

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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00 AM - Catherine Palcisko

*11:00 AM - Ed Langood

MONDAY, MARCH 16 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - God’s Blessings

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 –

ST. PATRICK

6:45 PM - Erin Marie McQuillen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 –

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

8:15 AM - Joseph Yench

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 –

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Father’s Day Enrollment

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Mildred McClelland

*4:30 PM - Mercy Gaona

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Kozuch & Dora Families

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, March 16

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 17 RECTORY CLOSED

NO SCHOOL



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

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

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

Wednesday, March 18

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

Friday, March 20

Utopia Rental

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Join us this Sunday, March 15th after the 11am Mass in the church for a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. Frank Budziak, a certified Lay Ecclesial Minister in the diocese will be leading this special Lenten presentation. Please stop in the main vestibule to see the display that he has set up.

RECTORY CLOSED

The rectory will be closed on Tuesday, March 17th in observance of St. Patrick’s Day.

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, March 17th at 4pm in Utopia Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.



SUNDAY’S HYMNS 3/15/26

Processional Hymn: #519 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Offertory Hymn: #426 God Be in My Head

Communion: #342 Behold the Lamb

Closing: #447 Amazing Grace

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Collection for March 8th, Maintenance, Student's Weekly Offering, ParishSoft from 2/1 - 2/28, and ParishSoft Maintenance.

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.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

In the summer of 1869, bishops from across the world began making their way to Rome. Pope Pius IX had summoned them to the First Vatican Council — the first ecumenical council of the Church in three centuries.

To understand Vatican I, we must understand the world that produced it. The nineteenth century had unleashed forces that deeply threatened faith and order. The French Revolution had toppled the old union of Church and society. Rationalism and scientific materialism were eroding traditional belief among the higher classes. Nationalism was redrawing maps and, in Italy, directly menacing the Papal States..

Pius IX, who had reigned since 1846, had watched the tide turn. Once a reformer himself, he became increasingly convinced that the modern world needed not accommodation but a firm, clear voice of authority. In 1864 he had issued the *Syllabus of Errors*, a document that alarmed liberals but galvanized Catholics who felt the Church needed to plant its flag firmly against the spirit of the age.

The Council he convened on December 8, 1869 — the Feast of the Immaculate Conception — was meant to be that flag. Nearly 750 bishops gathered inside St. Peter's Basilica. From the beginning, two questions dominated everything: What is the nature of faith in relation to reason? And what is the authority of the pope?

On the first question, the Council produced *Dei Filius* in April 1870. Against both fideism (the idea that faith has nothing to do with reason) and rationalism (the idea that reason alone is sufficient), the Council taught that faith and reason are compatible and complementary. God can be known through reason by reflecting on creation, yet divine revelation opens truths that reason alone could not reach.

The doctrine of papal infallibility — the teaching that the pope, when speaking formally on matters of faith and morals for the whole Church, is preserved from error — was already widely held among Catholics. Making it a defined dogma was controversial because a significant minority of bishops worried about the message it would send to the world.

On July 18, 1870, the vote was held. Of those present, 533 voted in favor, 2 voted against, and roughly 55 had left Rome rather than vote against the pope. The dogma was promulgated. The pope, the Council declared, possesses "that infallibility with which the divine Redeemer willed his Church to be endowed." Here it is worth noting what infallibility is *not*: it does not mean the pope is sinless, always wise, or beyond criticism in his ordinary actions. It applies only in very specific, formal circumstances — and it has been formally invoked only once since the Council, when Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary in 1950.

Within weeks of that historic vote, the Franco-Prussian War broke out. French troops withdrew from Rome, and Italian nationalist forces entered the city. Pius IX suspended the Council indefinitely. It was never formally reconvened, leaving much of its intended work unfinished. That work would wait nearly a century, until the Second Vatican Council. That story will have to wait for a future article.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Paulette McGann.

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. There are still 1 week available in March.

SENSORY KITS

Many neurodiverse individuals and families face sensory difficulties that make attending Mass hard. To help parishes become more welcoming, Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has provided us with two sensory kits - simple tools that create calm, inclusive worship experiences for all. There is one kit in the chapel and one in the old library (Gathering Room) for use during Mass. We kindly ask that if you use the items, please return them at the end of Mass.

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.



SAINT QUOTE

"But let us all by God's grace run the race of chastity, young men and maidens, old men and children; not going after wantonness but praising the name of Christ. Let us not be ignorant of the glory of chastity: for its crown is angelic and its excellence above man."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (1751-1820),

Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: March 18

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



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, Chet Givens, 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, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Shirley Kowall, Al Lada, Dennis Lazuta, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Brother Bobby McFadden, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, 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, Karen Scharfenort, Michelle Scibbe, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Carolyn Sovizral, 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
Erna Wittine, Mildred McClelland,
William Csak, and Anna Durjak.
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.

2026 MARDI GRAS UPDATE

All of the expense receipts have been submitted and the final net profit is **\$7,072.99**. Thank you to all of those who worked so hard to make this event so successful. Mark your calendars for next year: **Saturday, February 6, 2027.**

SECOND COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

For a complete listing of Lenten opportunities and this year's Holy Week schedule, please visit our website: stmparish.net/lent.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 21/22

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue David Marks Jill Parks Nina Ferguson	Tim Lozar Chet Omilanowski	Ainsley French Amy Vu	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Vern Recker Chris Koch Nathan Noga Dolores Hules	Jennifer Mladineo Mike Sommers	Noah Redloske Sabriena Smith	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Patty Riegling Barbara Kish	Danny Coughlin Gypsi Hamm	Fr. John Schneider

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that we are finishing up the third quarter. This year has been flying by and students have been hard at work. During the lenten season, seventh grade did a wonderful job leading the students during stations of the cross. Students have also been learning about different virtues and saints and how we can incorporate them into our daily lives. In academic news, sixth grade wrapped up a unit about cells and currently are studying systems of the body. In math we are studying ratios and rates. We had a fun time creating equivalent ratios with fruit loops in class. Seventh grade is currently learning about weather systems in science. For math we are starting algebra concepts and are hard at work learning how to solve equations and inequalities. Eighth grade wrapped up learning about the Earth and fossil records. We are going to be starting our unit in genetics where we will be creating our own monsters and seeing how traits are inherited. For math, students are learning about systems of equations which will be followed by functions with linear and nonlinear relationships.

Mrs. Stefanie Relic
Middle School Math/Science Teacher



**\$5 per person
5 & under free**

Coffee & juice will also be served

2026 Donuts with the Easter Bunny Ticket Order Form

Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Ticket(s) _____ # of attendees (including those under 5) Total Amount Enclosed _____

**Cash or Checks Payable to St. Thomas More PTU
Payment at the door will also be accepted**

*There is a \$30 fee for all returned checks in addition to any incurred bank fees

LENT

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 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 17th, and March 24th or by appointment

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

CRS RICE BOWL

Feeding Dreams in Timor-Leste - By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people in Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read about Adriana's dream of becoming a doctor in this week's Story of Hope.



HELP OUR SCHOOL ADVANCE

WE THINK WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE THE ANGEL MADNESS UNIQUE DONOR CHAMPION

WHAT IS ANGEL MADNESS?

All Diocesan schools are invited to compete in generating the most Angel Scholarship Fund donors or donations during March 2026. Two winning schools will receive an end of the school year ice cream social sponsored by the Catholic Community Foundation. Each school will compete in either a "Donor" or "Dollar" bracket. Bracket assignments and results will be posted at: catholiccommunity.org/angelmadness

WHAT BRACKET ARE WE IN?

Our school is competing to generate the most unique donors through online gifts in the Blue Bracket. Totals are calculated Monday-Sunday each week.



WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

3/2-3/8	Week 1- Top 16 schools will advance to Sweet 16
3/9-3/15	Week 2- Top 8 schools will advance to Elite 8
3/16-3/22	Week 3- Top 4 schools will advance to Final 4
3/23-3/29	Week 4- Top school is crowned 2026 Angel Madness Unique Donor Champion



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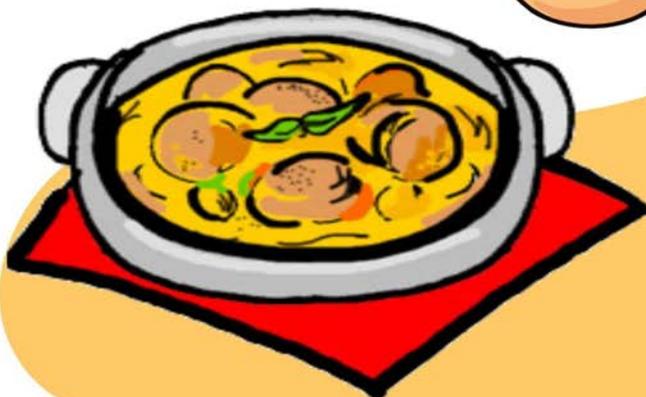
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Join us for our annual "EGG-STRATA-GANZA"

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Utopia Hall
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



ALSO SERVING:
COFFEE,
ORANGE JUICE, WATER
& PASTRY

"FREEBIE ALERT"
BREAKFAST IS ON US!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED
FOR THE HOMELESS

What is a breakfast strata?
Layered egg casserole that can
be made with:
meat, veggies, cheese!

