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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

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Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Francis Tam

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Alberta Palange

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8:15 AM - Eddie & Nancy Celis - Student Liturgy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

6:45 PM - Delores Dickey

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – SS. ROBERT BELLARMINE & HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – ST. JANUARIUS

8:15 AM - Sheila Murphy

1:00 PM - Carson/Henderson Wedding

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

8:15 AM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

*4:30 PM - Sister Catherine Fitzgerald, SIW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Rose Verdino

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 7th \$3,677.00
Maintenance \$1,503.00
Student's Weekly Offering (18 Envelopes) \$67.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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

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Monday, September 15

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 4-5 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, September 16

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

11:30 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Drop-In - Gym

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

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

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Grade 7 VB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, September 17

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grades 1/2 Cheer 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 - 8:00 PM Grades 5/6 VB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Drop-In - Gym

Thursday, September 18

Utopia Rental

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, September 19

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, September 20

Utopia Rental

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CYO Football - Field

Sunday, September 21

Catechetical Sunday

Bake Sale after Masses

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend to assist the Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas.



III - Emily Carson (St. Thomas More) &
Matthew Henderson

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Given that the last two articles touched upon the Holy Land, it is fitting for us to go over the life of the man most responsible for Catholics having churches there: St. Francis of Assisi. Before we can get to that, however, we must learn how this man became a saint.

Baptized Giovanni de Pietro de Bernardone in 1181, he was called Francesco by his father, Pietro. Francesco literally means, “Frenchman” and Pietro loved everything about France since he made quite a bit of money from trading there. Francis lived a comfortable life in Assisi and was not known for his intellect, piety, nor his bravery in his early life. He was known to have a fun time and was everyone’s friend. If Francis had a gift from God, it was making people around him happy.

Around 1202 Francis went on a military expedition against Perugia, another Italian town, and ended up a prisoner for over a year. Although Francis discerned that he needed to change his life then, he went back to having fun after his release. Two years later he did change his life after receiving a vision on route to another war. He stopped going to parties, sporting events, and told his friends that he thought about giving up all worldly goods. Then he received another vision at the Church of San Damiano, in which Jesus told him, “Go and repair My church, which you can see, is falling into ruin.” Francis interpreted this to mean the literal repairs of the chapel, but God had other things in mind.

Francis then took cloth from his father’s stores and sold it to finance the repairs. His father was outraged, and Francis went into hiding in a local cave. Eventually Francis returned home hungry and dirty; his father beat him, bound him, and threw him into a storeroom. After being released by his mother, Francis was dragged in front of the Bishop of Assisi by town officials so that his father could disinherit him. To everyone’s shock Francis renounced his father’s money and asked for protection from the Church. Whether he stripped naked or not, he had forever ended his old life and taken up another.

Over the next two years (1208-1210), Francis lived the life of a penitent and rebuilt the chapel of San Damiano. Begging each day for food and stones, he repaired the chapel by hand by himself. Eventually, Francis expanded his work from merely restoring this chapel to ministering to lepers and exhorting the faithful to works of mercy.

Next time we will learn how Francis started a religious order without meaning to and innovated the liturgy, again, without meaning to. Francis never had a grand plan. He only wanted to please God and Our Lady. We will see that he led many others to the same.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

“On the last day, when the general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus.”

St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621),
Patron of Catechists,
Feast Day: September 17

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Cynthia Tedesco.

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.**

BAKE SALE

Holly Roberts will be holding a bake sale to benefit an Eagle Scout Project after all Masses on Sunday, September 21st. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

We’re excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What’s new about ParishSOFT Giving?

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

Keep an eye out for more information soon!

PSR REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available on our website. Please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net with any questions.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, 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 Hengoe, Eddie Hengoe, 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, Betty (Grunkowski) 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
Jean Wiesler, Frank Siedlack, Jr.,
Rev. John E. Manning, Rosemary Mackovjak,
Gregory Simecek, Jr., Victor Adu-Gyamfi,
and Larry Ketola.
God grant them eternal rest.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our meetings will begin again starting this Tuesday, September 16th at 11:30AM in Utopia Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. John J. Schneider. Pastry, coffee, and tea will be served. Hope you can join us!

In April of 2026, the St. Thomas More Women's Guild will celebrate their 80th Anniversary. The purpose of the Guild is to strengthen the religious bond among members, encourage a friendly spirit among the women, and to support our Parish. Any woman is eligible for active membership. Five Masses are offered each year for living and deceased members of this guild. In addition, a Mass shall be offered for the repose of the soul of every member, husband, child, or parent whose death we are made aware. Dues are \$10.00 per year. If a member becomes permanently confined to their home or a facility, they become an honorary member for the rest of their life, and dues are no longer payable. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month except for January, July, and August. We have some exciting programs lined up for this year and hope to see you at a future meeting!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 20/21

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Jill Parks David Marks Nina Ferguson Mary Lou LoBue	Sheryl Finohr Tim Lozar	Emma Wright Amy Vu	Rev. Michael Garvin
9:00 AM	Nathan Noga Chris Koch Dolores Hules Jessica Noga	Jaclene Zauszniewski Mary Lou Lobue	Holly Roberts Henry Nguyen	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Patty Riegling Bernie Barker Joanne Uhl Linda Rafferty	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Danny Coughlin Audreyana Infante	Rev. John McNulty

ST. THOMAS MORE SCOOL

We welcomed students back to school earlier this month. It was wonderful to see all of the smiling faces and meeting the sixth graders who are new to middle school this year. We spent some time getting to know each other and going over expected behaviors and study skills to be successful this year. Topics we are covering in science include scientific inquiry and math in science. Then we will explore plate tectonics (grade 8), energy and ecosystems (grade 7), and rocks and minerals (grade 6). In math we introduced a new curriculum called iReady. This program encourages students to dive more deeply into math ideas and to justify their thinking. They have individualized plans to help them improve their skills. Topics we are covering in the first units are transformations (grade 8), ratios/rates (grade 7), and geometry (grade 6).

Mrs. Stefanie Relic
Middle School Math/Science Teacher

WALK-A-THON

On Friday, October 3, St. Thomas More will be holding its 4th Annual Walk-a-Thon! Funds will be used to defray the cost of field trip bussing as well as improvements around the school. Donations of ANY size will be gratefully accepted. Even if you are unable to donate, we would appreciate you sharing the QR Code or the link: stmparish.net/school/walk-a-thon-donations.



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.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2026

Confirmation - If your child will be in the 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please email psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Beaumont High School: Wednesday, November 5th from 5:30pm - 7pm. (www.beaumontschool.org)

Benedictine High School: Sunday, November 2nd from 11am - 1pm. (www.cbhs.net)

Cleveland Central Catholic: Sunday, November 2nd from 1pm - 3:30pm.. (www.centralcatholichs.org)

Holy Name High School: Sunday, October 19th from 10am - 2pm. (www.holynamemhs.com)

Magnificat High School: Sunday, October 5th from 11am - 1:30pm. (www.magnificaths.org)

Padua Franciscan High School: Sunday, October 5th from 10am - 1pm. (www.paduafranciscan.com)

St. Edward High School: Sunday, October 5th from 10am - 12:30pm, Monday, October 20th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm, and Monday, November 3rd from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. (www.sehs.net)

Saint Ignatius High School: Sunday, September 21st from 10am - 3pm. (www.ignatius.edu)

Saint Joseph Academy: Saturday, October 5th 1pm - 4pm. (www.sja1890.org)

Trinity High School: Sunday, October 26th from 10am - 12pm. (www.ths.org)

PLEASE VISIT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION. MANY OPEN HOUSES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through our parish Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle the weekend of September 27th & 28th from each church entrance. 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. 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.



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ST. THOMAS MORE
• WOMEN'S GUILD •
FALL FUNDRAISER

OC-TEA-BER FEST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025



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DOORS OPEN: 10:00AM
ENTERTAINMENT: 11:00AM
LUNCHEON SERVED: 12:00PM



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