

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, NOVEMBER 1 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - All Those Who Have Passed in the Last Year

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

9:00 AM - People of the Parish
11:00 AM - All Those Who Have Passed in the Last Year

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

6:45 PM - Beverly & Ted Madzia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - James Banasik

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Henry Pietrasz

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

*9:00 AM - Elizabeth Olsavsky

*11:00 AM - Larry Ketola

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 26th \$2,820.00
Maintenance \$570.00
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) \$53.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PARISHSOFT - FAITH DIRECT

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, November 3

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

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, November 4

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

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

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

Wednesday, November 5

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

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

Thursday, November 6

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Friday, November 7

6:00 PM PTU Set-Up - Utopia Hall & Gym

Saturday, November 8

Collection for Archdiocese of Military Services

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM PTU Family Ornament Painting
- Utopia Hall & Gym

Sunday, November 9

Stewardship Sunday

Collection for Archdiocese of Military Services

1:00 PM Comfort & Joy: Celebrating the Holidays in
the Midst of Loss

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

If you forgot your baby bottle, you can bring them
next week or turn them into the rectory.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 11th at 11am in Utopia Hall. More details to come...

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of October - Theresa Schutt, John & Christine Root and Morgana Gabor & Heavenly Barbich,



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome

Rick David Drdek

who was baptized on October 26th.

God bless you!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. Before we cover the Protestant Reformation, let us look at the Church more generally in the fifteenth century. St. John of Capistrano stands as a great example of piety, persuasion, and politics in the Church.

Born to nobility in 1386, St. John initially had little interest in the affairs of the Church. Instead, he studied law at the University of Perugia and readied himself for public life. Here we should note how in the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries universities developed across Europe. Originally meant to train clergy in theology, these houses of learning expanded to serve both those gifted with great intellects and prepare sons - like St. John - for power and influence.

Appointed the governor of Perugia in 1412, John was doing his best to restore public order when war broke out. Thrown into prison when acting as an ambassador for the King of Naples, John began to study theology. Then he had a dream in which St. Francis of Assisi told him to enter the Franciscans. Upon release he did so and left his old life behind.

John became a fantastic preacher and travelled around northern Italy and the Holy Roman Empire. In Brescia, Italy, he drew a crowd of 126,000 people! Devoting himself to prayer, penance, and preaching, John helped thousands to deepen their love of Christ. One of his favorite themes was devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, which he shared with St. Bernardine. His enemies accused him of heresy for honoring Christ in this way, but he was cleared of this charge. Within the Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans), John strived for reforms and strict observance of their rule.

In 1453 the Ottoman Empire conquered what remained of the Byzantine Empire with the Fall of Constantinople. Now the master of Anatolia (modern day Turkey), the Ottomans launched an invasion into the Balkans. In 1454 Pope Callixtus III commissioned John to preach a crusade and gather troops from the Holy Roman Empire. Now aged 70 John did so and found great success in Hungary. With the help of John Hunyadi, he gathered around 50,000 troops and marched to the relief of Belgrade, which had been besieged by the Ottomans.

After Hunyadi had broken the naval blockade of the Danube, their forces entered the city. Here historians disagree on who ordered what, but soon after arriving the two Johns found themselves on the attack. Outnumbered but somehow storming enemy positions, both men led their forces into the enemy rear. To their great astonishment, this haphazard and dangerous assault had broken the Ottoman's will, and they retreated, saving the city and its Christian population. For his bravery and leadership, St. John would be called "the soldier priest."

What the great and powerful could not do, God accomplished through St. John. Although he is remembered for his role at the Siege of Belgrade, he would want to be remembered for the many souls he brought to Christ. As St. John gave his life to Christ, may we give ours.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Jeremy Shafer
St. Mary,
Berea
IV Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Jeremy 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We want to welcome to our staff, Mr. Frank Kozuch, as our new Music Director. Frank has a wealth of experience leading music in our diocese. An accomplished organist, pianist, and choir director, Frank's music skills are eclipsed by his generosity and care. Under his direction we will be able to elevate our souls and voices to God. Please make sure to introduce yourself as we welcome him into our parish community.

WELCOME FRANK KOZUCH!

Hello STM parishioners. I am very excited to join the staff here at the parish and look forward to enhancing your liturgical environment at Mass and events.



I recently served as Music Director at St. Therese Parish for almost 27 years, and at SS. Peter and Paul Parish for 9 years, both are in Garfield Heights. I currently reside in Danbury Township which is between Marblehead and Catawba off the great shores of Lake Erie in Ottawa county. I became a permanent resident about 3 years ago when I chose to semi-retire after 34 years as a project manager/engineer for a Cleveland based steel service center. I always loved the lake area having been a property owner there for over 20 years.

The secret to my 80 mile commute is to come into the city by Route 2 (I-90) and leave by I-480 (Turnpike) which keeps my scenic drive ever changing as the miles seem to go by quickly. I have found that music can help us with a calming presence, or upbeat celebrations, giving tributes, and most importantly praise to our Lord. I am happy to be here and work with you all.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn: #710
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Offertory Hymn: #451
Shepherd Me, O God
Communion: #355
I am the Bread of Life
Closing: #598
Sing with All the Saints in Glory



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Donna Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, Lori Curry, Lisa Cwalinski, Barb Davis, Rosie DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, 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, Janice Kuchar, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, Leo & Lucia Nunney, 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., Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, Tom Wenderoth, Leroy & 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.**

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The book will be displayed on the altar throughout the month of November. You are invited to inscribe within the book names of any and all deceased loved ones.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
Marianne Page, Donna Baker,
Deacon Daniel J. Matusicky, and
Robin Tenaglia. God grant them eternal rest.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remember our beloved dead. This year, why not honor them with a Memorial Candle? This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole month of November. Candles are \$25 for a new candle and \$20 if you are returning your 2024 candle. Forms are available online or at the rectory.

ALL SOULS' DAY - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

On All Souls' Day, we remember and honor the cherished souls of those we lost. May their memories continue to live in our hearts and bring us comfort. Please join us at the 11am Mass this Sunday, November 2nd for a special remembrance of those we have lost the past year during Mass.

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 to meet. 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.

BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

If you would like to purchase a 2026 Missal, please call or email the rectory by November 16th. Please provide your name, contact number and the number of missals requested. Missals are \$12.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 8/9

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Marilu Slimak Nina Ferguson Terri Cottos Steve Cottos	Tim Lozar Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Amy Vu	
9:00 AM	Jaclene Zauszniewski Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Terri Sozio	Mary Lou LoBue Jessica Noga	Noah Redloske Sabriena Smith	
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Sue Poole Carl Krist Madelyn Koranda	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Cruz Colón	

All Souls' Day

November 2, 2025

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

FIRST GRADE:

Our first grade at St. Thomas More has had a great start to the year! We are learning how to write a complete sentence and how to choose the correct punctuation for a sentence. First grade has also been learning how to identify the characters, setting and problem in a story. We have been able to find phonics skills inside our stories, such as finding all the words with short a in a story while we read and comprehend.

In our math class we have been learning different strategies on how to add and subtract within 10. We have learned how to use a number line, number bond and clues in a word problem to help us decide if we need to add or subtract.

First Grade students have also enjoyed learning about maps and how to read them. We have been able to identify key concepts of a map as well as recall what directions belong in a compass rose.

Mrs. Lewis
First Grade

KINDERGARTEN:

Kindergarten at St. Thomas More has been adjusting well to the new classroom and routines! We are practicing to write our name with the first letter in uppercase, and the rest in lowercase. In addition, we are learning how to read and decode high frequency words. We are able to explain what an author and illustrator does!

In math, we have been working with less than and more than up to 5. Also, adding one more to any given number.

In religion, Kindergarten has learned about the Bible and what it tells us. We can explain that although we may not see Jesus with our eyes, he is always with us. We have also been watching Mass in our classroom on Monday mornings in preparation to join the rest of the school soon!

Kindergarten students have learned about laws and rules and why we have to follow them!

Miss Widenmeyer
Kindergarten

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

We will collect food for the City of Brooklyn Food Pantry, which will serve the needy in our area, from November 1st through November 14th. Please bring items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. They are also in need of peanut butter and cereal. Donations can be dropped off in the old baptistry room (Gathering Room). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barb Mundson.

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

"Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create."

St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639),

Religious Brother, Feast Day: November 3

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

TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Next Sunday, November 9th, our Diocese will be participating in the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. Donations help minister to the 1.8 million faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve and protect. They are the Catholic military men and women, Veterans, and their families, who are a part of this global Archdiocese.

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. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.**

CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to all those who attended our Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to the volunteers and those who participated in the competition. There were many great dishes, but the prizes went to: (1) Ray Slimak, (2) Vern Recker and (3 - tie) Terri Cottos & Jill Parks.





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May their memories continue to live in our hearts and bring us comfort.

Kenneth A. Thies	Michael McClelland	Jan Woytek
Tina Carr	Rickard Hughes	George Kozickie
Dennis J. Asmondy	Patricia Hinko	Mary Jo Joyce
Ann Marie Kaczmariski	Carol S. Hamburg	Thomas Coyne
John Paul Misch	Tina Marie Scott	Michael Heryak
Mary Ann Manning	Michael Gerrity	Walter C. Augustine
George Koehler	Joseph Zychowski	Helen Mulrenen
Daniel Vinkowski	Angelo Ricciuti	Sandra Burns
Dee Fedak	Joan O'Neil	Alberta Palange
John J. Skubie	Michael R. Smith	Sister Catherine
Joseph (Teddy) Forster	Tina Noel	Fitzgerald, SIW
Karen DiRienzo	Beverly Madzia	Rose Verdino
Beverly Ward	Jim Centorbi	Daniel Allen
Jeanne M. Parti	Patricia Wittine	Jean Wiesler
John A. Russo III	Elizabeth Gremm	Frank Siedlack, Jr.
Madeline Stimac	Sean Whitlock	Larry Ketola
Jerome Hodson	Diana Vargo	Donald Nunney
Rita Babarcsik	James Needham	Maria Nunney
Leona Vrsansky	Domenica Basich	Rosemary Mackovjak
Dorothy E. Kashary	Marie Grace Scafaria	Gregory W. Simecek, Jr.
William J. Bouhall	Thomas Jadrich	Elizabeth Olsavsky
Ethelle Mirande		

Comfort and Joy: Celebrating the Holidays in the Midst of Loss

Sunday - November 9, 2025 at 1PM - Utopia Hall

St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation is sponsoring a program to **HELP ALL** who are hurting through the loss of a loved one –especially during the Holiday Season.

Mourning the loss of a loved one makes the upcoming months a very stressful time of year. Join us to reflect on ways to care for ourselves while preparing to celebrate the holidays.

Our guest speaker, Renée Barber, is a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister. Renée served in the Diocese of Cleveland for 25 years. She has worked in Bereavement Ministry at St. Ann, Communion of Saints, SS. Robert and William Parishes and is currently on the staff of St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Please invite your family members and friends.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy at 216-402-2773.

****A table with resources and booklets will be available for you ****

Coffee and Bakery will also be provided.

Please come and allow us to Help Heal your Hurting Hearts

