

# 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*

John Mastandrea  
*Development*

Terri Sozio  
*Religious Education*



**St. Thomas More School**  
**PreSchool thru 8th Grade**

Meg Cosgriff - Principal  
216-749-1660 | [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com)

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – VIGIL

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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 – SS. SIMON & JUDE

8:15 AM - Bernard & Dorothy Zofcin

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 – WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - George Zindroski

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - James Banasik

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 – WEEKDAY

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS

8:15 AM - Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW -  
Student Liturgy

11:15 AM - Joseph Valencik

6:45 PM - Joan Bartu

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - All Those Who Have Passed in the Last  
Year

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for October 20th ..... \$2,860.00  
Maintenance ..... \$1,039.00  
Student's Weekly Offering (10 Envelopes) ..... \$30.50  
Faith Direct as of 10/15 ..... \$1,410.00  
Faith Direct Maintenance ..... \$357.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684). Have questions?  
Please email [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call toll free 1-  
866-507-8757.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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### Monday, October 28

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 3 G BB Practice - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Parish & Finance Council Meeting -  
Rectorry

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

### Tuesday, October 29

9:30 AM - Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectorry

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Cheer - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 5 BBB Practice - Gym

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

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 5/6 BBB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM HSBB Practice - Gym

### Wednesday, October 30

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 3 G BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

### Thursday, October 31

## HAPPY

## HALLOWEEN!



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1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Lil Wolverines Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

### Friday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - MASS TIMES

8:15 AM - STUDENT LITURGY

11:15 AM

6:45 PM

NO ATHLETICS

### Saturday, November 2 ALL SOULS' DAY

Rosary before Mass

### Sunday, November 3 Utopia Rental

Rosary before Masses

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Confirmation -

Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

### 60+ CLUB

Join us for the next 60+ Club meeting this Thursday,  
October 31st at 1pm in Utopia Hall.

### ROSARY

Next weekend, November 2nd & 3rd, a member of  
the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before  
each Mass. Come early and join us!



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Our next piece of theology is the concept of virtue. Exploring this term will illuminate how the Church understands our human nature and how grace restores and improves us. Learning to love like God causes us to be like God.

The English word, "virtue," comes from the Latin "virtus," which means "manliness" first and "greatness" second. In Latin the best example of "virtus" would be a Hercules. The Greeks had a better concept, "earth," which denotes "excellence." For the Church virtue denotes a human excellence that disposes us to be and act in an excellent manner.

What does it mean to be disposed to act in a good manner, let alone an excellent one? Our emotions and usual thinking are what dispose us to act. We must make a clear distinction between what we are inclined to do and what we choose to do. When I was a young man, I wanted to do everything that my Dad did. When he taught me to serve Mass, my Dad disposed me to want to do that as well. After doing it for a while - actually being told to do it by my Dad - I started to enjoy it. How good I am at celebrating Mass is partly because I developed a virtue of reverence from serving on the altar.

The more virtuous we are, the more free we are. The more our actions are disposed to what we know is good, the more our intellect and will can know and desire the good. As Pope Saint John Paul II often reminded the Church, love frees the human person from the brokenness of our isolated selves.

Grace helps us to grow in virtue and thus regenerate our humanity. Due to Original Sin, every human being has flaws that would lead us away from what is good (God) and to what only appears good (sin). Moreover, sin can be understood to be a corrupted human act that disposes us to abandon what is really good for what seems good at the time. God, who is the source of all goodness, offers us the grace of contrition whenever we sin in order to free us from such a fate. Tragically, the more we sin, the less we are inclined to repent and restore ourselves to health.

The canonized saints demonstrated on earth the heroic virtue that will be all of ours in Heaven. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta showed so well in her life, the entire world can be changed by the actions of single human life made whole by Christ. May we all desire the change that comes from loving God!

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

Last week, our Business Manager, Melissa Wensing, left St. Thomas More's employment. We will miss her and wish her and her family all the best. As such transitions are never easy, please pray for her and her family that God rewards them for all the good she did here.

## 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 31st  
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Peggy Palumbo.**

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.**

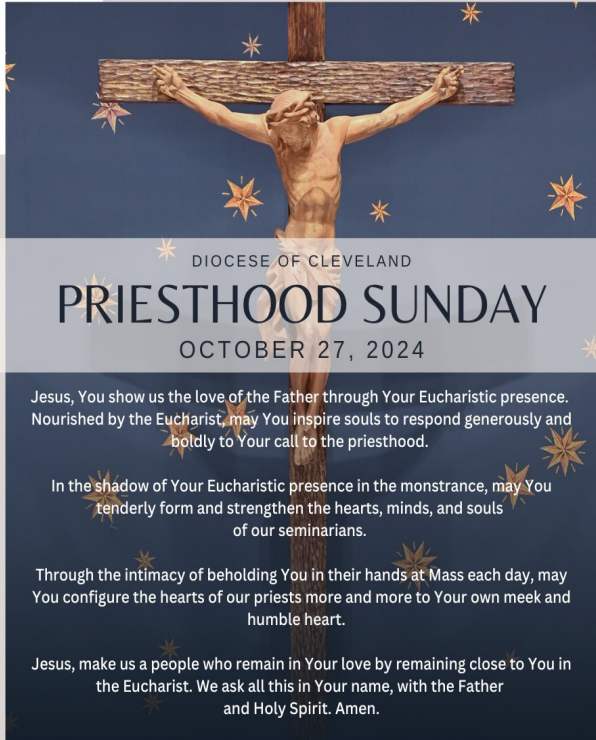
## VOCATION CORNER

**Poor Clare Sisters**

To learn more visit [poorclare.org](http://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.

## 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.



DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

Jesus, You show us the love of the Father through Your Eucharistic presence. Nourished by the Eucharist, may You inspire souls to respond generously and boldly to Your call to the priesthood.

In the shadow of Your Eucharistic presence in the monstrance, may You tenderly form and strengthen the hearts, minds, and souls of our seminarians.

Through the intimacy of beholding You in their hands at Mass each day, may You configure the hearts of our priests more and more to Your own meek and humble heart.

Jesus, make us a people who remain in Your love by remaining close to You in the Eucharist. We ask all this in Your name, with the Father and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLEPRIESTHOOD.ORG



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 Hengood, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Dorothy Kashary, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Carl Krist, Al Lada, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Dale Mathews & family, Michael McClelland, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreauna Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan 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, Mary Weinstein & family, 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.**

### **IN REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember in your prayers Tina Carr,  
Kenneth Thies, Dennis Asmondy, John Paul Misch,  
and Ann Marie Kaczmarek.  
God grant them eternal rest.

### **ALL SOULS' DAY - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES**

On All Soul' 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 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, November 2nd for a special remembrance of those we have lost the past year during Mass.

### **HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

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. Cassandra Zabor, of Zabor Funeral Home, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 10th at 2PM in Utopia Hall. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

### **#WEGIVECATHOLIC IS RENEWING OUR RECTORY**

St. Thomas More is scheduling some long-deferred repairs to the rectory building - the home of our parish priests. Included in this renewal is the replacement of the deteriorated garage doors and the second-floor windows.

Just in time, too! November is almost here and with it comes the chills of wintery weather, the homey comfort of the holidays, and the annual #weGiveCatholic campaign.

Please help us raise \$30,000 to make improvements to the rectory. New doors and windows will cut drafts, prevent water damage, and provide long-term energy savings.

The rectory is an important place. It is where couples plan weddings. It is where parents prepare for the Baptism of their children. It is where families plan funerals. It is where liturgical calendars are made, events are planned, and records are kept. Most importantly, it is the residence of our pastor, Fr. John and our resident priest, Fr. Don. Let's make it a home for the holidays!

#weGiveCatholic starts its early giving on November 23rd, culminating on Giving Tuesday on December 3rd. Stay tuned for more details.

### **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

Our first grade at St. Thomas More has been very busy learning since the start of our school year. We are learning how to sound out words by isolating the beginning, middle and ending sounds as well as comparing how life was in the past to how it is now.

Earlier this month we used our journals to write and draw about living and non-living things. We went outside and observed different living and non-living things around our building. Then we came back inside to write about what we saw.



Mrs. Lewis - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

## THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 9th-10th food will be collected for the City of Brooklyn Food Pantry which will serve the needy in our area. 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.

## 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 [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org).

## 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 2023 candle. Forms are available online or at the rectory.

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### November 2/3

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Nina Ferguson Sheryl Finohr Denise Puening	Steve Cottos Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Emma Wright	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Jaime Declet Heather Roberts Dolores Hules Terri Sozio	Jeannine Declet Jaclene Zauszniewski	Aubrey Rankin Holly Roberts	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Bernie Barker Madelyn Koranda Heather Miksch Sue Poole	Barbara Kish	Brendon Kiscoe Danny Coughlin	Rev. Donald Snyder

ST. THOMAS MORE  
WOMEN'S GUILD

# TASTE OF FALL FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

COST: \$20.00  
DOORS OPEN: 10:00AM  
ENTERTAINMENT: 11:00AM  
LUNCHEON SERVED: 12:00PM

OUR FALL MENU WILL INCLUDE:  
TURKEY DINNER &  
YUMMY DESSERTS

ANY QUESTIONS:  
CALL PEGGY @  
216-402-2773

RAFFLE BASKETS      50/50 RAFFLE

LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS  
AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR  
WOMEN'S GUILD MEETINGS

UTOPIA HALL  
4170 NORTH AMBER DRIVE, BROOKLYN

## CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to all those who attended our Third Annual Chili Cook-Off on October 19th. Thanks to the volunteers and those who participated in the competition. There were many great dishes, but the prizes went to: (1) Dawn Thomas, (2) Peggy Spring and (3) Sue Poole. Thanks again and we can't wait until next year!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>3 Utopia Rental Rosary before Masses Confirmation Meeting: 9am Mass 10-11:30 Meeting in Utopia Hall <b>National Vocations Awareness Week begins</b></p>	<p>4 Board of Elections 3-10pm 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>5 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL &amp; ATHLETICS</b> Board of Elections 5am-10pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm</p>	<p>6 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm PTU Meeting 6pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>7 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>1 ALL SAINTS DAY NO ATHLETICS</p>	<p>2 <b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b> Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass All Souls' Remembrance during 4:30pm Mass</p> 
<p>10 <b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b> <b>Hope for the Holidays 2pm</b></p>	<p>11 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p> 	<p>12 Women's Guild Meeting 10am Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>13 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>14 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>15 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>16 Utopia Rental Mother/Daughter Event Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development</p>
<p>17 Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development</p>	<p>18 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>19 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>20 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>21 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>22 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>23 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>24  <b>OUR LORD Jesus Christ, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b></p>	<p>25 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>26 <b>NO PSR</b> Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am School Dismissal 1pm Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm Spiritual Life Commission Meeting 6:30-7:30pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>28 <b>RECTORY CLOSED</b> <b>NO SCHOOL &amp; ATHLETICS</b></p> 	<p>29 <b>RECTORY CLOSED</b> <b>NO SCHOOL &amp; ATHLETICS</b></p>	<p>30 Utopia Rental</p> 