

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

Liz Schneider
Business Manager

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – VIGIL

*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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Patricia Klemanek - Student Liturgy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA

6:45 PM - Rich Hovan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – ST. COSMAS & DAMIAN

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the
Malames & Kissel Families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

8:15 AM - September Birthdays

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

*11:00 AM - Daniel Allen

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 14th \$2,611.00
Maintenance \$866.00
Student's Weekly Offering (13 Envelopes) \$89.00

Faith Direct as of 9/4 \$3,208.00
Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,365.00

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

Monday, September 22 First Day of Fall

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, September 23

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

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 - 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 24

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 25

1:00 PM 60+ Club - 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, September 26

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 27

Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

BAKE SALE

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

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, September 23rd, 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, September 25th 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!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. I need to share some important news with you all. On October 1st I will no longer be assigned to St. Ignatius of Antioch. As of that day, I will once again only be the pastor of St. Thomas More. Due to the lack of available priests, St. Ignatius will not be receiving a priest as an administrator or pastor. Instead, Mr. Jason Lewis will become their Parish Life Coordinator, and Fr. Phil Bernier will become the Presbyteral Moderator for St. Ignatius.

When I went to St. Ignatius, I knew that it would be very challenging to run two parishes each with its own school. For eight years I had run two parishes in Garfield, and I have a good idea of what a pastor (or administrator) needs to do for a parish. I am still learning the many demands of having a school. In all honesty, however, my expectations were far exceeded by the needs of both parishes. Despite my best efforts, I could not keep up with the workload. Here I must apologize for the many delayed emails and phone calls. You deserve to have your sacramental and religious needs met in a timely manner, and I was not always able to do so over the last few months.

In late July I reached out to our dean, the Very Rev. Robert Ramser, about my concerns. Upon his advice I reached out to the Vicar of Clergy, Rev. Joseph Mamich. Whereas the dean is in charge of the parishes in our area, the Vicar of Clergy is the bishop's representative to our clergy. All three of us looked at ways to make things work, but our options were limited. These conversations were ongoing, but matters became more pressing as time went on.

In late August I began to see that my physical health was being impacted, in particular my heart. Over a decade ago I had a heart ablation, and I monitor my blood pressure and heart rate regularly. There was one Sunday when I had trouble standing through Mass. It was then that I knew I could not continue in both roles.

A few weeks ago I asked the Vicar of Clergy to release me from St. Ignatius so that I could focus on my duties as pastor of St. Thomas More. Both Fr. Ramser and Fr. Mamich agreed with my assessment that I needed to step down as the administrator of St. Ignatius. It is our hope that Mr. Lewis and Fr. Bernier will provide the leadership that St. Ignatius needs.

I am looking forward to giving my full attention and energy to St. Thomas More. We have a lot to do! Please keep me in your prayers, and please pray for the people of St. Ignatius. May the Lord grant us all the graces we need to do His Will now and forever.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"I pray that His Divine Goodness may accompany you, be your consolation along the way, your shade against the heat of the sun, your shelter in rain and cold, your soft bed in your weariness, your strength in your toil and finally, that He may bring you back in perfect health and filled with good works."

St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660),
Patron of Charitable Works,
Feast Day: September 27

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

POLISH FESTIVAL AT ST. STANISLAUS

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus will host its 35th annual Polish Festival October 3rd (from 5pm), 4th (from 4pm) & 5th (from 12:30pm) at its indoor Social Center at 6601 Baxter Avenue, Cleveland, 44105. For details visit, www.ststanislaus.org.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Joe & Dolores Hules.

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.**

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

An inter-parish men's group will meet October 3rd for a First Friday Luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Our speaker will be Rev. Fr. Michael Petkosek, of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish. Registrations begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, September 30th to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Donna Baker, 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 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, 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
Larry Ketola.
God grant him eternal rest.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 18527

FALL COOKOUT - Join us for a Backyard Cook-out! Burgers and hotdogs will be provided. BYOB and/or side dish to share. All are welcome!

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Chariots of Fire - Council 18527

Saturday, October 4th at 1pm at St. Elias

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE - Council 18527 will be hosting a mobile blood drive (date is tentative) at St. Elias and conducted by the American Red Cross. Once there is a minimum number of pre-registered donors, an exact date will be scheduled. To pre-register, please visit: <https://forms.gle/YXfvJ39D1NvMgsTX9>

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 27/28

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue David Marks Marilu Slimak Sheryl Finohr	Al Margevicius Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Rev. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Chris Koch Terri Sozio	Jennifer Mladineo Rob Cepek	Noah Redloske Henry Nguyen	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Carl Krist Sue Poole	Mike Sommers Patty Riegling	Henry Nguyen Geovanna Fagher	Rev. Don Snyder

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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.

BROOKLYN HOME DAYS

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce presents the 1st annual "Brooklyn Home Days" on September 27th & 28th at Brooklyn Hurricanes Stadium. The two-day event will kickoff with a parade at 12:30pm on Saturday at Brooklyn High School. The evening will end with fireworks at 9pm. Sundays hours are 11am until 7pm. Admission is FREE, but they are encouraging everyone to register for an unforgettable experience! Registration and more information can be found at brooklynhomedays.com.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Prayer for Catechists

God of our fathers and mothers, today we mark Catechetical Sunday, the day we recommit ourselves to teaching and forming disciples to continue your work in this world.

In the beginning, you created man to please you and offer you companionship. We turned away from you without knowing the great love you had for us. Help us to recapture that understanding of your love for us and for creation. Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation that love you freely give us.

We ask all that is good to come upon our catechetical leaders and the people whom they lead to the faith.

We ask all this in the name of the primary teacher of the faith, Jesus the Christ.
Amen. ©LPi

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through our parish Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle next weekend, available at 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.



Womankind

Prenatal & Maternal Care Center

ST. THOMAS MORE
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FALL FUNDRAISER

OC-TEA-BER FEST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

COST: \$25.00
DOORS OPEN: 10:00AM
ENTERTAINMENT: 11:00AM
LUNCHEON SERVED: 12:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT:
DIANA PARSONS
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ANY QUESTIONS:
CALL LOLLY @
216-398-1622

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WOMEN'S GUILD MEETINGS

UTOPIA HALL
4170 NORTH AMBER DRIVE, BROOKLYN

St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

St. Thomas More Parish's
4th Annual



CHILI COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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BROOKLYN, 44144**



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