

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*

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*Terri Sozio
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St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 2 - VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 3 -

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*9:00 AM - Leonard Valochik

*11:00 AM - Rafaela Morales

MONDAY, MAY 4 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Donna Baker

TUESDAY, MAY 5 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Frank & Mary Pirozek

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Louis & Flora Presotto

THURSDAY, MAY 7 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MAY 8 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Virginia Tilicky

SATURDAY, MAY 9 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Diane Lada

*4:30 PM - Joanne Burke

SUNDAY, MAY 10 -

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, May 4

9:00 AM School May Crowning - Church

3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

Tuesday, May 5

5:00 AM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:15 PM Rosary - Church

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

7:15 PM May Crowning - Church

Wednesday, May 6

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Spring Sports Pictures

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Friday, May 8

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Saturday, May 9

2nd Collection: Catechetical Services

8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Holy Spirit Retreat Day - Utopia Hall

Sunday, May 10

2nd Collection: Catechetical Services



MUSIC MINISTRY

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).

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 5/3/26

Processional: #627 Morning Has Broken

Offertory: #450 Seek Ye First

Communion: #348 God's Holy Gifts

Closing: #580 All the Ends of the Earth

Financial Blessings

Collection for April 26th \$4,022.75

Maintenance \$705.00

Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$67.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! In 1939 the horrors of war came back to Europe; in 1941 they came to the United States. The scope of World War II makes commentary difficult. Today let us follow a single man who gave his life when he did not have to: Maximilian Kolbe.

Born in 1894 in Poland, Maximilian Kolbe was a man of deep faith and boundless compassion. He founded the Immaculata movement, devoted to spreading devotion to Mary, and established a monastery that became a haven of peace and spiritual growth. Yet his greatest legacy would be written not in peaceful times, but in a Nazi concentration camp. Arrested in 1941 for his resistance activities and his refusal to cooperate with Nazi authorities, Kolbe was deported to Auschwitz.

In July 1944, a prisoner escaped from Block 14. Nazi commandant Karl Fritzsich announced that ten men would be executed in retaliation—a horrifying but routine practice in the camp's calculus of terror. As guards selected victims seemingly at random, one man stepped forward: Maximilian Kolbe. When asked why, he simply explained that he was a priest and volunteered his life for a fellow prisoner named Franciszek Gajowniczek, who had a family depending on him.

The ten condemned men, including Kolbe, were locked in an underground bunker without food or water—a slow death by starvation. As the days passed, witnesses reported something remarkable. Rather than despair or resentment, Kolbe led the other dying men in prayer and hymns. His voice grew weaker with each passing day, yet his spirit seemed to transcend the physical agony. He consoled his fellow prisoners, transforming that chamber of death into a place where love remained stronger than cruelty.

After two weeks of this torment, Kolbe was still alive—a testament to the power of the human spirit sustained by faith. Impatient, the Nazis administered a lethal injection. On August 14, 1941, Maximilian Kolbe died. A prisoner who worked in the crematorium later testified that even in death, Kolbe's face bore an expression of peace, as if his sacrifice had somehow transcended the evil surrounding him.

Kolbe's witness challenges everyone with Christ's measure of love. In choosing to die so that another might live, he embodied Jesus's command: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." He did not perform this act for recognition or reward but for love.

Kolbe's life and death remind us that heroism is not grandiose or famous. It is found in the quiet decision of one man to put another's life above his own. In a world that often seems consumed by darkness, Maximilian Kolbe's sacrifice remains a luminous reminder that faith, love, and human dignity can never be extinguished—not by camps, not by cruelty, not by death itself.

In our next article we will explore how World War II and its horrors changed Europe and the Catholic Church. The Church and the West found themselves in a world scarred and in need of healing. May God continue to heal hearts as he did with St. Maximilian Kolbe.

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.**

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas
More during the month of **April** –
Christian Schillinger and Ronald Hennings.
Welcome to you!

SAINT QUOTE

"You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world! See to it that the people are edified by your example, by the purity of your lives, by the moderation of your conduct, and the brilliance of your holiness! God does not ask of you mere ordinary virtue. He demands downright perfection!"

Pope Pius V (1504-1572),
Patron saint of First Communicants,
Feast Day: April 30

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Teresa Anderson, 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, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Mike Castrigano, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, 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., Laura Hengood, 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, Margie & Family, Jane McClure, Brother Bobby McFadden, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Lorrie Minch, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, 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, Karen Scharfenort, Mary Schneider, Michelle Scibbe, Frances Sekerak, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Carolyn Sovizral, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Mark Suhajcik, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, 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 Leonard Valochik, Joanne Burke, Mary Sekerak, Shirley Kowall, Lori Smet Curry, and Sherry Simecek. God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. 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

We will have our regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12th in Utopia Hall at 11:30am. We will hold our annual May Crowning, so please bring your rosary and flowers for Mary. Our lunch for May includes a salad bar, appetizers, desserts and beverages. Please join us ~ new members are welcome!

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Mother's Day cards after all Masses this. The price of the cards are \$3 for living and \$1 for deceased. All registered will be remembered at five Masses throughout the year with the first one being on Mother's Day. The cards are also available at the rectory.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for parishioners who would like to help out around the campus. There are a lot of grounds to cover, so let us know if you would be willing and able to "adopt" an area to help take care of. There are lots of opportunities for volunteering...the grounds, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Adult & Children Servers, Arts & Environment, and Bereavement. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please call the rectory.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 9/10

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Nina Ferguson Mary Lou LoBue Terri Cottos	Sheryl Finohr Tim Lozar	Emma Wright Blake Liebert	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Vern Recker Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Heather Roberts	Jennifer Mladineo Dolores Hules	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Amelia Nieves Gypsi Hamm	Fr. Don Snyder

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Our first grade at St. Thomas More has continued their learning journey during this spring season. We are learning all the sounds of different digraphs and how to use and identify adjectives in sentences. We also have been practicing how to read with expression and fluency.

In our math class we have been learning how to tell time to the hour and half hour on a digital and analog clock. Anytime we see a clock in a story or worksheet, we are very excited to share the time with everyone. Also in math we have learned how to measure objects using non-standard measurement.

First Grade students had a visit from a group of dental hygiene students to learn about how important it is to keep your teeth clean. They taught us how to properly floss and brush our teeth, and what foods help keep our teeth nice and strong.



Mrs. Lewis - 1st Grade

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The money we raised will strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

SECOND COLLECTION: MAY 9 & 10

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation. The ministry focuses on providing guidance and support that promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through the catechetical efforts of all parishes and Newman Campus ministries in the Diocese. Ministries that will benefit from this collection include faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists as missionary disciples.

2026 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

On Sunday, August 30th, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities.

RAFFLE TICKETS -

We are not putting family tickets in envelopes this year. Instead, tickets are available at all church entrances. We are asking for each family to sell/buy at least one sheet of tickets.

Tickets for our \$10,000 raffle are \$5.00 each (8 tickets to a sheet). Tickets can be dropped into the collection basket or at the rectory. There will be early bird drawings for \$100.00 on the following Sundays: May 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, so get your tickets in early for your chance to win!

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS -

It takes a lot of volunteers to run a festival. Please call the rectory to sign up to help. We are asking for donations of new toys/games for prizes for our children's games or baskets, gift cards, or housewares. All donations can be dropped off at the rectory or in the old library (baptistry room - Gathering Room).

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MAY CROWNING



TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026
ROSARY 6:15 PM
LITURGY 6:45 PM
CROWNING 7:15 PM

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE LITURGY
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING FLOWERS FOR THE MAY ALTAR





World Day of Prayer for Vocations ©LPi

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations was
Sunday, April 26th

Dear Lord, How lovely are your ways!
Guide each of us closer to your will. Pour your courage into those you are calling to the vocations of married, religious, consecrated, and single life. Help them to respond boldly, and with trust in your provision.
Amen. ©LPi

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

On Saturday, April 18th, the following three men were ordained as Deacons:

Noah Furin: St. Ladislav, Westlake
Sean Homcy: St. James, Lakewood
Jeremy Shafer: St. Mary, Berea

PERMANENT DIACONATE ORDINATION

After five years of discernment and formation, the following four men will be ordained as permanent deacons on Saturday, May 2nd at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist:

Jerry Joyce: St. Anselm, Concord
Zak Jester: St. Raphael, Bay Village
Jon Woost: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wadsworth
Bill Prebel: SS. Cosmas & Damian, Twinsburg

SEMINARIANS OF THE MONTH

Our seminarians of the month are (l-r) Seated: **Dc. Charles Cairnie and Dc. Mitchell Carson**
Standing: **Dc. Joseph Truong Viet Ho, Dc. Cameron Ferrell, Dc. Nathan Frankart and Dc. Sean Neville**

They will be ordained on Saturday, May 16th at 10am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.
Please keep them and all seminarians in your prayers, as we continue to pray for vocations.

Please feel free to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards to them at St. Mary Seminary 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092.

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