

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

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 –

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Benefactors of St. Thomas More

*11:00 AM - Marie Beverly Pacanovsky

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 – ST. JOHN PAUL II

6:45 PM - Bob Poole

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

8:15 AM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 – ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Vincent Giordano - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - October Birthdays

4:30 PM - Rev. Paul Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 –

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Florence Horton

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 13th \$3,050.00
Maintenance \$1,382.00
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) \$76.00

Faith Direct as of 10/4 \$3,648.00
Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,390.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions?
Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

CLP

Monday, October 21

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

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 4/5 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 1/2 FF Practice - R. Field

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 3/4 FF Practice - S. Field

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Grade 6 VB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, October 22

9:30 AM - Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Cheer - S. Field

6:00 PM Coaches' Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 7/8 VB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Winter Sports Parent Meeting - Utopia Hall

Wednesday, October 23

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 7/8 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 1/2 FF Practice - S. Field

Thursday, October 24

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

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 4/5 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 3/4 FF Practice - S. Field

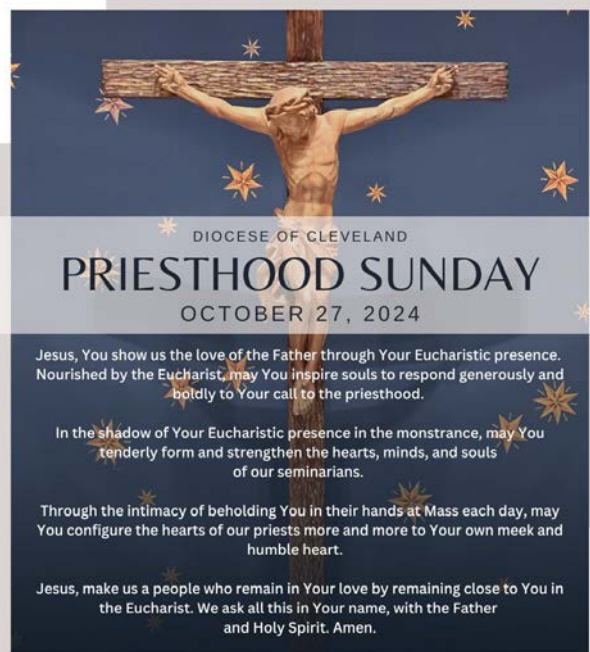
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Grade 6 VB Practice - Gym

Friday, October 25

6:00 PM Fall Sports Banquet - Gym

Sunday, October 27

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! This week we are going to review grace. What is it? How do we grow in it? Why do we always want more of it? Grace does more than forgive our sins; grace makes us divine.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, grace is the gift from God that makes us holy, "The grace of Christ is the gratuitous gift that God makes to us of his own life, infused by the Holy Spirit into our soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it. It is the sanctifying or deifying grace received in Baptism. It is in us the source of the work of sanctification: (CCC 1999). Let's break this definition down so that we can appreciate how amazing grace is.

First, grace is the gift of God's life - the life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - in us. Although only God can have the fullness and perfection of His Life, each of us can partially participate in that same Life. We are not speaking metaphorically when we say that the Holy Spirit dwells among us; we are speaking the literal and plain truth: God, the Omnipotent and All Holy, descends to live in us.

Second, grace is a gift. The Latin for grace is *gratia* which denotes the act of giving, the gift that was given, and the act of receiving. Catholics and Protestants agree about the first two senses of grace in that we assert that God gives us grace from His own goodness and that grace changes us. Catholics further affirm that the reception of grace can be meritorious - we can cooperate with grace and grow in it such that we should get more grace.

Third, grace comes from Baptism and is how we are sanctified. The work of sanctification is the work of our life with God and lasts from the moment we first receive grace to the moment we die. We Catholics highlight that God wants us to work with Him in making ourselves holy. God does not merely give us grace and forget about us! Instead, this gift is a gift that is meant for us to draw upon for deeper and more profound acts of love.

The sacraments are the primary way for us to receive and grow in grace although they are not the only way. The Church has taught, albeit not definitively, that God offers the grace of sanctification to those even outside the Church. This general teaching rests on the reasoning that God desires all human beings to be saved, but that requires a longer and nuanced discussion. For now we should focus on how the sacraments make us into truer and better children of God.

Every time we receive Communion is another opportunity to grow in grace. How many times have we forgotten to take advantage of this? May we grow in God every day!

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us and does not now bear with us."

Pope John Paul II (1920-2005),
Pope, Feast Day: October 22nd
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Carole Flanagan.

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 2025.**

VOCATION CORNER

Poor Clare Sisters

To learn more visit poorclare.org. Please keep all of the Sisters and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 3501 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, 44111 or the Adoration Monastery, 4108 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, 44103.

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY

ANOTHER GREAT "COVERUP" - THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday appeal. Your donation will help many needy families and individuals receive warm blankets and other necessities for the winter months through St. Vincent de Paul Society Ozanam hunger centers, SVDP parish groups, Catholic Charities agencies and other organizations serving unhoused neighbors in our own metropolitan area. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, there is still time: donate online at www.svpdcle.org or make a check payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you VERY much!

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through St Thomas Moore's Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, cash, or a check made out to *Womankind*, and return it by next weekend, October 26/27.

Money raised helps Womankind provide free, comprehensive prenatal care and support services for pregnant women and families in need from throughout northeast Ohio.

For more information about Womankind, visit their website at womankind-cleveland.org or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.



Baby Elijah, Peggy Balazs, Domenica Basich, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Dorothy Kashary, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Michael McClelland, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, John Misch, Ethelle Mirande, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Joan O’Neil, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Mary Sparks, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Sam Urban, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Jan Woytek, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry this Tuesday, October 22nd, from 3:30-5:30PM. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2PM to get the food packed and ready! Thank you to the STM volunteers who have helped out each month. God bless you!

WOMEN’S GUILD

Mark your calendar for the Women’s Guild Taste of Fall Fundraiser on Tuesday, November 12th. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at our October meeting and at the rectory. Raffle Baskets ~ 50/50 Raffle ~ Great Entertainment & a special lunch will be served. More info to follow...

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. This is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church’s mission efforts. This year’s theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: “Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet,” reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God’s love to everyone. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ’s message! There will be a second collection this weekend for Mission Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance to its Diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that are being impacted by the recent hurricanes. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations via this form to provide humanitarian relief to those in need through the good work of Catholic Charities agencies — https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=helene&utm_campaign=20240924_00211_HeleneWeb&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=website&utm_content=disaster .

FREE CONCERT

St. Augustine Church, 2486 West 14th St., invites you to a free concert performed by the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir. The concert will take place on Friday, October 25th at 7PM in the church with refreshments following the performance. For more information, please call 216-781-5530.

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 15, 2024.

If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Monday, November 11th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars

Second grade is off to a spectacular start! We spent the first weeks of school stressing classroom procedures and studying the differences between rules and laws in social studies and reading class. We have discussed how different places dictate how we need to act. We have also talked about what integrity is and how we need to have integrity in all we do.

We are thrilled to welcome our classroom aid, Kim Szypulski, who helps us in all areas of our day. She is a wonderful addition to the second grade family.

We are currently celebrating all things Fall and Hispanic heritage, incorporating these topics in the stories we read, math class, and in the art we create. The children enjoyed learning about Bolivia, our Hispanic Heritage Month country. Our favorite fact includes: the Bolivian Lake Titicaca is the world's highest lake that's deep enough for a boat to sail on.

We spent a lot of time learning new things in class. We learned all about how we receive grace and become a member of the Church at baptism. We are excited to begin preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation by studying the Ten Commandments. Finally, the children have enjoyed being surprised by their parents and loved ones as our Mystery Readers. It's always fun getting our parents involved while listening to a great book!



Mrs. Marlena Graziano
Second Grade
St. Thomas More School

St. Thomas More PTU

Trunk or Treat

October 27 5-6:30

4180 N. Amber Dr. Brooklyn, OH 44144

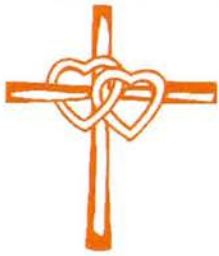
Registration is required in order to plan for space and children. Everyone who registers is expected to pass out candy from their car. Cars will be lined up in the parish parking lot and children will trunk or treat from car to car. Decorate your trunk for a chance to win a prize. Happy Halloween!

Register at
www.stmparish.net/trunkortreat
Registration deadline October 24th

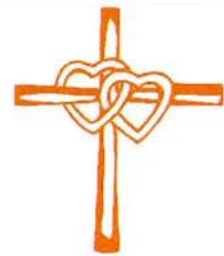
WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 26/27

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Sheryl Finohr David Marks Mary Lou LoBue Marilu Slimak	Peggy Palumbo Tim Lozar	Noah Nguyen	Rev. Donald Snyder
9:00 AM	Heather Roberts Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Jamie Declet	Al Margevicius Dolores Hules	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Bernie Barker Madelyn Koranda Heather Miksch Marty Rini	Mike Sommers	Aubrey Rankin Brendon Kiscoe	Rev. Donald Snyder



**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024**



Please join us today in celebrating with the following
parishioners of St. Thomas More who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage:

71 Years – Married in 1953

Pauline and Kenneth Lewis

65 Years – Married in 1959

Mary Ann and John Hearn

64 Years – Married in 1960

Erma Jean and Joseph Polidori
Joanne and William Uhl

63 Years – Married in 1961

Rita and James Giordano
Beverly and James McGinty
Judy and George Romaniw

62 Years – Married in 1962

Vilma and Frank Colonna
Margaret and Clarence Smith

61 Years – Married in 1963

Maureen and George Spicer

59 Years – Married in 1965

Karen and Franklin Anderson
Paula and William Ritter

58 Years – Married in 1966

Lolly and Wally Parker
Joan and Gil Vanza

57 Years – Married in 1967

Judy and Roberto Ruiz
Sara and Roger Wenner
Jan and David Woytek

56 Years – Married in 1968

Therese and James Ptacek
Mary Lou and James Strnad

55 Years – Married in 1969

Jean and Martin Rini
Zaida and Ramon Torres

54 Years – Married in 1970

Diana and Gregory Downes
Tina and Ken Galaida
Jean and Ronald Hudak
Linda and Bob Kelber

53 Years – Married in 1971

Mary Lou and Paul LoBue

52 Years – Married IN 1972

Catherine and Raymond Blaseg
Elizabeth and David Novatny

51 Years – Married in 1973

Francine and Rolf Kawentel
Dianne and Ronald Shmigel
Roseann and Edward Wojtkiewicz

50 Years – Married in 1974

Carol & Dale Klekota

Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his Church. Hear our prayers for our celebrants in the Sacrament of Matrimony. With faith in you and in each other, they renew their pledge of love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.



CONGRATULATIONS

