

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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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - James Davis

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Cleve Michael Kaufman

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Betty Higgins

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – SS. DENIS & JOHN LEONARDI NO MASS TODAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – ST. JOHN XXIII NO MASS TODAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Diane Lada

*4:30 PM - Joseph P. Roth

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Women's Guild

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 29th \$3,522.00

Maintenance \$1,628.25

Student's Weekly Offering (6 Envelopes) \$28.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

We will not celebrate Mass here on Wednesday,
October 9th or Friday, October 11th due to the
Priest Convocation.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, October 7

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 8

9:30 AM - Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 9 NO MASS

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Gym (Book Fair in Utopia Hall)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

Thursday, October 10

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Gym (Book Fair in Utopia Hall)

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 11 NO SCHOOL OR MASS

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

Saturday, October 12

10:00 PM - 3:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

5:30 PM Welcome Reception - Utopia Hall

Sunday, October 13

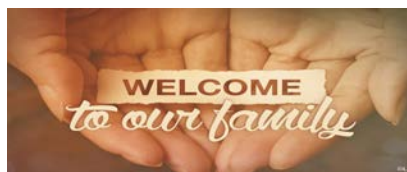
12:00 PM Welcome Reception - Utopia Hall

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of September - Frances, Francisco & Amila Fernandez, Juan & Allison Caceres Chirinos, Scarlett Chepke, William Seelbach & Kelly Suzich.

FR. JOHN'S WELCOME RECEPTION



There are two options for you to come and welcome Fr. John to St. Thomas More.

We will have a light reception on Saturday, October 12th immediately following the 4:30 Mass in Utopia Hall. Then we will do the same on Sunday, October 13th immediately following the 11am Mass in Utopia Hall.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! It brings me great joy to be your new pastor. I will admit that leaving Garfield Heights saddened me - I made many great friends there and will miss them. God has consoled me with the knowledge that I am doing his Will in coming to St. Thomas More.

Here is a brief autobiography. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio to James and Mary Schneider; I was the first of six children. If you think that is a large family consider this: I have fifty-six cousins! Anyways, my family eventually moved to Avon Lake, but I can still remember going to Memphis Kiddie Park and Big Creek.

I attended St. Vincent de Paul in Cleveland for grade school before going to St. Ignatius High School. Afterwards, I attended the University of Notre Dame on a full academic scholarship majoring in Latin and Philosophy. I had discerned my vocation to the priesthood while in high school, but my pastor encouraged me to delay going to the seminary. Once I had graduated college, however, I went straight to First Theology at our local seminary, St. Mary's. Five years later I was ordained a priest in 2011.

My first assignment as a priest of Cleveland was at Holy Family Parish in Parma where I served under Fr. Richard Evans. I learned a great deal at Holy Family and still have friends from that parish. In 2015 I left that parish to become a Parochial Vicar at St. John Vianney's in Mentor under Fr. Tom Johns. That assignment lasted a whole three months before I was promoted. In September 2015, I became administrator of Immaculate Conception in Madison, Ohio. Bishop Lennon asked me to take on that assignment since I would be filling in for my uncle, Fr. Sean Donnelly, who had to go on medical leave. Fortunately, my uncle recovered from his illness and resumed his duties as pastor in February 2016.

I thought that I would get a little respite, but three weeks after my uncle came back I was given Ss. Peter & Paul in Garfield Heights. Six months later I was made their pastor "and" pastor of St. Therese on October 1, 2016. For eight years, I had those two small parishes, and we had a lot of fun.

It came as a complete shock to me two months ago when the bishop asked me to come to St. Thomas More. I took his request to prayer, and God gave me a very clear answer: do what the bishop asks. I was not the first priest asked, but I was the first to say "yes."

Now starts a period of adjustment for all of us, so let us pray for one another. As we get to know each other, I am sure that we will learn to rejoice in our gifts and God's grace. God be with you.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"Every Christian must be convinced of his fundamental and vital duty of bearing witness to the truth in which he believes and the grace that has transformed him."

Pope St. John XXIII (1881-1963),

Pope of Second Vatican, Feast Day: October 11th
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Gil & Joan Vanza.

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.**

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

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

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 a Shared Mission - Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

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.



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, 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, 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 Papow, 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, 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 Beverly Pacanovsky, Florence Horton, and Rosemary Greifenstein.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.

BLANKET SUNDAY "COVERS" MANY NEEDS



Next weekend is Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you make a financial donation, your money will go even further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for poverty-stricken and unhoused

neighbors in our own metropolitan area. You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org. Please make checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society.



LIVING ROSARY

The last 3 promises of Mary:

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocated of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death
14. All who recite the Rosary are my children and the brothers and sisters of my Son
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination

Join the Spiritual Life Commission for the Living Rosary this **Sunday, October 6th at 2:30PM** in the church.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Please join us for our October Meeting on October 15th at 11:30AM in Utopia Hall. All are welcome. A light lunch will be served.

Mark your calendar for the Women's Guild Taste of Fall Fundraiser on Tuesday, November 12th. Tickets are \$15 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...

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through St Thomas Moore's Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle the weekend of October 6th. Fill it with change, cash, or a check made out to Womankind, and return it by the weekend of October 26/27.



You can also scan this QR code or the one included on the bottle label to make a secure donation online.

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.



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



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

Office of the Bishop

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27 September 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Catholic Tradition of responsible citizenship, we are morally obligated to participate in political life and to make choices based on a properly formed conscience, voting for the candidates who best support the moral teachings of our Catholic faith. As you prepare to cast your ballot for the upcoming November election, I ask that you pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and educate yourself on the candidates' positions on the critical issues that will affect us all, both now and in the future.

Before we are members of any political party, we must be faithful followers of Jesus, who told us "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 3:35). So, it is incumbent on us who are believers to live our Catholic faith outside the walls of our Churches, putting Christ at the center of our public lives as citizens. Our consciences must be well informed through prayer and fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Then we must vote our consciences, which I urge you to do, so that your Catholic faith will impact the moral and social fabric of our society.

In the *Introductory Note to Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the document issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to help guide us on our political responsibilities, we bishops again said that the defense of unborn life remains our pre-eminent priority because abortion is a direct attack on the most vulnerable among us. We also recognize that other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, human trafficking, the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, racism, and the lack of care for our common home. All these issues must be considered when voting for the person who will best represent us, placing the interests of the most vulnerable first among others.

At a time when our nation is so polarized by partisanship and ideology, and the issues are so serious and complex, it is of the utmost importance that we persevere in hope, remembering the words found in the Book of Micah, who said, "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

For those looking for more information on faithful citizenship, both the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Conference of Ohio (which outlines topics specific to our state) offer extensive materials and resources to provide guidance.

Please join me in praying for all those who are running for office in the upcoming election. May the Lord inspire and guide them to lift up the dignity of all persons they will serve if chosen by the electorate. May the Lord guide us in these important decisions at this critical time in our history, heal our divisions, and unite us one nation, under God.

May God bless you and those you love.

Your brother in Christ,

+ Edward C. Malesic

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL
Bishop of Cleveland

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Fourth grade is excited to be back and in full swing here at St. Thomas More School!! We have spent time getting to know each other, learning the expectations and procedures that come with being in upper elementary, and getting back into the routine of school.

We started the year off with novel studies in each grade. Fourth grade is enjoying Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing by Judy Blume. This book is fun to start with because the students can connect to the main character, a fourth grader, and his family. The fifth grade is enjoying Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary. This is another great book to start with because the main character is their age, and students can easily relate to him.

Both 4th and 5th grade have been introduced to learning stations, which everyone seems to be enjoying. This way of learning teaches students responsibility and ownership as well as academic skills.

I am excited to continue the year with this great group of students. I can't wait to see our growth throughout the year!

Miss Emily Viskocil

4th and 5th grade ELA and Religion Teacher

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 12/13

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos David Marks Mary Lou LoBue Abbey Eichenmiller	Sheryl Finohr Steve Cottos	Blake Liebert Alexia Torres	
9:00 AM	Jennifer Mladineo Meegan McKenna Nathan Noga Jaclene Zauszniewski	Carole Flanagan Jessica Noga	Audrey Rankin	
11:00 AM	Patty Riegling Marty Rini Joyce Stutzman Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda	Gabriella Madison Paige Madison	