

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
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Lisa Carson
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Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - Rev. Paul Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Jean M. Wiesler

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 – ST. CALLISTUS I

6:45 PM - Bernie Panak

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 – ST. TERESA OF JESUS

8:15 AM - Robert Janas

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 – SS. HEDWIG & MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 – ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 – ST. LUKE

8:15 AM - Diane Lada

4:30 PM - Teresa & Stephen Cottos -
50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Frank Siedlack, Jr.

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 5th \$4,302.00
Maintenance \$1,602.00
Student's Weekly Offering (13 Envelopes) \$60.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, October 13

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 4-8 Cheer Practice - Gym

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 5/6 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 8 VB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 AM Women's Guild Oc-tea-ber Fest -
Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Drop-In - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

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

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 7 VB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, October 15

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 1/2 Cheer Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 5/6 VB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Drop-In - Gym

Thursday, October 16 NATIONAL BOSSES DAY

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Drop-In - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 8 VB Practice - Gym

Friday, October 17

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 1/2 Cheer Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Football Practice - Field

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 7 VB Practice - Gym

Saturday, October 18

Utopia Rental

2nd Collection - World Mission Sunday



Sunday, October 19

2nd Collection - World Mission Sunday

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM First Communion - Mass
& Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2026 will become available this Wednesday, October 15th at the rectory starting at 9am until 3pm - **in-person only on Wednesday**. 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.**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Did you know that for 67 years the Papacy was not in Rome? Today we go over an odd episode of our history: the Avignon Papacy. Resolved partly due to St. Catherine of Siena, it marks nearly a hundred years of intense political intrigue.

In 1305 AD Pope Clement V was elected, and he had problems. Over the previous decade a feud had developed between the Papacy and the French Crown. At one point friends of the king had broken into the papal residence and beat up Pope Boniface VIII! Boniface died shortly thereafter and was succeeded by Benedict XI, who attempted to calm matters down. Tragically, he died in under a year. Accordingly, when Clement V was elected in 1305 he feared both the supporters of the king in Rome and the powerful Roman families who opposed them. His solution was simple: leave town.

Relocating the papal court first to Poitiers in France, eventually Clement settled in Avignon, which was French but not part of France. The Kingdom of Avignon was then an independent realm within the Holy Roman Empire, which was based out of Germany. Nevertheless, feeling the pressure of France, the Avignon Popes had no intention of upsetting the King of France. During this period Clement V and John XXII consolidated and centralized a number of Church functions directly under the pope. Along with all this power came wealth that had not been part of the papal court in Rome.

During this time the Papal States remained the Pope's direct secular holdings. Comprising some of central Italy, the Papal States behaved like the other small states of Italy: near constant warfare and political maneuverings. Here St. Catherine of Siena comes onto the scene. Catherine had become famous in Siena for her piety and charitable works, which in turn led her to becoming an ambassador to neighboring city states. For a few years she traveled about central and northern Italy advocating for the Church and her hometown. At this time she also began writing her letters, including some to the pontiff.

While in Avignon on behalf of Florence, St. Catherine met and talked with Pope Gregory XI. How influential Catherine's visit and earlier letters were is disputed by scholars to this day. What is not in dispute is that Pope Gregory was back in Rome with his court in January 1377, ending the Avignon Papacy.

St. Catherine would go on to found a monastery for women and continue writing her *Dialogues*. She would die young at the age of 33. Pope Gregory would die violently in 1378 in a riot. Whether the violence was planned or erupted spontaneously is not known. For the next forty years the Church would suffer through the Western Schism. But that is a story for another article.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with me here."

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582),
Doctor of the Church,
Feast Day: October 15

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barbara Bonus & Family.

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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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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, Ken & 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, Janice Kuchar, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Dennis Lozuta, 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, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
Rev. C. Thomas Cleaton, Jr.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer" (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 39TH ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY

Beginning the weekend of October 11-12, SVDP is asking for your help. Please consider a monetary donation to help them purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio.

Envelopes are available
at all church entrances.
Please visit BlanketSunday.org
for more information and to
donate or scan the QR code. Thank You!



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through our parish Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle and fill it with change, cash, or a check made out to *Womankind*, and return it by October 31st. You can also scan this QR code or the one included on the bottle label to make a secure donation online.

For more
information,
visit womankind-cleveland.org. Thank you
and may God bless you
for your generosity.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 1/19

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Dc. Jeff Stutzman Joyce Stutzman Steve Cottos	Stephanie Liebert Blake Liebert	Emma Wright	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Vern Recker Bonnie Kaznoch Nathan Noga Jaclene Zauszniewski	Mary Lou LoBue Jessica Noga	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl Bernie Barker Patty Riegling	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Danny Coughlin Ainsley French	Rev. John Schneider

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Third grade had so much fun learning about the Dominican Republic as part of STM's Hispanic Heritage Month. We learned about the Dominican Republic's cultural elements like food, music, and dance as well as its geography, plant, and animal life! Did you know the Dominican Republic has the only flag with a Bible on it? The Dominican Republic's national motto is "Dios, Patria, Libertad, which means "God, Homeland, Liberty." The students enjoyed combining their talents to create a poster full of fun facts about this fascinating country!



Mrs. Kristen Valenty
3rd Grade Teacher
Saint Thomas More School

St. Thomas More Parish's
4th Annual
CHILI COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
UTOPIA HALL
4170 NORTH AMBER DRIVE
BROOKLYN, 44144

COST: \$20.00 AND INCLUDES:
CHILI ~ HOT DOGS
FRENCH FRIES
APPETIZERS ~ DESSERT
POP ~ WATER & 1 BEER TICKET

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHILI!
PRIZES AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE

ADDITIONAL BEER TICKETS: \$4.00 EACH

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR AT WWW.STMPARISH.NET

NO COST TO ENTER! HOW TO PARTICIPATE?
REGISTER BY CALLING THE RECTORY AT 216-749-0414

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Adoration & Praise, Friday, October 17th

Spend an evening with Jesus! Mass at 7pm with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Praise & Worship Music immediately following. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

ST. BARBARA PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Barbara Parish Guild is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 19th from 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall (1505 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, 44109). Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cup, coffee, tea, milk & juice.

Tickets available by calling their rectory (216-661-1191).

Children under 5 - free

Children 6-12 \$8.00

Adults \$12.00

ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet is hosting its 3rd Annual Fall Fundraiser, "Help Us Help Others" on Saturday, November 15th at St. Sava Event Center in Broadview Heights. Please use the QR code to access tickets for a wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



St. Leo the Great Parish Festival
Friday, October 17 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Food
Honey Hut Ice Cream
cotton candy*nachos
Italian sausage sandwiches
with onions & peppers*popcorn
chicken sandwiches*kids meal
pierogis*cabbage & noodles
empanadas and much more!

Dining Specials
****Friday****
Corned Beef/Reuben
platter or sandwich
****Saturday****
Roast Pork
with dumplings
and gravy

Games & More
Kiddie Games
\$5,000 Raffle
Games of Skill*Wheels
Instant Bingo
Gift Basket Raffle

Entertainment
Friday - 6:00-10:00
Backtrax
Saturday - 5:00-6:00
DJ Pat Daley (polkas)
6:00-9:00 -
The Joey Amato Band

4940 Broadview Road, Cleveland*(216) 661-1006
www.leothegreat.org

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
AT THE 4:30 PM VIGIL MASS**

All couples of our parish who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage are invited to our annual gathering to honor your commitment to the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 18th at the 4:30 Mass.**

We ask all couples, who have been married for 50 years or more and wish to have their name included in the bulletin, to call or email the rectory by Monday, October 13th with your names, date of marriage and if you will or will not be in attendance at Mass on October 18th.

All parishioners are invited to attend and rejoice in this special occasion.
All married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows at this Mass.

Are you ready to "Fall into eGiving?"

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Call ParishSOFT Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Give" to 216-666-5109

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



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BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

We are once again offering parishioners the opportunity to order their own personal copies of our Breaking Bread missal, for use at home or in the church. The missal, which includes all of the Sunday readings for the year, as well as hymns and songs we use during Mass, will be available for purchase for \$12. Join us for each celebration and continue to actively participate in the liturgy. You may drop your order form into the collection basket or at the rectory. When the missals arrive, your name will be placed on a sticker and the missals will be at the main door of the Church.

Order deadline is November 16, 2025.

If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Monday, November 10th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____