

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

Frank Kozuch

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Joseph Ray

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 –

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00 AM - Leroy Werley

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 2 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased of the Malames & Kissel Families

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 –

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

6:45 PM - Helen Pietrasz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 –

ST. CASIMIR

8:15 AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 –

SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

8:15 AM - Expectant Mothers

*4:30 PM - Andrea Lingenfelter

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 –

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00 AM - Thomas Wenderoth

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 22nd \$2,982.80
Maintenance \$685.00
Student's Weekly Offering (32 Envelopes) ... \$149.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PARISHSOFT - FAITH DIRECT

Faith Direct is now ParishSoft. You can log in at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-684.

Have questions? Please call ParishSoft Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 3

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Confessions - Church

6:30 PM - 7:45PM PSR - School

Wednesday, March 4

2:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross - Church

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Open House - School

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Diocesan Wide Evening of Confessions - Church

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 7

Utopia Rental

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, March 8



Rosary before Masses

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Confirmation -

Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

ROSARY

Next weekend, March 7th & 8th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

RECYCLING BINS

The three paper bins will soon be removed from the property. We kindly ask that you no longer bring paper products from home for disposal. There have been pickup issues and the school no longer profits from them. Thank you for your support over the years!

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 3/1/26

Processional Hymn: #662 Remember Your Love

Offertory Hymn: #463 The Lord Is My Light

Communion: #441 On Eagle's Wings

Closing: #712 Lift High the Cross



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Over the last few articles, we have been surveying the history of the Church in the United States. Since we now have a general idea of when our diocese was founded and its early years, it is a good idea to look at how St. Thomas More came to be.

As you can read on Mary Queen of Peace's website, the first Mass in Brooklyn Township was held in a copper shop in 1873. From that very humble beginning came the Sacred Heart of Mary Mission. Enough Catholics moved to the area that the bishop elevated the mission to that of a parish with a school in 1894. Originally located on Broadview, Sacred Heart continued to grow but had a major setback when its church burned down in 1907. Two years later the parish erected a new church that was consecrated on the Feast of the Assumption. Work quickly began on yet another larger church that was completed in 1930 when the parish changed its name to Our Lady of Good Counsel. From Our Lady of Good Counsel, a number of parishes would be broken off, including St. Thomas More and St. Leo's.

Brooklyn itself was originally part of Brooklyn Township, which was organized in 1818 when settlement west of the Cuyahoga River increased. This township grew fairly quickly such that a number of distinct villages grew out of it. The first was Brighton, which later became the Village of South Brooklyn in 1890. Eventually, South Brooklyn became Old Brooklyn by World War I. Our Brooklyn would start as Cleveland's Brooklyn Village in 1927. Having grown significantly due to the housing boom following World War II, Brooklyn left the City of Cleveland in 1950.

As Notre Dame historian Dolan once noted, the most significant event for the Church in the United States in the Twentieth Century was not the Second Vatican Council: it was the GI Bill of Rights of 1944. This bill and the associated housing boom reshaped urban life throughout the United States as many flocked to the suburbs. Accordingly, on March 8, 1946, Bishop Edward Hoban established our parish. Msgr. Howard Smith was our first pastor, and our first Mass was celebrated at the Memphis Theater on April 7, 1946.

Two years later the parish constructed a multipurpose building that served as church, social hall, and school. Our grade school began on September 12, 1949, with 352 students and six Sisters of the Incarnate Word. The rectory would be built in 1954, and a convent for the sisters was constructed in 1961 that later became Issemann Place. That building is now the Friary for the Franciscans of Padua High School. Construction on our current church began in 1965 with its first Mass being on June 11, 1967.

Knowing our history helps us realize how many contributed to our community. This passing on of life of grace is the tradition of our church. May we always share what we have been entrusted with so that others can know the goodness of God.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

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 2026.**

SAINT QUOTE

"It is a lesson we all need - to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955),
Patron Saint of Racial Justice,
Feast Day: March 3

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

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Daniel Liberatore
St. Gabriel
Concord
I Theology, Saint Mary



Please keep Daniel and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2026 is available. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15am Masses. **If you have already scheduled your 2 Masses, you may schedule 2 more at this time.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Daniel Breen, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Traci Kelber-Byrne, Michael C., Janet Call, John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Mike Castrigano, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, Lori Curry, Lisa Cwalinski, Barb Davis, Cristino & Rosie DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Annette Gyory, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Pat H., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Joshua, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Shirley Kowall, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Brother Bobby McFadden, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Lorrie Minch, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, Chuck Nohejl, David Novatny, Sue Oldag, Ellen Omilanowski, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Betty (Grunkowski) Popow, Jim Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Judy Romaniw, Michael S., Mary Schneider, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Mark Suhajcik, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Kathy Yomack & family, Evie Zalar, 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
Catherine Palcisko and Mercy Gaona.
God grant them eternal rest.

Bereavement Ministry

The Ministry of Consolation is in need of volunteers. Please call the rectory if you are interested in this very special ministry.

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 for you. 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall. Sister Mary Ann Spangler will present a Lenten Reflection, "God of Refuge, God of Hope." Appetizers, pastry, coffee and tea will be served. Hope you can join us.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas
More during the month of **February** –
Michael, Sheila, Alaina, Isaac & Lincoln Vandal,
John Moynihan & Lindsay Carson.
Welcome to you!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 7/8

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Jill Parks Nina Ferguson Marilu Slimak	Sheryl Finohr Steve Cottos	Ainsley French Amy Vu	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Mary Lou LoBue Heather Roberts Chris Koch Nathan Noga	Mike Sommers Jaclene Zauszniewski	Henry Nguyen Holly Roberts	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Stephanie Liebert Blake Liebert	Gypsi Hamm Parker Redloske	Fr. John Schneider

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL St. Thomas More School Now Enrolling for 2026 - 2027

St. Thomas More School is now enrolling students in Pre-school through 8th Grade for the 2026-2027 school year! We provide a faith-centered education rooted in Catholic values, strong academics, and a caring, family-oriented community. Our dedicated teachers, small class sizes, and commitment to developing the whole child help students grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

Several grade levels have waitlists, so we encourage interested families to apply soon. Scholarships are available, making tuition affordable.

Join us for our Open House on Wednesday, March 4th, from 4-6pm. Come tour our school, meet our teachers, and experience what makes St. Thomas More School such a special place.

For more information or to begin the enrollment process, please contact Mrs. Sarah Schultz at sschultz@stmschool.com.
Mrs. Sarah Schultz

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Many thanks to all who donated to the Angel Scholarship Fund for the 2024 tax year. The contributions that St. Thomas More School received will provide tuition assistance for our students.

Donations made by April 15, 2026 are eligible for the 2025 state tax credit. Help us to continue to raise more scholarship funding to support our students. Contribution forms can be found at the rectory or online at Catholic-Community.org/angel-contribution.

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 Disarmament and Peace - Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.



Good Friday, April 3rd, is a day of abstinence from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also a day of fast. The day of fast is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. Prayer opportunities include Children's Stations of the Cross at 2pm on Wednesdays and Stations of the Cross at 6pm on the following Fridays: March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th. An almsgiving opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

2026 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

The following Tuesdays from 6-6:30pm:
March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, and March 24th or
by appointment

Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession:
Wednesday, March 4th from 5-8pm

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

CRS RICE BOWL

Empowering Growth in Ghana - By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 142nd annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S. A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! The funds we collected with help to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ceee. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

**St. Thomas More
Mardi Gras 2026**

Thank you to those individuals, families, businesses, and ministries
who donated and volunteered to this year's Mardi Gras

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| Goldie Al Fahel | Christine Koch | Nicole Zientarski |
| Greg Ans | Frank Kozuch | Beck Center |
| Jackie Ans | Madelyn Koranda | Fragapane Bakery |
| Jolanda Caraballo | Mary Lou & Paul LoBue | Friends Supporting Friends |
| Vinny & Hannah Carson | Joanne Loria | Golubski Funeral Homes |
| Barbara Carson | Nick Louloudis | Great Clips |
| Brian & Lisa Carson | Lorrie Minch | Healing Hearts |
| Renee Cepek | Mary Panak | Holden Forests & Gardens |
| Norberto Colón | Lolly & Wally Parker | Holy Name High School |
| Frank & Vilma Colonna | Ray & Diana Parkison | Honey Hut |
| Ann & Mike Cosgriff | Sue Poole | Kiddie Park |
| Dan Coughlin | James Ptacek | Midas |
| Mike & Rachel Fahey | Vern Recker | Padua Franciscan High School |
| Dave & Sheryl Finohr | Kristine Redloske | Petitti Garden Centers |
| Edissa Godley | Jim Reiss | Ripepi Funeral Home |
| Marlena Graziano | Patty & Guy Riegling | Saint Ignatius High School |
| Matt & Emily Henderson | Peggy Spring | St. Thomas More School ECE, K, 1 |
| Joe & Dolores Hules | Deacon Jeff & Joyce Stutzman | St. Thomas More Grades 2 & 3 |
| Brenden & Nicole Hunt | Kim Szypulski | St. Thomas More Grades 4 & 5 |
| Margaret Ann Jablonski | Tina Valencik | St. Thomas More Grades 6, 7, 8 |
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| Bonnie Kaznoch | Ursula Wyrwas | Therapeutic Touch |