoration. There are engaging displays and give away items for the adults along with lots of activities for the kids and grandkids (petting zoo, BMX Shows, crafts and so much more). Check out all the details at [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).



## St. Thomas More Parish Calendar August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>6</div> <p>Athletics: Car Wash &amp; Donut Sale 8am-1pm Rosary before Mass</p> 	<div>7</div> <p>Board of Elections 3-10pm 3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>1</div> <p>6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm</p> 	<div>2</div> <p>4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 4-6 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>3</div> <p>Preschool/K Playdate at Memorial Park 5:30-7:30pm Catholic Summer School 6:30pm 3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>4</div> <p>6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm 1-3 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm</p>	<div>5</div> <p>Athletics: Car Wash &amp; Donut Sale 3-6pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass</p>
<div>13</div> <p>Ice Cream Social after 11am Mass</p>	<div>14</div> <p><b>NO VIGIL MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION</b> 3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>15</div> <p><b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> <b>Mass Times:</b> <b>8:15am, 11:15am &amp; 6:45pm</b> Breakfast with the Word 9:30am 6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm</p> 	<div>16</div> <p>4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 4-6 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>17</div> <p>3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm Spiritual Life Commission Meeting 6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>18</div> <p>6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm 1-3 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm</p> 	<div>19</div> <p>Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <p>3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>22</div> <p>Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm St. Elias Food Pantry 2pm 6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm</p>	<div>23</div> <p>4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 4-6 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>24</div> <p>60+ Club 1pm 3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>25</div> <p>6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm 1-3 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm</p>	<div>26</div> <p>CYO Football 9am-4pm CYO Volleyball 9am-6pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<div>27</div> <p>11am Outdoor Mass &amp; Backpack Blessing 12pm Open House &amp; Drop-off supplies &amp; Parish Cookout</p> 	<div>28</div> <p>3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>29</div> <p>Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Diocesan Meeting 3-6pm 6/7 Volleyball Practice 5-6:30pm</p>	<div>30</div> <p>4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 4-6 Cheer 5:30-6:30pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	<div>31</div> <p>3/4 Volleyball Practice 5-6pm 4 Football Practice 5-6:30pm 3 Football Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 Volleyball Practice 7-9pm</p>	