

# 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*

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**PreSchool thru 8th Grade**

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 –

### VIGIL

4:30 PM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 –

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

\*9:00 AM - Jean Davis

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 –

### ST. BRUNO & BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

8:15 AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 –

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

6:45 PM - Henry Polidori

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 –

### WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - John Skubie

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 –

### SS. DENIS & COMPANIONS AND JOHN LEONARDI

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 –

### WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - James Needham

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 –

### ST. JOHN XXIII

8:15 AM - Dennis Hengood

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

\*Mass of Remembrance

# Financial Blessings

Collection for September 28th ..... \$3,321.00

Maintenance ..... \$388.00

Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) ..... \$61.00

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Monday, October 6

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 7

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

1:20 PM - 4:40 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences -  
Gym (Book Fair in Utopia Hall)

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

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

### Wednesday, October 8

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

1:20 PM - 7:40 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences -  
Gym (Book Fair in Utopia Hall)

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

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

### Thursday, October 9

1:20 PM - 4:40 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences -  
Gym (Book Fair in Utopia Hall)

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 10 Utopia Rental

### NO SCHOOL

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 11 Utopia Rental

### BLANKET SUNDAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

### Sunday, October 12

### BLANKET SUNDAY

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of September - Autumn, Caleb & Finnegan Lacey and Daniel, Dorothy, Daniel & Della Simko.

### 60+ CLUB

Please join us to say the rosary at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Shrine (6618 Pearl Road) on Wednesday, October 8th. Lunch after at a local restaurant. All are welcome!

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. In his later years St. Francis attempted to bring peace to the Middle East and experienced the stigmata. Although we often focus on what happened around Francis, it was the depths of his heart that were truly important to God.

In 1219 Francis finally got to travel to the Holy Land, something he had desired to do for decades. He traveled with the Fifth Crusade, which was attacking Egypt. St. Francis, like the Crusade's leaders, understood that the Sultan of Egypt, Al-Kamil, was the key to the Holy Land. Whereas the Crusaders wanted to defeat him in battle, Francis sought his conversion. Francis understood that he probably could not do so and planned on dying a martyr if he could not convince the Sultan to convert.

With the two armies momentarily not fighting, St. Francis and Friar Illuminatus crossed the battle lines. Islamic soldiers seized the two friars and began beating them. To their credit, when Francis asked to be taken to the Sultan, the soldiers stopped and did so. What followed changed history.

Francis impressed Sultan Al-Kamil so much with his courage and sincerity that he allowed the saint to move around his court and preach. When St. Francis turned down the gifts the Sultan offered him a few days later, Al-Kamil granted Francis and his companions permission to visit the sacred sites of the Holy Land and preach. From then on the Franciscans have held what is called the Custody of the Holy Land, tending to the holy sites on behalf of the Church. Accordingly, Western Christians could safely visit the Holy Land and venerate the places where Jesus walked.

Tradition holds that St. Francis brought back an important custom from the Holy Land: the Way of the Cross. Francis wanted those too poor to ever visit Jerusalem to retrace in their imaginations Christ's suffering and death. The Stations of the Cross remain an important Catholic devotion that helps us to reflect on Christ's Passion.

On September 17, 1224 St. Francis received the stigmata while seeing a vision of a seraphim on a cross. Both the five wounds of Christ and his eyes physically weakened the man. Spiritually, however, St. Francis deepened his love for Christ in the midst of this suffering. At one point doctors attempted to relieve his eye pain - he was already blind basically - by cauterizing his eyes. Francis said he felt no pain. Knowing that his time was growing short, Francis retired to Porziuncola and lived in a hut. On October 3, 1226, he passed away singing Psalm 141.

In the stigmata God revealed exteriorly the interior configuration of St. Francis. Rare is the saint so closely united to Christ, the Bridegroom. Just as Our Lord loved the Church unto death, St. Francis showed a depth of compassion that revitalized the world. May we all long to love as he did.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION

All couples of our parish who are celebrating 50 years of 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. Please call or email the rectory with your names, date of marriage and if you will or will not be in attendance at Mass on October 18th.

## TRAVELING MADONNA

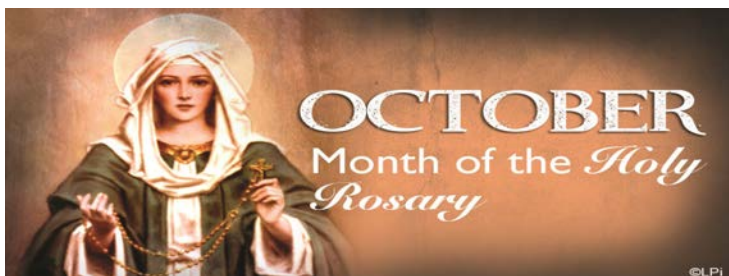
This week the statue is at the home of:

**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.**

## 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 collaboration between different religious traditions - Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.







### 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, 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

Elizabeth Olsavsky and Rev. C. Thomas Cleaton, Jr.

God grant her eternal rest.



Dear Lord, What a gift You have given in every human life. Inspire us to respect Your handiwork in every human we encounter. Embolden us to protect the dignity of the most vulnerable members of society. Amen. ©LPi

### ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS

The annual Respect Life Month Mass and Holy Hour will be held on October 10th from 7 - 9pm at St. Mary Church, 250 Kraft St., Berea, OH.

### PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the national efforts supported through the collection - see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

### MY DAILY PRAYERS

"My Daily Prayers" is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day directly to your email. "My Daily Prayers" invites you to spend about 10 minutes in prayer and reflection each day and offers encouragement to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord.

Sign up at [dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers).

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 11/12

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Marilu Slimak Mary Lou LoBue Sheryl Finohr David Marks	Wendy Huynh Al Margevicius	Noah Nguyen Blake Liebert	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jennifer Mladineo Chris Koch Terri Sozio	Jaclene Zauszniewski Rob Cepek	Sabriena Smith Chase Gerlach	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Sue Poole Madelyn Koranda Carl Krist Heather Miksch	Mike Sommers Barbara Kish	Henry Nguyen Amelia Nieves	Fr. Don Snyder

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time      October 5, 2025

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The fourth graders are back into the swing of things and enjoying the start of school! In the first month of school, the fourth graders have been working hard at reviewing and expanding their reading skills. We are enjoying reading the novel *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, as our first novel study of the year. Students are learning about goal setting and how to become the best version of themselves. I'm looking forward to the rest of the school year with this group!

Ms. Emily Viskocil  
Fourth Grade teacher

## 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](https://CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution).

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  
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

## 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](https://womankind-cleveland.org). Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

## 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](https://BlanketSunday.org) for more information and to donate or scan the QR code.



ST. THOMAS MORE  
• WOMEN'S GUILD •  
FALL FUNDRAISER  
**OC-TEA-BER FEST**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025  
COST: \$25.00  
DOORS OPEN: 10:00AM  
ENTERTAINMENT: 11:00AM  
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ENTERTAINMENT:  
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## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Thank you to the top sponsors of our Walk-a-Thon!

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 4th Annual Walk-a-Thon! We were able to raise just under \$10,000. This money will be used to offset the cost of busing for our students' field trips. The following corporate sponsors donated \$200 to our event. Please consider patronizing their companies!



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