

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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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 –
VIGIL**

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 –

SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

8:15 AM - Richard Thomas Roginsky

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 –

ST. JEROME

6:45 PM - Rita Babarcsik

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 –

ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

8:15 AM - Beverly & Ted Madzia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 –

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - James William Westfall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 –

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:15 AM - Mary Nagorka

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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 21st \$3,668.00
Maintenance \$834.00
Student's Weekly Offering (14 Envelopes) \$77.00

Faith Direct as of 9/15 \$1,630.00
Faith Direct Maintenance \$387.00

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 29

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 30

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

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 - School

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

Wednesday, October 1

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

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

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, October 2

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 3 Utopia Rental

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 4 Utopia Rental

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

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Football - Field

Rosary before Mass

Animal Blessing after the 4:30 PM Mass - STM Field

Sunday, October 5

Respect Life Sunday & World Communion Sunday

Rosary before Masses

9:00 - 11:30 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting:

Church & Utopia Hall



Congratulations!

Congratulations to
Emily Carson & Matthew Henderson
who were married at St. Thomas More
on September 19th.
May God bless you both!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! When we left off from our story about St. Francis, he had embraced the life of a hermit. Having left his family for “Lady Poverty,” Francis was poised to transform the Church.

Around the year 1208 Francis began to preach the Good News to anyone who would listen. Dressed in the clothing of the poorest peasants - a rough woolen tunic and knotted rope - he told people to give up their worldly cares and love God first. Within a year Francis had eleven followers and a problem: how to live in common. He composed the “Primitive Rule” from Bible verses but knew he needed official recognition.

In 1210 Francis and his eleven brothers went to Rome. There they met Cardinal Giovanni of San Paulo, the Pope’s confessor, who was quite sympathetic to them and set up a meeting with the pope. A few days later, Pope Innocent III met them and was greatly impressed by their zeal. The Pope became even more inclined to help when he had a dream of Francis holding up the Lateran Basilica. On April 16, 1210, the Order of Friars Minor was officially established. Francis would be ordained a deacon but never a priest and be the head of the order.

The Franciscans differed tremendously from other religious orders because they intended to never hold property. Whereas the Benedictines and Augustinian monks had vast tracts of land, the Franciscans were to sustain themselves by begging. A number of Pope Innocent III’s advisors thought that the Franciscans would never be able to make it. Within fifty years the Franciscans would number in the tens of thousands! Francis never imagined such success, and he was certainly not made to run an order of that magnitude. But that is skipping ahead.

Around the founding of the Order, Francis needed to get a liturgy for his brothers. Today everyone celebrates Mass and Liturgy of the Hours in the same way with some caveats. In the Middle Ages, however, the liturgy of the Church varied diocese by diocese. Tradition holds that Francis asked for the most ancient liturgy for his order. He got the Latin Mass. When the Franciscans got it, this rite was only celebrated twice a year in Rome. It spread with the Franciscans to every corner of the Church and would become the standard liturgy after the Council of Trent.

Francis’s devotions also spread with his brothers. It is unclear how much his Eucharistic piety changed the Mass, but Francis loved genuflections and kneeling. Whereas these postures were uncommon before him, they became standard in almost every liturgy of ours within a few centuries. Although never ordained a priest - he thought himself unworthy of the honor - Francis was very concerned that the liturgy be done reverently and well. He would write more about how to clean the altar linens than how to resolve disputes.

We must go over two more parts of Francis’ life next time: the Holy Land and the stigmata. As Pope Innocent dreamed, Francis would lift up the Church. One smile and one genuflection at a time.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

“So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.”

St. Jerome (347-420),
Patron of Librarians,

Feast Day: September 30

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

ROSARY

Next weekend, October 4th & 5th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Laura Prince.

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.**

ANIMAL BLESSING

The “Blessing of Animals” is next Saturday, October 4th following the 4:30pm Mass on the church lawn (the field by the main church doors). For the safety of all, please contain your pet in a cage or on a leash.



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, 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
Elizabeth Olsavsky.
God grant her eternal rest.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

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
for more information and to
donate or scan the QR code. Thank You!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 18527

FALL COOKOUT - Join us for a Backyard Cookout! 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>

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 4/5

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Jill Parks Nina Ferguson Sheryl Finohr	Peggy Palumbo Steve Cottos	Emma Wright Amy Vu	
9:00 AM	Jessica Noga Heather Roberts Chris Koch Nathan Noga	Dolores Hules Blake Liebert	Danny Coughlin Parker Redloske	
11:00 AM	Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker Joanne Uhl Patty Riegling	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Cruz Colón Ainsley French	

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Our sixth graders have been settling in to their new routine as junior high students. They have been learning the new expectations with much eagerness! It is always great seeing the students learn their way between 3 classrooms and new teachers.

This year sixth grade will be learning about Eastern Civilizations in Social Studies and the Old Testament in Religion. They have already learned about the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati! I'm looking forward to being part of this year's sixth grade's adventure through junior high!



Mr. Adam W. Cottos

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
FRENCH FRIES
APPETIZERS ~ DESSERT
POP ~ WATER & 1 BEER TICKET

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHILI!
PRIZES AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE

ADDITIONAL BEER TICKETS: \$4.00 EACH

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR AT WWW.STMPARISH.NET

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!

NO COST TO ENTER! HOW TO PARTICIPATE?
REGISTER BY CALLING THE RECTORY AT 216-749-0414

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

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
LUNCHEON SERVED: 12:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT:
DIANA PARSONS
"THE REAL ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

ANY QUESTIONS:
CALL LOLLY @
216-398-1622

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN TEACUP!

RAFFLE BASKETS 50/50 RAFFLE

LIMIT OF 50 TICKETS BEING SOLD
AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR
WOMEN'S GUILD MEETINGS

UTOPIA HALL
4170 NORTH AMBER DRIVE, BROOKLYN

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

We are almost one month into the 2025-2026 school year! It has been wonderful meeting and getting to know the 4th-grade class, as well as catching up with our 5th graders. The 5th grade has been learning how to find the Volume of a rectangular prism in Math. In Science, we have talked about lab safety, scientific inquiry, and the scientific method. In Social Studies, the 5th grade is about to start a new Unit on the different regions of the United States. The 5th grade will be taking the MAP Science test on Tuesday, September 30th. Please keep them in your mind, your heart, and your prayers that they may take their time, try their best, and believe in themselves.







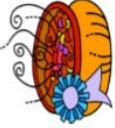
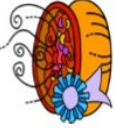


Ms. Madison Hangauer

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. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.



St. Thomas More Parish Calendar October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY Rosary before Masses Confirmation: 9am Mass 10-11:30 Meeting in Utopia Hall 	6 Scholastic Book Fair 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	7 Scholastic Book Fair Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-5pm Football Practice 6-8pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	1 Womankind Baby Bottle Collection Begins 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm PTU Meeting 6-7pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 5/6 VB Practice 7-8pm Drop-In 8-9pm	2 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	3 WALKATHON Utopia Rental 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm	4 Utopia Rental CYO Volleyball 9am-2pm CYO Football 10am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass Animal Blessing after Mass 
12 BLANKET SUNDAY 18 Utopia Rental Second Collection: World Mission Sunday Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 	13 COLUMBUS DAY Women's Guild Set Up 4-6pm 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	14 Women's Guild Meeting 10am Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm PSR Mass 6:30-7:45pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm	15 Opening the Mass Book 9am 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 5/6 VB Practice 7-8pm Drop-In 8-9pm 	16 NATIONAL BOSSES DAY 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	17 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm	18 Utopia Rental Second Collection: World Mission Sunday Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 
19 Second Collection: World Mission Sunday First Reconciliation: 11am Mass 12-1:30pm Meeting in Utopia Hall 	20 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	21 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am St. Elias Food Pantry: 2pm Distribution: 3:30-5:30pm Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm	22 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 5/6 VB Practice 7-8pm Drop-In 8-9pm	23 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	24 NO SCHOOL 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm 	25 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Chili Cook-Off 6-10pm 
26 PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY Trunk or Treat 5-6pm 	27 4-8 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 5/6 VB Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	28 Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Drop-In 5-6:30pm Football Practice 6-8pm PSR Mass 6:30-7:45pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm	29 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 3 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 5/6 VB Practice 7-8pm Drop-In 8-9pm	30 60+ Club 1pm 2 VB Practice 5-6pm Football Practice 6-8pm Drop-In 6-7pm 8 VB Practice 7-9pm	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 1/2 Cheer Practice 5-6pm 2 VB Practice 6-7pm Football Practice 6-8pm 7 VB Practice 7-9pm 	Womankind Baby Bottle Collection Ends - Return bottles back to the church 