

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
Office Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JUNE 28 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - Homebound Parishioners

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 –

SS. PETER & PAUL

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Residents of Brooklyn Pointe &
The Avenue

MONDAY, JUNE 30 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - John & Alice Noga

TUESDAY, JULY 1 –

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

6:45 PM - Richard Koranda

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Lou Kazimer

THURSDAY, JULY 3 –

ST. THOMAS

FRIDAY, JULY 4 –

INDEPENDENCE DAY

9:00 AM - The United States of America

SATURDAY, JULY 5 –

**SS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA & ELIZABETH
OF PORTUGAL**

8:15 AM - Deceased Parishioners of St. Procop
Parish

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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for June 22nd \$3,377.00
Maintenance \$705.00
Student's Weekly Offering (5 Envelopes) \$30.00

Faith Direct as of 6/15 \$2,112.50
Faith Direct Maintenance \$357.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-
866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Tuesday, July 1

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

Wednesday, July 2

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Parent Meeting - Gym

Friday, July 4 RECTORY CLOSED



Saturday, July 5

Utopia Rental

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, July 6

Rosary before Masses

BULLETIN CORRECTION

Last week's Maintenance numbers were incorrect.
The correct amount is \$1,145.00. We are very sorry
for the reporting error.

FOURTH OF JULY

The rectory will be closed on Friday, July 4th due to
the observance of Independence Day. Mass will be
celebrated at 9am.

ROSARY

Members of the parish will lead us in the rosary 1/2
hour before all Masses on July 5th & 6th. Please come
early and join us!



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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 stu-
dents 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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. Continuing our overview of the Church's history, we come to Emperor Constantine. In a single generation the Church gained the backing of the Roman Empire. That development would have far reaching consequences.

By AD 300 the Roman Empire was still an empire but increasingly not centered on Rome. With frontiers thousands of miles long, the empire now had to station entire legions far away from its central states to protect its provinces. Worse for Rome it had run out of places to conquer. Unable to break Iran (the Sasanian Empire), Rome had no more major cities to loot. At the same time the Roman Empire could not effectively collect taxes from its northern provinces. Diocletian divided the empire between two augusti (emperors) and their caesares (designated successors) in what was called the Tetrarchy.

Constantine became emperor in AD 306 of half of the Roman Empire - Britain, Spain, and France - when his father died. Four years later Constantine defeated his rival Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge. Famously Constantine was directed in a dream to have his legions paint the Greek symbol for Christ on their shields - "in this sign you shall conquer." Fifteen years and another civil war later, Constantine was the sole emperor.

From the beginning of his reign in AD 306, Constantine had tolerated and protected Christians. In AD 313 he and emperor Licinius declared the Edict of Milan that officially tolerated Christian worship and prevented the Church's property from being confiscated. How well he practiced the Faith during his life is debatable, but he was baptized on his deathbed. Constantine built a number of churches, most famously the original St. Peter's Basilica and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. One cannot doubt the piety of St. Helen, his mother, who helped to rediscover the True Cross in Jerusalem.

By the time Emperor Constantine died, the Roman Empire was rapidly becoming Christian. Although the Church had converted many before Augustine, now the official channels of power had become Christian. As pagan symbols disappeared and temples became churches, the ethics of Christianity began to dominate and form the citizens of the empire.

As one might expect from official patronage, a great deal of culture became Christian. Books, plays, and public entertainment was increasingly Christian in character. This public support also led to the first Council of Nicaea in AD 325 - 1700 years ago exactly! Confirming the divinity of Christ against the heretic Arian, this council might not have happened without Emperor Constantine's backing.

We will look at Nicaea and the first councils more closely next time. For now we should note that the Church went through some of its greatest changes in the early fourth century. The western experience of religion can be traced back to this pivotal moment. May we remember though that worldly power never lasts - as Rome would find out soon enough.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"The greatest gift we can give is forgiveness, for it sets both the giver and the receiver free."

St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784),

Patron of California, Feast Day: July 1

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Madelyn Koranda.

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 are weeks available in July.**

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 COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome
Charlotte Mary Hageman who
was baptized on June 22nd. God bless you!



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.
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, Margaret Ann Jablonski, 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, Bridget Nnabugwu, 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
George Kozickie and Mary Jo Joyce.
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

July 5/6

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Marilu Slimak Mary Lou LoBue Abbey Eichenmiller Terri Cottos	Peggy Palumbo Steve Cottos	Blake Liebert Amy Vu	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Chris Koch Nathan Noga Dolores Hules Jennifer Mladineo	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jessica Noga	Noah Nguyen Henry Nguyen	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Mike Sommers Barbara Kish	Brendon Kiscoe Audreyana Infante	Rev. Don Snyder

ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL

WINNERS

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

First Prize: \$10,000 - Annie Nydza

Second Prize: \$1,000 - Gary Smet

Third Prize: \$500 - Chuck Cramer

THANKFUL CORNER

Thanks to all who participated in the raffle and attended our festival. It proved to be a very HOT, but enjoyable day for all involved! A great big **THANK YOU** to our Festival Chairpersons, Renee Cepek & her family, Frank & Vilma Colonna, our Ministry Groups and all of the gracious volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success!

ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

We are extremely grateful for everyone who donated to this year's festival. We received donations for the cake walk, cabbage & noodles, prizes, baskets, gift cards, cash and so much more!

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 - We have some leftover food that we would like to extend the option to purchase from us. Possibly you are having a graduation or 4th of July party and need some last minute goodies, check out this list of what's available:

Sausage Links (frozen - uncooked): 8 packs (14 count) - \$20.00/pack

Sausage Buns: 16 packs (8 count) - \$1.50 each pack

Hamburgers (frozen - uncooked): 12 packs (8 count) - \$10.00/pack

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

Hot Dogs (frozen - uncooked): 2 packs (24 count) Ballpark - \$6.00/pack

Hot Dog Buns: 9 packs (8 count) - \$.50 each pack

French Fries (frozen): 6-5lb bags - \$4.50/bag

Pepsi: 1-36 pack (12 oz) - \$15.00

Pepsi Zero: 1-36 pack (12 oz) - \$15.00

Sprite: 1-30 pack (12 oz) - \$14.00

Mountain Dew: 1-36 pack (12 oz) - \$15.00

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.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting." (Acts 12:11)

Psalm:

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2025

Sunday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal

1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next 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

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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.

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>6</div>  <div>Rosary before Masses</div>		<div>1</div> <div>Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Athletics: Parent Football Meeting 6-8pm</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>RECTORY CLOSED</div> 	<div>5</div> <div>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass</div>
<div>7</div>		<div>8</div> 	<div>9</div> <div>12pm 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</div>
<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> 	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</div>
<div>20</div> 	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>St. Elias Food Pantry 2pm Distribution: 3:30-5:30pm</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</div> 
<div>27</div> <div>Utopia Rental World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>60+ Club 1pm</div> 