

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

Parish Staff

Rev. G. David Bline
Administrator

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Deacon Don Brandt
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



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JUNE 15 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 –

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Eugene Huber

11:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

MONDAY, JUNE 17–

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Steffie & Chester Janas

TUESDAY, JUNE 18 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - John & Josephine Dedinsky

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 –

ST. ROMUALD

8:15 AM - Robert & Marie Marks

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 –

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

8:15 AM - Armita Andrews

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 –

SS. PAULINUS OF NOLA, JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

8:15 AM - Robert Strunak

4:30 PM - St. Thomas More Homebound

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 –

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Joan Nancy Russo

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for June 9th	\$4,351.00
Maintenance	\$2,039.00
Student's Weekly Offering (10 Envelopes)	\$49.50
Faith Direct as of 6/4	\$4,660.00
Faith Direct Maintenance	\$1,403.00
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, June 18

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends - Utopia Hall

Thursday, June 20

6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission Meeting - Church

Sunday, June 23

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Parish Festival

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Peggy Palumbo.

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 2024.**

PARISH COUNCIL GOOD WILL DRIVE

Please drop your donations of **men's razors, shaving cream, and deodorant** in the donation box in the main vestibule by this Sunday, June 16th. Your generosity is appreciated and heartfelt.



2024 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

Next Sunday, June 23rd, the parish will have a celebration of our patron, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities.

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

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

If you are interested in helping at this year's festival, please call the rectory. **Our biggest need for volunteers is for the set up on Saturday, June 22nd and the clean up after the festival.**

Donations - We are gathering items to assemble gift baskets. If you would like to donate an item or a basket, please bring them to the rectory.

Cabbage & Noodles - We again are asking for donations of cabbage & noodles. Please call the rectory to sign up.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn’t time. Love’s strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, “**he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.**” Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It’s only at the cross that Jesus’ love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn’t the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn’t he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn’t time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— *Father John Muir*
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PSR - TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

We are looking for Parish School of Religion (PSR) teachers. Our classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:45PM. We use a curriculum book as well as prepared resources. Please think about being part of our program and sharing your faith with our students, helping them 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

VOCATION CORNER

Mercedarian Sisters and Friars

To learn more visit mercedariansisters.org for the Sisters and orderofmercy.org for the Friars. Please keep those Sisters and Friars 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 Mercedarian Sisters, 1355 West 70th Street, Cleveland, 44102 or Mercedarian Friars, 6398 Drexel Road, Philadelphia, PA, 19151.



June 22/23

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Denise Puening Barb Mundson Steve Cottos Terri Cottos	Stephanie Liebert Sheryl Finohr	Blake Liebert
9:00 AM	Jeff Stutzman Dolores Hules Jaclene Zauszniewski Vernon Recker	Mary Lou LoBue Jeannine Declet	Aubrey Rankin Alaina Vandal
11:00 AM	Joyce Stutzman Linda Rafferty Madelyn Koranda Marty Rini	Mike Sommers	Nathan Brown Eli Lopez



Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Domenica Basich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bognar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara Bridle, Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Tracey Carlisle, Shawn Calvey, Christopher Davis, Jim Davis, Rosemarie DeJesus, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Ruth Giaco, Chet Givens, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Dianne Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Bryan J., Margaret Ann Jablonski, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Melissa Korhely, Diane Kunath, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Eileen Lombardo, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Deacon Ceferino Medina, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Marie Murphy, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Richard Roman, Annette Santos, Mike Sekerak, Irene Sheridan, Susan Sidley, John Skubie, Elaine Smet, Myles Sparks, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spritz, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Marty Swartz, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sam Urban, Rita Valochik, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak, and 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 in your prayers Margaret Tonti, Rev. Thomas V. O'Donnell, and Audrey Roginsky. God grant them eternal rest.

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), Priest, Social Workers Patron, Feast Day: June 16th
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?

Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father, You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created. You created us and everything around us. We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers. They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health. We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.
In Christ's name. Amen. ©LPi

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. Please join us this Tuesday, May 21st from 4-7PM in Utopia Hall. Questions? Please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

GIVE YOUR DAD THE BEST GIFT!

Our Church - and our world - needs strong men of faith! Invite your dad and grandfather to join you at The FEST on Sunday, August 4th. The FEST is a day of faith, family, and fun for the whole family. Come and hear your favorite Christian artists: Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., and Caleb and John.

Mark your calendar (and your dad's too) to join us at The FEST. Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost will conclude The FEST day with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8PM. Check out all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us.

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

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 with the priest after Mass 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

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'S BUS TRIPS

LADY CAROLINE LUNCH CRUISE -
Wednesday, July 17th
Cruise, lunch, and stop at West Side Market included
\$94 per person
MEADOWS CASINO & PRESQUE ISLE CASINO -
Monday, August 12th. Bonus: 10% food discount
\$58 per person Deadline: Tuesday, July 23rd
AMISH COUNTRY (Annual Fall Shopping) -
Monday, September 30th
Lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen (included)
\$75 per person
Deadline: Monday, September 9th
Contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or to make a reservation.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Italy Pilgrimage with Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM
Rome - Venice - Siena - Padua -
Assisi - Florence
Monday, August 26 -
Friday, September 6, 2024
For more information visit www.friarjp.com
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WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

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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.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

We will be having a series of Catholic speakers coming in this summer to educate our parish about some excellent topics.

On June 22nd, Michael Fry from Josephinum Pontifical College will present *An Evening with Archbishop Sheen*.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

4th Quarter Honors
2023-2024

First Honors

Dominic Abbruzzese, Sophia Adkins, Reagan Burke, Nicolas Cajo Rubio, Cruz Colon, Jahaira Figueroa, Breonna Johnson, Blake Liebert, Lucia Nunney, Noah Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Sofia Rodriguez, Benjamin Schillo, Chloe Scott, Catalina Serrano, Sofia Torres, and Leah Viera

Second Honors

Faith Akateh, Joel Akateh, Penelope Betancourt, Jonathan Collins, Jackson Colon, Leyna Crew, Sofia DeJesus, Isabella Diaz, Brian Eichenmiller, Ella Gus, Jose Gutierrez, Nathaniel Infante, Giovanna Magistro, Brian Marrero, Alexa Meyers, Noah Nguyen, Taylor Ramsey, Aubrey Rankin, Parker Redloske, Jordan Thomas, Kaydence Thompson, Ethan Tran, and Benjamin Widdowson

Third Honors

Marissa Bartow, Luna Basen, Brandon Breeden, Nathan Brown, Camila Caridad, Aaliyah Colvin, Daniel Coughlin, Macie Meehan, Anthony Rodriguez, Jacob Schillo, Alaina Vandal, and Samuel Widdowson,

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass for June will be held at St. Peter Parish on Friday, June 21st at 7PM. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7PM and the liturgy will start at 7:30PM. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer and there will be a social after Mass. The church is located at 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, 44039. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. Come, Sing, and Praise God with Joy!

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 41st Annual Conference** held on **Saturday July 27, 2024** at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "One Body One Spirit." Guest speakers will be Alicia Hartle who serves as executive director of Pentecost Today USA (the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the US), Graeson Dall, a national speaker who ministers with zeal and drive to awaken the universal church to the transformative love of the Holy Spirit, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Fr. Damian Ference 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 17th, is \$35. At the door the price is \$40. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate this year of Eucharistic Revival.



ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 23, 2024 12pm-7pm

RAFFLE

1ST Prize: \$10,000*
2ND Prize: \$1,000*
3RD Prize: \$500
*Before Taxes

Drawing at 7pm Winner need not be present
Seller of First Prize - \$1,000*

\$5 DONATION/PER TICKET

Tickets available at the church
or at the rectory

**Food
Entertainment
Games
Raffle**

**Free Admission
to the church grounds**

**Bring the family &
friends for a great day
of fellowship, fun, and
great prizes!**

**All are welcome
to join us!!!**

**CAR SHOW
on the church grounds
during the Festival.
\$5.00 entry fee
includes 1 food voucher**



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