

# 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 7 – VIGIL
\*4:30 PM - Andrea Lingenfelter

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
\*9:00 AM - Thomas Wenderoth
11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 9 – ST. FRANCES OF ROME
8:15 AM - Jimmy Cosgriff

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
6:45 PM - Carol Dougan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Patricia Klemanek

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
\*9:00 AM - Catherine Palcisko
\*11:00 AM - Ed Langood
\*Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, March 10

11:30 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Confessions - Church
6:30 PM - 7:45PM PSR - School

Wednesday, March 11

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine at Incarnate Word
2:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross - Church
6:30 PM First Reconciliation - Church

Friday, March 13

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 14

Utopia Rental

Sunday, March 15

Laetare Sunday

12:00 PM Shroud of Turin Presentation - Church

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for our 2nd graders as they will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday, March 11th.

Congratulations to Daniel Pallotta & Bianca Sagredo who received the Lord for the first time on February 28th!

WOMEN'S GUILD

Please join us for our next meeting this 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.

60+ CLUB

Please join us to say the rosary at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Shrine (6618 Pearl Road) on Wednesday, March 11th. Lunch after at a local restaurant. All are welcome!

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 3/8/26

Processional Hymn: #126 Tis Good, Lord to Be Here

Offertory Hymn: #418 Open My Eyes

Communion: #490 Psalm 42, As the Deer Longs

Closing: #134 Save Your People

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 1st ..... \$4,722.00
Maintenance ..... \$1,371.00
Student's Weekly Offering (10 Envelopes) ..... \$571.00

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.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! In the last several articles, we have focused on how the Church developed in America, then in Ohio, and finally in Brooklyn. We are going to return to the broader historical context of the 18th century. In the later half of that century, the Society of Jesus almost ended.

European monarchs — particularly in Portugal, France, and Spain — had grown deeply suspicious of the Jesuits by the mid 18th century. Their influence over the Holy Roman Emperors during the 30 Years War was obvious to all of Europe, and the Jesuits had only gained influence since then. Jesuits also controlled vast wealth, ran profitable enterprises in South America (most famously in Paraguay), and weren't shy about involving themselves in political affairs.

The breaking point came in Portugal. In 1759, the powerful minister Marquis de Pombal accused the Jesuits of plotting against King Joseph I following an assassination attempt. It was almost certainly a fabricated pretext, but it was enough. Portugal expelled every Jesuit from its territories, seizing their properties and sending thousands of priests into exile. France followed in 1764, then Spain in 1767. One by one, Catholic monarchies turned on the order they had once championed.

The situation in France deserves special attention as the theological issue of free will and grace played a special role. The Jesuits had long and correctly maintained that Jansenists misunderstood the Faith. The Jesuits' theological victories in the 17th and 18th centuries created much ill will in France. After Portugal expelled the Society, the Jansenists and their allies rallied the French Parliament against the Jesuits. Pressure mounted from below and eventually King Louis XV ordered them out.

With Europe's most powerful Catholic rulers working against the Jesuits, Pope Clement XIV faced an impossible choice: defend the Jesuits and risk a catastrophic break with France, Spain, and Portugal, or sacrifice the order to preserve political peace. In 1773, he chose the latter. His papal brief *Dominus ac Redemptor* formally suppressed the Society of Jesus, dissolving an organization of roughly 23,000 members with the stroke of a pen. It was a remarkable capitulation — a pope dismantling one of the Church's own great institutions not for theological reasons, but because kings demanded it.

In a twist of history, the Jesuits survived in the two places where the Pope's writ didn't fully run: Protestant Prussia and Orthodox Russia. Both Frederick the Great and Catherine the Great refused to promulgate the suppression, allowing Jesuit communities to continue operating. In 1814, with Napoleon defeated and Europe reshaping itself, Pope Pius VII restored the Society of Jesus. The very countries that had forced the suppression now sought its rebirth seeing the Jesuits as staunch defenders of the Faith and order in general.

What works lasts. The Jesuits made a return because their order was designed well for the modern world. May we have the humility to recognize in our lives that passing trends and contemporary politics are never as important as they seem. Ad majorem Dei gloriam!

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

### TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.**

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 2 weeks available in March.**

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### 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.



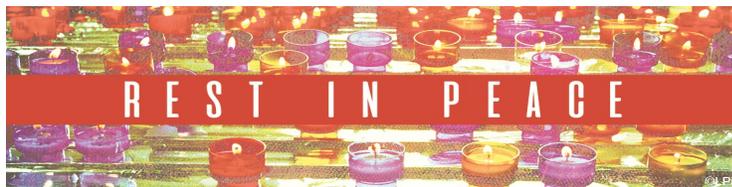
### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for our annual "Egg-Strata-Ganza" on Sunday, March 29th from 10am - 1pm in Utopia Hall. This is a FREE EVENT. What is a strata you ask? It is a layered egg casserole that can be made with: meat, veggies and cheese! We will also serve coffee, orange juice, water & pastry. Join us for some fun, fellowship and great food!



### 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, 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 Omi-lanowski, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Betty (Gruntkowski) 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, 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  
Mercy Gaona, Erna Wittine, Mildred McClelland, and  
William Csak. 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.

### SAINT QUOTE

*"The public ceremonies of the Church,' the saint once remarked, 'draw the people by their pomp and magnificence, and by degrees win them over in spite of their prejudices. The people hear with their eyes more than with their ears; they are at first captivated, then captured by the sight.'"*

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (1751-1820),  
Redemptorist Priest, Feast Day: March 15

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

### MARTHA'S DAY OUT

Ladies, do you need a day out to refresh your body and soul after the Holidays and winter blahs? Our Mother's Hands Ministry would like to invite YOU to join us for the second annual Martha's Day Out Women's Retreat, "Building Bethany - Welcoming the Sacred Heart Into Your Home," on March 21st from 8am to 3pm at St. Sebastian's, Akron. Emily Jaminet, author and executive director of "Welcome His Heart" will be the keynote speaker. Registration is \$35, or \$240 for a reserved table of 8, and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and program materials. The day begins with Holy Mass; Adoration and Reconciliation are available. To register or for more information, visit [ourmothershands.org/marthas-day-out](http://ourmothershands.org/marthas-day-out). Bring a friend!

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 14/15

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Marilu Slimak Mary Lou LoBue Sheryl Finohr David Marks	Wendy Huynh Al Margevicius	Noah Nguyen Emma Wright	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jennifer Mladineo Chris Koch Terri Sozio	Stephanie Liebert Blake Liebert	Parker Redloske Noah Redloske	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Chase Gerlach Amelia Nieves	Fr. John Schneider

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This school year continues to be a productive one for the eighth graders. Their hard work on their high school applications paid off as they recently received their acceptance letters. They are excited but also focused on making the rest of this school year successful. The eighth graders have also started practicing for the Living Stations, which they will perform later this month.

The middle school students have eagerly jumped into their second novels (8th - *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah; 7th - *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton; and 6th - *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds). Throughout our novels, the students have been practicing their analytical skills, specifically related to types of conflict, character motivations, and tone/mood. We will be focusing on figurative language and point of view, along with parallel themes, in the coming weeks.

In English, the middle school students are getting ready to begin new writing units (8th - argumentative writing; 7th - women in history research; 6th - endangered species research). We continue to explore roots, prefixes, and suffixes to better understand the origins of a wide variety of grade-level words..

The first few months of 2026 have brought a number of fun and educational activities, such as our school ice skating field trip, Candy Gram sale, and PTU-sponsored magic show. We look forward to what the rest of the school year will have to offer!



Mrs. Elizabeth Petit  
8th Grade Homeroom  
Middle School Teacher - Reading/English

## 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. The kits are located 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.



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 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 10th, March 17th, and March 24th or  
by appointment

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

## CRS RICE BOWL

**Nourishing Futures in Guatemala** - In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

**MOUNTAINEER CASINO** - Thursday, April 23rd  
Casino Bonus: \$15 Slot Play  
Depart 10:45am & return 8:30pm  
\$46/person Deadline: Tuesday, March 31st

**LUCY DESI MUSEUM** - Thursday, May 28  
90 minute tour and 10% gift shop discount  
75th anniversary of "I LOVE LUCY SHOW"  
**SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO**  
Casino Bonus: \$25 Slot Play & \$10 Food Credit  
\$82/person (price includes Museum Admission & driver tip)  
Deadline: Thursday, May 7th

Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

# NEW TO GIVING TO THE ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND?



**YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT WHEN FILING YOUR 2025 TAXES!**

A contribution for a 2025 tax credit must be made by April 15, 2026.

## CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT IN THREE EASY STEPS

### 1 REVIEW YOUR 2025 TAX LIABILITY

Use this to find your State of Ohio tax liability for 2025. The maximum tax credit is \$750 per tax payer (\$1,500 for married filing jointly).

### 2 DONATE AND DESIGNATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Your contribution can be designated to a school of your choice.  
 \*Contribution can be any amount. The amount of the tax credit cannot exceed the amount of your tax liability.

### 3 CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT

A tax receipt will be provided that documents your Angel Scholarship Fund contribution. This receipt is then submitted with the Ohio 1040 tax form.



### EXAMPLE OF OHIO TAX CREDIT SCENARIO\*

INDIVIDUAL		MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY	
Ohio Income Tax owed	\$1,000	Ohio Income Tax owed	\$2,000
Tax Credit on \$750 Contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund	- \$750	Tax Credit on \$1,500 Contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund	-\$1,500
Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	\$250	Ohio Income Tax owed after Tax Credit	\$500

### CLAIMING THE TAX CREDIT WHEN YOU FILE\*\*

Donations to ASF are nonrefundable credits, and the total of your nonrefundable credits cannot exceed the amount of your state tax liability. Ohio nonrefundable credits are entered in line 9 of the Ohio IT 1040. Your tax receipt must be submitted with your taxes to claim the credit.

**2025 Ohio IT 1040**  
Individual Income Tax Return

25000202 Sequence No. 2

SSN:

8c. Income tax liability before credits (line 8a plus line 8b).....8c.

9. Ohio nonrefundable credits - Ohio Schedule of Credits, line 40 (include schedule) .....9.