

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
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John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - Msgr. Howard W. Smith

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 –

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

MONDAY, JUNE 16 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - John Skubie

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Joseph Roth

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 –

ST. ROMUALD

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Rosemary Greifenstein

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 –

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

8:15 AM - Steffie, Chester & Robert Janas

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 –

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

*9:00 AM - Marie Grace Scafaria

11:00 AM - Pope's Intentions

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for June 8th \$3,468.00
Maintenance \$890.00
Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$72.00

Faith Direct as of 6/4 \$3,910.00
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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Tuesday, June 17

Friends Supporting Friends - Ichiban Restaurant

Sunday, June 22

12:00 PM Corpus Christi Procession - Immediately following the 11am Mass

12:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Thomas More Festival

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Join us immediately following the 11am Mass on Sunday, June 22nd for a short Eucharistic procession through the neighborhood to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi.



WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Ps 8)

Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:1)

Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." Jn 16:15)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2025

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/
Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1
Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17 ©LPi

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Last Sunday we celebrated the great Solemnity of Pentecost, which is often considered the birthday of the Church. For almost two thousand years we have been proclaiming the Good News. Now is a fitting time, therefore, to reflect on that long history of the Church. Over the next few months we are going to cover some of the most important events as well as give a general description of what it was like for the Church. We start with the Age of the Apostles.

Although we must rely heavily on tradition, we do have a good sense of what the Church was like for the first few generations after Christ's Resurrection. Persecuted locally and dirt poor, the Church spread rapidly from Jerusalem all the way to Spain, Ethiopia, and India! Several events forever changed how she would announce the Good News.

First, the Council of Jerusalem enabled the Church to convert Gentiles and Jews alike. As we should all remember from the Acts of the Apostles, the Church met in Jerusalem around 50 AD to discuss whether Gentiles would have to follow the Mosaic Law. At this time we had three types of converts: ethnic Jews, God fearers, and pagans. God fearers were those Gentiles who had given up their pagan practices to observe the Torah with the Israelites. When God-fearers or Jews converted, they kept observing the Law of Moses since Jesus had completed, not abolished it. What to do with pagans, however, who had never observed a Sabbath?

The Council decided that they did have to refrain from acts that would pollute them - participating in pagan sacrifices and unlawful marriage - but that was it. No circumcision. No incorporation into the Jewish community. Although the Church would convert many more pagans than Jews, she did convert the majority of Jews. One can make a strong case that by 200 AD only 10% of Jews in the Roman Empire were not Christians.

In 70 AD the Romans leveled Jerusalem. The province of Israel had fallen into open revolt in 66 AD and had initially defeated the Roman forces there. Although the resistance to Rome would continue till 74 AD, in 70 AD Rome successfully besieged Jerusalem leading to the execution or enslavement of almost its entire population. The Church's life shifted away from the Holy City to Antioch and Alexandria.

For the average Christian of the first century of Our Lord, the Roman Empire was a potential threat - not a sworn enemy. Nero did blame Christians for the fires of Rome in 64 AD, but an empire wide persecution never materialized. Instead, Christians were often ostracized and persecuted locally.

As St. Ignatius of Antioch shows in his letters, the Church already had a developed hierarchy of bishops, priests, and deacons. Proto-martyrs like Ignatius inspired the rest of the Church with their example. We will see next time that such resolve would be demonstrated time and again.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"My child, it is indeed the Voice of God you have heard. He has given you a great grace in thus calling you into His one true Church. While you live, never cease to thank Him and bless Him for it."

St. John Francis Regis (1597-1640),
Patron of Social Workers, Feast Day: June 16
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Tina Westfall.

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.

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, June 17th at Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

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.

FCSLA

All are invited to honor the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann, July 25, 2025, by attending the annual pilgrimage sponsored by the Cleveland District of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Charon Road, Euclid, OH. RSVP for the luncheon and raffle by Saturday, July 10. Lunch - \$35/Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Make checks payable to Okres Cleveland District and mail to FCSLA Cleveland District, 8361 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, 44149 (440-724-2573 or mtangeloff@att.net).



Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen. ©LPi



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Kevin, JoAnn Bartkiw, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Irene Csuri, Lisa Cwalinski, Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Ken Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Michael Jackiewicz, Bryan Jaworski, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Laura & Ashley, Joe Lawrence, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Dale Mathews & family, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Richard Mendez, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Tino Perez, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Lizzette Mendez Romain, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Michael Spring, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodbeck, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Joanne Uhl, Sam Urban, Kevin Vest, Tom Wenderoth, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Kathy Yomack & family, Ron Young, 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 Frank Erdman and Jan Woytek. God grant them eternal rest.

PRAYER LIST

Starting with the July 6th bulletin, we will start a fresh, new prayer list. To add a name to the list, please call or email (rectory@stmparish.net) by Monday, June 30th. Thank You!

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.

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.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 21/22

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	*Jill Parks David Marks Denise Puening Mary Lou LoBue	Sheryl Finohr Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Amy Vu	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	*Terri Sozio Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Chris Koch	Jessica Noga Dolores Hules	Parker Redloske Noah Redloske	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Alexia Torres Brendon Kiscoe	Rev. John Schneider

2025 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

Next Sunday, June 22nd, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities.

Tickets for our \$10,000 raffle are \$5.00 each (8 tickets to a sheet). Returns can be dropped off at the rectory or in the collection basket. Additional tickets are available at all church entrances or at the rectory.

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

If you are interested in helping at this year's festival, please call the rectory or there are sign up sheets at the church entrances. **Our biggest need for volunteers is for set up and clean up after the festival.**

Cabbage & Noodles - A festival favorite...Cabbage and Noodles will return again this year! If you are able to help out and make a pan of cabbage and noodles, please call the rectory to sign up or sign up on the volunteer sheets that can be found at the church entrances.

Cake Walk - The Cake Walk is back! Please call the rectory if you are able to donate any type of dessert.

Festival T-Shirts - If you would like to preorder a 2025 Festival T-Shirt there are sign up sheets at the church entrances or you can call the rectory. Cost is \$15.00.

St. Thomas More Parish Festival

Alcohol = \$5.00

TICKET

= \$1.00

FOOD

RIBS	6 Tickets
CABBAGE & NOODLES	3 Tickets
SAUSAGE & PEPPERS	6 Tickets
BURGER	5 Tickets
HOT DOG	2 Tickets
CORN	2 Tickets
PIZZA	1 Ticket
FRENCH FRIES	4 Tickets
FRENCH FRIES WITH CHEESE	5 Tickets
CORN DOG	4 Tickets

BEVERAGES

FRESH SQUEEZED LEMONADE	4 Tickets
FRESH SQUEEZED FLAVORED LEMONADE	5 Tickets
BOTTLED WATER	1 Ticket
SODA POP	2 Tickets
BEER	1 Blue ticket
MARGARITA	1 Blue ticket
FROSE (WINE SLUSHY).....	1 Blue ticket
SELTZER.....	1 Blue ticket

TREATS

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SNOWCONE	3 Tickets
ADULT SNOW CONE.....	6 Tickets
COTTON CANDY.....	5 Tickets
KETTLE, CARAMEL, CHEDDAR CORN, ETC..	6 Tickets
HONEY HUT ICE CREAM.....	3 Tickets

Alisha's

COCINA Spanish food at additional cost



St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144



St. Thomas More Summer Festival

Join us for celebration of community and joy! <<<<



SUNDAY, JUNE

22ND, 2025

12:30 PM – 7:00 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ☒ Free admission to parish grounds
- ☒ Try your chance at a \$5 ticket donation to win \$10,000
tickets available on-site, at the rectory or online at: www.stmparish.net
- ☒ Enjoy a delightful selection of music, games, food and drinks .
- ☒ Place bids on exciting items and enter our raffle to win great prizes!

Come celebrate an annual St. Thomas More Parish tradition with an afternoon full of fellowship, fun and entertainment!



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

Join us for celebration of community and joy!

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