

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
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St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – VIGIL

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – ST. LEO THE GREAT

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

6:45 PM - Rich Hovan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – ST. JOSAPHAT

8:15 AM - John & Alice Noga

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – ST. FRANCES XAVIER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Dominic Sozio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

8:15 AM - Stefanie Krese (Living)

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Dennis Czerwony

11:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 2nd \$4,594.00
Maintenance \$1,748.00
Student's Weekly Offering (14 Envelopes) \$58.00

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.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

11:00 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

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

Wednesday, November 12

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary
Shrine at Incarnate Word

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

Thursday, November 13

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

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

Utopia Rental

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human
Development

Sunday, November 16

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60+ CLUB

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

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th at 11am in Utopia Hall (Please note the time change). The meeting will be followed by a Painting Party for those who have registered, but all are welcome to come and enjoy watching the activity. Pastry, coffee, and tea will be served. Hope you can join us.



SUNDAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn: #321

Let Us Go to the Altar

Offertory Hymn: #480

Dwelling Place

Communion: #604

We Are Many Parts

Closing: #395

City of God

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we begin examining one of the most complicated and most contentious events in the Church's history: the Protestant Reformation. This sad escape of unintended consequences changed the course of history for all mankind.

Although Protestants now accept this moniker without much ado, "protestant" was originally meant as an insult. For their Catholic opponents the nickname highlighted their resistance to Rome and lawful authority. At the time protestants preferred to be called "Evangelicals." Not only did this name express the protestant love of Scripture, it also pointed to the newness of life that protestants thought they were starting. Accordingly, in this article and those to follow, we will use the term "Evangelical Revolution" instead of Protestant Reformation.

The roots of the Evangelical Revolution were many and varied. First, the wealth of the Church's bishops had increased considerably over the previous few centuries. Whereas at the fall of the Western Empire bishops were comparable with minor nobility, by 1500 some archbishops had greater fortunes than dukes. Second, the Renaissance had sparked a renewed interest in ancient times and a deep appreciation for Roman and Greek culture. Humanists like Erasmus helped the educated classes to appreciate the art and thinking of the ancients. Third, and perhaps most importantly, theology had made a wrong turn and led many into deep doubt. The inability for many brilliant men - like Luther and Calvin - to see the limits of their thinking doomed them to oppose instead of reform the Church.

The essence of this revolution was the thought that each individual could know the state of his soul with complete certainty. Luther reached this certainty by proposing that the act of Faith guaranteed salvation from Hell *and salvation only consisted in the forgiveness of sin. Calvin concluded that the community of believers could be known by the sign of election. Accordingly, as long as a person was in the right group, he knew that he was going to Heaven. By making salvation something knowable in this way, the Protestants could claim that the Church's Magisterium was unnecessary at best and hurtful at worst.*

Unfortunately, the state of one's soul cannot be known with complete certainty because grace is invisible and imperceptible. The effects of grace can be noticed - especially consolations - but grace itself is beyond human perception. For grace is nothing other than the participation in the Trinity. Since only God can know God as God, any believer on earth will be confronted with a limit to what he can know about grace.

If this debate seems arcane and confusing, it is! The next few articles will go over Luther, Calvin, and the radical reformation followed by the Catholic Counter Reformation. The Church would emerge purified and strengthened, but many souls and lives would be lost. God be merciful to us all.

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.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Bob Hreha.

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

"With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword."

St. Martin of Tours (316-397),
Bishop, Feast Day: November 11

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

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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you or someone you know **who lives within the parish area** is in need of assistance, please contact the rectory. The deadline to register is **November 30th**. Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we will only be taking information for people in the parish area.

The Giving Tree will be located in the front of the church. You will be able to start taking tags by next weekend, November 15th & 16th.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be collecting **NEW** adult hats, scarves and gloves. Please put your items in the brown donation box in the main vestibule of the church by Sunday, December 7th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Donna Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Traci Kelber-Byrne, 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, 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., 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.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 15/16

MASS 4:30 PM	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
	Sheryl Finohr Terri Cottos Mary Lou LoBue David Marks	Steve Cottos Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Jessica Noga Nathan Noga Chris Koch Dolores Hules	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jennifer Mladineo	Parker Redloske Henry Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Patty Riegling Bernie Barker Joanne Uhl Linda Rafferty	Madelyn Koranda Mike Sommers	Danny Coughlin Amelia Nieves	Fr. John Schneider



A Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, King and Lord, You instill in all of Your creation an order and value. You call Your children "very good." We surrender to You the conflicts that tear your family apart.

We pray for an end to blindness that places pride, greed, power, and selfishness above human dignity and brotherly love.

We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor. We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war. Let Your Kingdom come! May Your peace that surpasses all understanding reign in our hearts and in our world. Amen. ©LPi

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.

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.

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.

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

A new addition to the Early Childhood Education Program is the large motor room. There are many different activities for the children to enjoy. This room allows the children to learn through play and develop social skills by sharing and taking turns. With the winter months ahead of us, this room allows the children the opportunity to get the exercise they need. The large motor room has been a wonderful and beneficial addition to our school!



Mrs. Nicole Kidd-Zientarski
PreKindergarten

CHRISTMAS CASH!

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Believe it or not, Christmas is less than two months away! Could you, your family, or friends use some extra money at this time of year? Please consider supporting the school's favorite fundraiser, *40 Days of Christmas Cash!* Each raffle ticket sold will be entered into a drawing. From November 27, 2025 through January 5, 2026, we will draw a winner for a **\$50 cash prize** each day. On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day the winner will win a **\$500 cash prize**. Once a ticket is pulled, it will be returned to the hopper so you have the chance to win more than once! We hope you will buy some chances for yourself and purchase some for gifts. Each ticket is just \$10. Tickets are available at both the Rectory and School offices.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Many thanks to all who donated to the Angel Scholarship Fund for the 2024 tax year. The contributions that St. Thomas More School received will provide tuition assistance for our students. Donations made by April 15, 2026 are eligible for the 2025 state tax credit. Help us to continue to raise more scholarship funding to support our students. Contribution forms can be found at the rectory or online at CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

If you forgot your baby bottle, please bring them into the rectory. Womankind will be picking them up this week.



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.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For the prevention of suicide - Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

This 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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society's Spiritual Bouquet for our Bishop takes place on the second weekend in November during the Holy Name Corporate Communion Sunday weekend. This year it is on November 8th & 9th. During this weekend, each parish Holy Name Society or representative, count the number of people who attend the Masses, obtain Communion, say rosaries, etc. These numbers are combined with other diocesan parishes and sent to Bishop Malesic as a Spiritual Bouquet.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Tuesday, December 2nd on your calendar for this year's #weGiveCatholic Campaign. More details will be in next week's bulletin. Check out the rectory garage doors! Those were completed due to the generous donations of last year's campaign!

MEET OUR BUSINESS OFFICE!

LIZ SCHNEIDER



Hello STM Parish! I'm grateful to have joined the St. Thomas More office team this past July. I've been truly enjoying my time here working alongside our great faculty and staff. Previously, I've worked in administration and office management for several years in the corporate world (at a mortgage company and holding company) as well as Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Therese parishes.

I'm a proud Kent State alum, having received my Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2018. When I'm not in the office, I enjoy drawing, attending concerts, baking, and spending time with my boyfriend, family, friends, and beloved cat, Tuco!

MIKE COSGRIFF



My name is Mike Cosgriff. I joined the Business Office about a year ago. I came out of retirement to help out on a part-time temporary basis. I retired from St. Ignatius High School after 30 years as Finance Director.

My wife and I currently reside in North Royalton. We have five children and nine grandchildren.

JOAN RADZYMSKI



I retired from the Cleveland Clinic in 2022 after working there for 15 years in the operations department. My team of eight oversaw all the financial transaction for all construction projects. I received my bachelors and MBA from Ursuline College in Pepper Pike.

Now that I'm retired, I enjoy spending time with my partner, traveling, making my own cards, along with other crafts. I've been a part of the business office at St. Thomas More for three years, assisting the Business Manager with whatever project she may have along with my weekly responsibilities.

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.

