

# 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 21 - VIGIL
\*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
MONDAY, MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO
8:15 AM - Memorial Garden
TUESDAY, MARCH 24 - ST. OSCAR ROMERO
6:45 PM - John & Erma Thomas & Family
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
8:15 AM - Raymond & Mary Jane Lisowski
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Ted & Bev Madzia
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - March Birthdays
\*4:30 PM - Erna Wittine
SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
\*11:00 AM - Leona Tamburro
\*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, March 23
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
Tuesday, March 24
9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory
1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Confessions - Church
6:30 PM - 7:45PM PSR - School
Wednesday, March 25
2:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross - Church
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Church
Thursday, March 26
1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
Friday, March 27
6:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross - Church
Saturday, March 28
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Donuts with the Easter Bunny - Gym
Sunday, March 29
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM First Communion - Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - "Egg-Strata-Ganza" - Utopia Hall

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, March 26th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering. Men and women 60 years old and over are welcome. No fees or dues to join. Hope to see you then!



We hope you will join us during Holy Week, the most solemn time of our faith. It is a time to remember the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ with all that He gave and endured as we finish the journey to His Resurrection.

Please note that during the Easter Season we will be singing the Mass parts from "Mass of the Resurrection" listed in our Missals (#848, #851, #852, #853).

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 15th ..... \$3,244.35
Maintenance ..... \$341.00
Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) ..... \$86.00

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.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 3/22/26

Processional Hymn: #143 From the Depths We Cry To Thee
Offertory Hymn: #528 In Every Age
Communion: #323 Eat This Bread
Closing: #355 I Am the Bread of Life

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! After the last few articles, I realized that we had skipped over a momentous event for the Church: the French Revolution. This tragic upheaval shook the ecclesial and political foundations of Europe and almost ended the Church in France.

On the night of November 2, 1789, the newly formed French National Assembly voted to seize all property belonging to the Catholic Church in France. It was an act that would have seemed unthinkable a generation earlier — and it was only the beginning. The French Revolution, which erupted in 1789 and convulsed Europe for a decade, is often remembered as a triumph of liberty and reason. From the perspective of the Church, however, it was something far more ambiguous: a catastrophe laced with genuine grievances, a time of heroic martyrdom, and a crisis that would force Catholicism to reckon with the modern world for the next two centuries.

The Church in 18th-century France was not without fault. The French clergy were a privileged estate, exempt from taxation while peasants starved. Many bishops lived more like aristocrats than shepherds. Corruption and absenteeism were real problems. When ordinary people cried out for justice, some of their anger was directed, not without reason, at an institution that had grown too comfortable with power. But the Revolution did not reform the Church. It attempted to destroy it. In 1790, the Assembly imposed the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, demanding that priests and bishops swear loyalty to the revolutionary state above the Pope. It was a demand that struck at the heart of Catholic identity. Roughly half the clergy refused — and those who refused became outlaws. Hundreds of priests were imprisoned, deported, or killed. In September 1792, mobs in Paris massacred more than two hundred priests and bishops in what history remembers as the September Massacres. These martyrs died with the name of God on their lips.

The Reign of Terror that followed under Robespierre brought active de-Christianization. Churches were looted and closed. The Cathedral of Notre Dame was renamed the "Temple of Reason." A new revolutionary calendar was invented to erase the Christian week and its Sundays. Statues were smashed. The aim was nothing less than the elimination of Christianity from French public life.

And yet the faith survived — not despite the persecution, but in some ways through it. The Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne, sixteen nuns guillotined in 1794, went to the scaffold singing hymns. Their witness lit a flame that could not be extinguished. Ordinary Catholic families hid priests, maintained the sacraments in secret, and passed the faith to their children at great personal risk.

The Revolution taught the Church hard lessons about the dangers of entanglement with earthly power — lessons that echoed through the reforms of the Second Vatican Council nearly two centuries later. It also revealed something the revolutionaries did not expect: that faith rooted in genuine love of God is stronger than the guillotine.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## 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.

## 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. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2026.**



## 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  
Anna Durjak, Leona Tamburro,  
Rev. David Halaiko, and Ann Brinza.  
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.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

## OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All those in the community are welcome on Holy Saturday, April 4th at 10am, to join an outdoor prayer walk/Stations of the Cross at the Jesuit Retreat House (5629 State Road, Parma, 44134). This experience began in 1994 by a Women's Renewal Group through St. Leo the Great Church. Join us for our 31st year! No registration is needed; just meet in the main parking lot behind the Retreat House. For additional information, contact Lori at 216-970-0100.

## LENTEN FISH FRYS

Please visit [dioceseofcleveland.org/lent/fish-fry](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/lent/fish-fry) to find a yummy fish fry near you!

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 28/29

<b>MASS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>CELEBRANT</b>
4:30 PM	Jill Parks Marilu Slimak David Marks Sheryl Finohr	Al Margevicius Mary Lou LoBue	Emma Wright Noah Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Jennifer Mladineo Terri Sozio	Dolores Hules Jaclene Zauszniewski	Holly Roberts Henry Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Amelia Nieves Geovana Fagher	Fr. Don Snyder

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The 8th grade class is well underway in preparing the Living Stations. The 8th graders are prayerfully rehearsing their roles and deepening their faith by developing a greater understanding of the Stations of the Cross. This year's Living Stations will take place on Friday, March 27th at 6pm in the church. We invite our church community to join us as we lead the Stations of the Cross that evening.

May God bless our students as they continue their Lenten journey together!



God bless you,  
Mr. Adam W. Cottos

Brought to you by STM PTU

# Donuts

With the

# Easter Bunny

Saturday - March 28  
9a-11a

**\$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



## 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](http://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



## NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday - April 18, 2026

Doors open at 6pm - Dinner 6:30pm - Post Time 7:30pm

Event is 21 and over only

STM Gym - 4180 N. Amber Dr., Brooklyn, OH 43144

Ticket Includes: Dinner - Beer - Wine - Wash - Door prize entry

Dinner catered by Mission BBQ - You're welcome to bring a dish to share at your table

-Tickets-  
\$35 per person  
Or  
Table of 8 for \$250

50/50 Raffles - Sideboards - Basket Raffles

Tickets will be available through the St. Thomas More Rectory, by returning this form to the school office marked PTU NATR or online [stmparish.net/natr](http://stmparish.net/natr)



### Horse Sponsorship Available

\$25.00 per horse or 5 for \$100

The last race is an auction race - horse goes to highest bidder!



## 2026 St. Thomas More PTU Night at the Races Ticket Order Form

Please purchase tickets by 4/10/2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tables(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Or Pay online at: [stmparish.net/natr](http://stmparish.net/natr)

Cash or Checks Payable to St. Thomas More PTU

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## 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 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 24th or by appointment

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

### CRS RICE BOWL

**Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity** - God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-5](http://crsricebowl.org/week-5) to read this week's Story of Hope.



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All are welcome to join us for the following Holy Week activities and Lenten opportunities.

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Confession from 3:30-4:15pm  
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm



Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Mass at 9am  
PALM SUNDAY Mass at 11am

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: Mass at 8:15am

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: No Mass

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: Mass at 8:15am  
Tenebrae Service at 6:45pm

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:45pm  
HOLY THURSDAY Eucharistic Adoration 8pm - 10pm



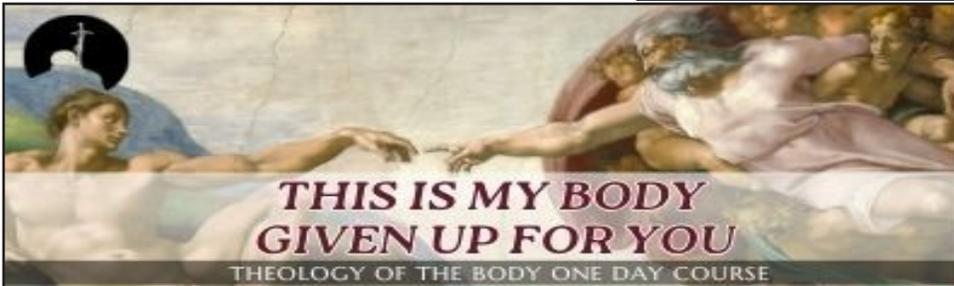
Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12pm  
GOOD FRIDAY Church Open for Prayer 12pm - 3pm  
Day of abstinence and fast Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm



Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of Food at 1pm  
HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm



Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Mass at 9am  
EASTER SUNDAY Mass at 11am



Explore the answers to these questions and more!

*What does it mean to be human?  
How do I find the happiness I long for?  
How do I talk to my kids about marriage & sex?*

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 11TH**

9AM-3:30 PM | \$45/person

Our Lady of the Angels,  
Cleveland

- Engaging Lectures from TOB experts
- Large group discussion
- Q & A sessions
- Breakfast, lunch, and study materials provided
- 0.5 CEUs available

Join us for the 4:00 Mass afterward!

Questions? Email [rlewis@tobcle.org](mailto:rlewis@tobcle.org)

Featuring talks from:



Jen Ricard



Fr. Rob Ramser

Get your tickets here or  
at [tobcle.org/events](http://tobcle.org/events)

