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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
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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 25 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Rosemary Mackovjak

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 –

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Gregory W. Simecek, Jr.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 – SS. SIMON & JUDE

6:45 PM - Nickola & Florence Badza

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Rita Babarsik

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Finohr &
Casey Families

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS

8:15 AM - Lucille Messuri

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

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for October 19th \$3,525.00
Maintenance \$672.00
Student's Weekly Offering (16 Envelopes) ... \$104.00

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

OLPI

Monday, October 27

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, October 28

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

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

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

Wednesday, October 29

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Winter Sports Meeting - Gym

Thursday, October 30

1:00PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Fall Sports Banquet - Gym

Friday, October 31

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



OLPI

Saturday, November 1

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, November 2

National Vocations Awareness Week begins

Rosary before Masses

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Confirmation -

Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

All Souls' Service during the 11am Mass

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, October 28th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed.

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, October 30th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering. Men and women 60 years old and over are welcome. No fees or dues to join. Hope to see you then!

ROSARY

Next weekend, November 1st & 2nd, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Baby bottles are due this weekend. If you forgot them, you can bring them next week or turn them into the rectory.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Returning to the upheaval of the late fourteenth century, the Catholic Church suffered the Western Schism. Although we cannot understand all the politics involved, we can appreciate the tremendous stress of power for the popes.

After Pope Gregory XI's death in 1378, a conclave was held, and Pope Urban VI was elected. Pope Urban VI was Italian and wanted the papacy to remain in Rome - Gregory XI had planned on returning to Avignon before his death. Accordingly, the French Cardinals accused the Roman curia of using violence and intimidation to force the election of Urban VI.

Many of the cardinals from other countries agreed, and another conclave was held. This conclave elected Clement VII on September 20, 1378. Now the Church had real problems: two popes and each of them had armies. After losing the Battle of Marino, Clement VII retreated to Naples where he thought he would find refuge. Instead, the crowds chanted, "Death to the antichrist" and "Long Live Pope Urban." Clement wisely decided that Italy was not the place to be and established his papacy in Avignon under the King of France's protection. France, Spain, and southern Italy favored Clement VII and the Avignon papacy whereas northern Italy, England, Denmark, Hungary, and Poland favored Urban VI in Rome. The Holy Roman Empire (Germany) and Portugal kept switching sides.

The schism continued after the deaths of the two popes. Part of the issue was that a general council needed to be called by the pope, and neither pope wanted to support a council called by the other. By 1405 both Pope Gregory XII (successor to the Roman line) and Pope Benedict XIII (successor to the Avignon line) wanted the controversy to end. Their initial meeting ended without success so all the Church's cardinals met in Pisa in 1409. It went poorly. Instead of resolving the controversy, the cardinals elected Alexander V as pope much to Gregory and Benedict's consternation. Alexander would only live a year, and his successor John XXIII wanted this mess cleaned up.

Over the next three years Popes Gregory and John cooperated to end the schism. Lasting for three years the Council of Constance even claimed authority over popes - a position later condemned by the Church. The Council of Constance recognized Pope Gregory, and Pope John was detained and lost his office. Gregory then resigned, and Pope Martin was elected with the full support of the cardinals. That left Pope Benedict in Avignon who would not give up power - even though no cardinal supported him. He would die in 1423 and be succeeded by Pope Clement VIII. Pope Clement resigned his office in 1429 and recognized Pope Martin.

The lasting effect of the Western Schism was a huge mistrust of general councils. The papacy learned the tough lesson that sharing power can lead to chaos. When the Church desperately needed a general council, they would be slow to have one. An even greater split happened a century later: the Protestant Reformation.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"You must strive with all possible care to please God in such a manner as neither to do nor behold anything, without first consulting Him, and in everything to seek Him alone and His glory."

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532-1617),
Jesuit Brother, Feast Day: October 31

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

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.**

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.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting **MIS-SIO.org**.



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, 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.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
James Giordano, Dennis Czerwony, 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 on Sunday, November 2nd for a special remembrance of those we have lost the past year during Mass.

COMFORT AND JOY: CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN THE MIDST OF LOSS

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation will once again offer a program to help all those who are hurting through the loss of a loved one, especially during the holiday season. Renée Barber will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 9th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Renée is a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister and has served in the Diocese of Cleveland for 25 years. She has worked in Bereavement Ministry at St. Ann, Communion of Saints, and SS. Robert & William Parishes and is currently on the staff at St. Joan of Arc Parish. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 1/2

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr David Marks	Peggy Palumbo Steve Cottos	Emma Wright Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Nathan Noga Heather Roberts Jessica Noga	Stephanie Liebert Blake Liebert	Parker Redloske Holly Roberts	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Patty Riegling Bernie Barker Joanne Uhl Linda Rafferty	Mike Sommers Madelyn Koranda	Henry Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider

ST. THOMAS MORE 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Doughnuts for a great cause!! St. Thomas More - 8th Grade Class is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Until November 1, 2025, 50% of your order will be donated back to St. Thomas More - 8th Grade Class when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store & redeem using your code. *Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family here:* grouprai.se/krispykreme64910ma

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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION – CEMETERY SUNDAY MASS - NOV 2ND, 3:00PM

Cemetery Sunday is a spiritual way to honor our deceased loved ones on All Souls Day, by providing a special opportunity to celebrate Mass on cemetery grounds.

Mass will be celebrated at the following cemeteries:

Calvary Cemetery | 10000 Miles Avenue, Cleveland | **Main Office**

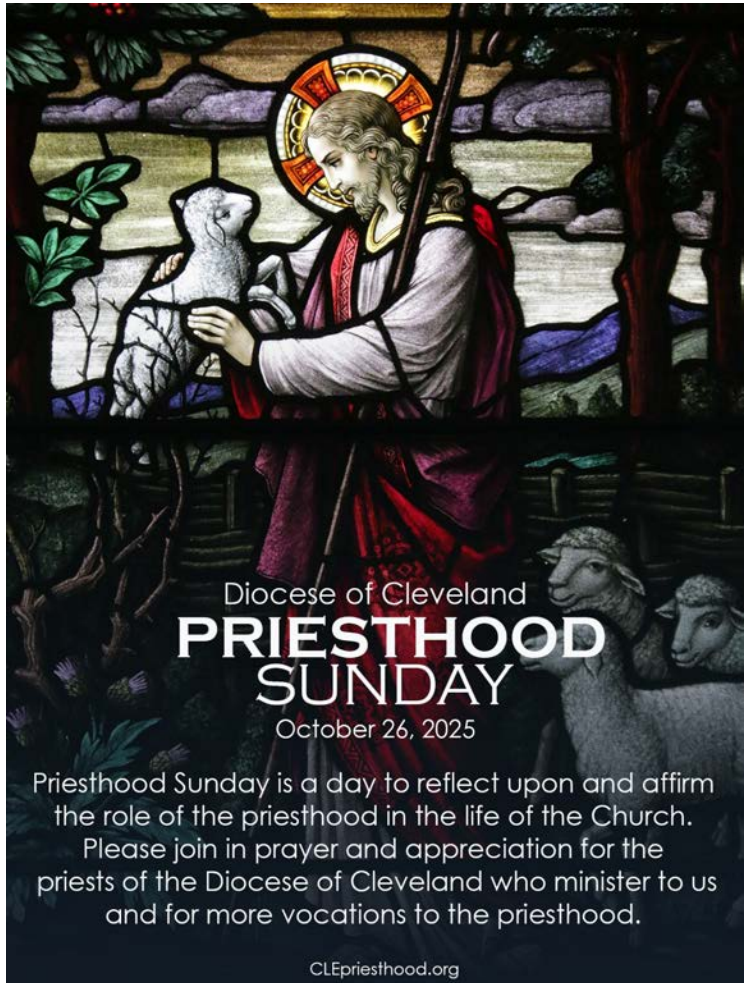
Holy Cross Cemetery | 14609 Brookpark Road, Brook Park | **St. Jude Mausoleum**

St. Joseph Cemetery | 32789 Detroit Road, Avon | **St. Joseph Mausoleum**

St. Mary Cemetery | 4270 E. 71st Street, Cuyahoga Hts. OH | **Service Building**

Please contact Paige Muttillio at pmuttillio@clecem.org, or Catholic Cemeteries Association website:

<https://clecem.org/Events/CemeterySunday.aspx> for more information.



PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the priests who have ministered to us through our lives, the ones who baptized us, gave us communion, offered absolution, prayed for us, inspired us, and nurtured our faith.

May they know your goodness and our gratitude!

Amen. ©LPi

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.

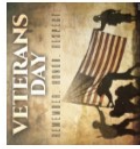
If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Monday, November 10th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 ALL SOULS' DAY All Souls' Remembrance during 11am Mass Rosary before Masses Confirmation Meeting: 9am Mass 10-11:30 Meeting 	3 Board of Elections 3-10pm Basketball Practice 5-9pm	4 ELECTION DAY Board of Elections 5am-10pm Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Basketball Practice 5-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	5 Basketball Practice 5-9pm PTU Meeting 6-7pm	6 Basketball Practice 5-9pm 	7 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	1 ALL SAINTS DAY Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass 
9 Collection for Archdiocese for Military Services Stewardship Sunday Comfort & Joy: Celebrating the Holidays in the Midst of Loss 1pm	10 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	11 VETERAN'S DAY Women's Guild Meeting 11am Basketball Practice 5-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 	12 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Basketball Practice 5-9pm	13 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	14 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	15 Utopia Rental Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
16 Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development	17 Basketball Practice 5-9pm 	18 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Basketball Practice 5-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	19 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	20 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	21 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	22 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
23 Utopia Rental	24 Basketball Practice 5-9pm	25 NO PSR School 1pm dismissal Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Basketball Practice 5-9pm	26 NO SCHOOL Basketball Practice 5-9pm	27 RECTORY CLOSED NO SCHOOL & ATHLETICS 	28 RECTORY CLOSED NO SCHOOL & ATHLETICS	29 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
30 First Sunday of Advent 						