

# 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](http://stmschool.com)

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, JULY 5 –**

**VIGIL**

4:30 PM - Service Men & Women

**SUNDAY, JULY 6 –**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

\*9:00 AM - Thomas Jadrich

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JULY 7 –**

**WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Robert & Loretta Marks

**TUESDAY, JULY 8 –**

**WEEKDAY**

6:45 PM - Mike & Helen Yasko

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 –**

**ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG**

8:15 AM - Celesten & Domenica Mladineo

**THURSDAY, JULY 10 –**

**WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, JULY 11 –**

**ST. BENEDICT**

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

**SATURDAY, JULY 12 –**

**WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Robert & Marie Marks

\*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

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for June 29th ..... \$3,988.20

Maintenance ..... \$792.00

Student's Weekly Offering (7 Envelopes) ..... \$13.00

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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**Wednesday, July 9**

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary

Shrine at Incarnate Word

**Saturday, July 12**

Utopia Rental

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations and welcome

James Elias Bradley who

was baptized on June 29th. God bless you!

### **60+ CLUB**

The 60+ Club will be meeting Wednesday, July 9th (the second Wednesday of every month) at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130).

### **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 \$100. Forms are available at the rectory.

### **PETER'S PENCE**

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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](mailto: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!

1700 years ago the first - and arguably - most important ecumenical occurred in Nicaea. Although the Council of Jerusalem was the first Church council, Nicaea would set the standard for all subsequent councils, especially the ones of the next few centuries. Emperor Constantine had called the council because he saw that several controversies were undermining the unity of the Church.

The foremost problem that Nicaea tackled was Arianism, the false belief that Jesus was not God. Named after its instigator, Arius, this heresy had spread throughout the Church and was especially popular with elements of the Roman military. Arius had misunderstood that the internal life of the Trinity was outside of time and claimed erroneously that the Son had come into existence at some point in time. Arius's heresy was attractive because it made the Trinity easier to understand by making it part of Creation.

The Council of Nicaea condemned Arius and upheld the Catholic teaching that the Father and Son are coequal and coeternal. It was not easy though. At one point St. Nicholas slapped Arius in the face. The other bishops thought that St. Nicholas had gone too far and had him imprisoned. Jesus disagreed and appeared to the saint in jail. When Emperor Constantine heard about the miracle, he freed St. Nicholas.

Although most councils would not have bishops engaged in brawling, fierce debates would occur. In AD 382 the First Council of Constantinople would focus mostly on Church discipline but did touch upon the creed. Since the original creed from Nicaea did not talk about the Holy Spirit, a revised version began to circulate at this time. Since the original council documents of Constantinople I are lost, scholars are split over whether the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed came from this council or not. Nevertheless, the creed we affirm every Sunday began its liturgical use at this time.

In AD 431 the Council of Ephesus was called to discuss whether the Virgin Mary is better called "Christ Bearer" or "God bearer." The council fathers reasoned that Mary should be called the Mother of God because we must affirm the singular person of Christ *and his dual nature. Jesus being one person, what is true of one nature is true of all of Him. Ergo, we can say that Mary is the Mother of God, because she is the human mother of Jesus.*

In her councils the Church has always sought to preserve the Deposit of Faith - the revelation of Jesus given to the Apostles. Sometimes new language had to be devised, and at other times bad reasonings had to be condemned. The teachings of the Church are not mere human improvisations but divine gifts. In our next article we will look at how the Church began sharing this gift outside the Roman Empire.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

### SAINT QUOTE

*"Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."*

Benedict of Nursia (480-547),

Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day: July 11

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

### FAITH – FAMILY – FUN – FREE!!!

Everything you love about summer is a little over a month away! Join us for The FEST on Sunday, August 3 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, Ohio. It's the perfect family day and one-tank trip. Check out a complete schedule of the day and all the details by going to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).

### TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Gil & Joan Vanza.**

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.**

### MY DAILY PRAYERS

"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 directly to your email. "My Daily Prayers" invited you to spend about 10 minutes in prayer and reflection each day and offers encouragement to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord. Sign up at [dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers).



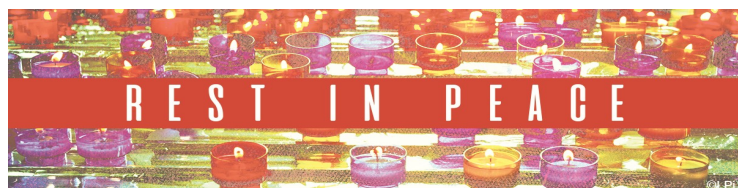
### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Baby Kevin, JoAnn Bartkiw, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Leslee Godwin Crum, Irene Csuri, Lisa Cwalinski, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Judy Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Bobby Hengoe, Eddie Hengoe, Jr., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Richard Lewis, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Bridget Nnabugwu, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Mike Sekerak, Bill Smith, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Tom Wenderoth, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Kathy Yomack & family, Evie Zalar, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

**Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.**

### **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 to meet. 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.



### **IN REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember in your prayers Mary Jo Joyce.  
God grant her eternal rest.

### **HOLY CROSS CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on **Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025, at 5:30 pm.** Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps of burial pre-planning, types of burials (including cremation), and the Rite of Christian Burial. This event will be held at the Holy Cross Cemetery office. Please RSVP to the cemetery office **(216) 641-7575 ext. 3** or to Brian Strauchon at **bstrauchon@clecem.org**. Visit **clecem.org** for more information.

### **THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our 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 formation in discernment** - Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

### **WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**July 12/13**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>CELEBRANT</b>
4:30 PM	David Marks Jill Parks Denise Puening Nina Ferguson	Al Margevicius Sheryl Finohr	Emma Wright	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Jessica Noga Jennifer Mladineo Vern Recker Bonnie Kaznoch	Mary Lou LoBue Jaclene Zauszniewski	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Mike Sommers Barbara Kish	Danny Coughlin Geovana Fagher	Rev. John Schneider

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

## ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

Thanks again for all of the donations, prayers and volunteers for this year's 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

Food - Thank you so much for your response. There are limited items left:

Sausage Buns: 11 packs (8 count) - \$1.50 each pack

Hamburger Buns: 13 packs (8 count) - \$.50 each pack

Hot Dog Buns: 6 packs (8 count) - \$.50 each pack

French Fries (frozen): 3 -5lb bags - \$4.50/bag

Popcorn - \$5.00/ bag (Flavors: Dill, Cheddar, Carmel, Birthday Cake, Green Apple, Kettle & Butter)

First come, first serve, so give us a call at the rectory if you would like any of the above listed items.

## 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](http://www.crmweb.org) or call 440-944-9445 for more information.

Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH



Summer Carnival

Friday-Sunday • July 11, 12, 13 • 2025

Register to volunteer at: [scbcarnivalvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:scbcarnivalvolunteer@gmail.com)



**LIVE BANDS**

**Friday, July 11**  
Grounds Open at 6:30 pm  
**BRONX COUNTRY**  
*Rockin' Country Band*

**Saturday, July 12**  
Grounds Open at 6:30 pm  
**THAT 80'S BAND**  
*NE Ohio's Best 80's Tribute Band*

**Sunday, July 13**  
Grounds Open at 5:00 pm  
**WANTED**  
*The Bon Jovi Tribute Band*

**GRAND DRAWING**  
10:15 pm



**WIN A NEW CAR!**

**Grand Prize** 2025 Buick Envista  
*courtesy of Spitzer GMC Buick*

**2nd Prize** One Shingled Roof worth \$7,000  
*courtesy Second-to-None Roofing, Inc.*

**3rd Prize** \$3,500 worth of Gift Cards  
- or - Cash (your choice)



**GAME TIME TENT**  
Skill Games • Wheels • Games of Chance



**WINE & BEER GARDEN**



**AIR-CONDITIONED BINGO  
IN THE GYM**



**AIR-CONDITIONED KIDS' ZONE  
IN UPPER & LOWER HALL**  
Kids' Games • Face Painting • Balloon Artist



**FOOD VENDORS**

Gyro Guys • Paisano's BBQ • Guy's Pizza  
Schnitz-Ale Express • Brownie Craze  
Corn Dogs • Taco Truck  
Funnel Cakes • French Waffles & Fries



**ST. CHARLES KITCHEN**

Hamburgers • Cheeseburgers • Hot Dogs  
Grilled Chicken Sandwich • Cavatelli & Meatballs  
Chicken Tenders • Onion Rings • French Fries  
St. Charles Youth Group Ice Cream Booth

# **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.

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

Pen Pals Needed! Being busy and exhausted is not new. St. Paul told the Galatians to not become weary in doing good. Do you have an hour a month for our "serve from home" ministry? Many inmates are lonely and abandoned by friends and family. As a pen pal you write anonymously using a pen name and the parish address as your return address. To learn more about this ministry and discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you, contact George Scherma at (440)465-8944 or [gws263@yahoo.com](mailto:gws263@yahoo.com).

## **ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS**

Annual Fall Shopping - Monday, September 22  
Amish Country  
Lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen (included)  
Cost: \$74 per person Deadline: Tuesday, September 2  
Please contact Sand Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

## **MARY QUEEN OF PEACE**

Tickets are available for the Summer Raffle to be drawn on Friday, August 22nd. Please call the office for more information: 216-749-2323.

## **WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE**

### **First Reading:**

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

### **Psalm:**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

### **Second Reading:**

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

### **Gospel:**

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025**

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9  
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33  
Next 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  
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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.