

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 6 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 –

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Sandra Burns

11:00 AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 –

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM - Richard Balbier - Student Liturgy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 –

ST. PETER CLAVER

6:45 PM - Emil Konopka (Living)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Bob Bonus

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 –

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 –

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:15 AM - Norman & Carol Cushler

*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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 24th \$2,971.00
Maintenance \$777.00
Student's Weekly Offering (4 Envelopes) \$31.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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 8

3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

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 9

5:00 AM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

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

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

Wednesday, September 10

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

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, September 11

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 12

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 13

Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CYO Football - Field

2nd Collection at Mass (for Gaza)

Saturday, September 14

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SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on the weekend of September 13-14 to assist the Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas.



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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. We are taking a break from history to explore the moral dimensions of recent events. As our bishops have asked us to take up a collection next weekend for those suffering in Gaza, it is appropriate for us to reflect and pray about Palestine.

Before going further I should make known my biases and how difficult it is to talk about what is happening in Gaza. I have known first and second generation immigrants from the Middle East my entire life. Being so acquainted does not make me an expert on what is happening there, but it did teach me how close to the heart our fellow Americans keep these events. In engaging in civic discourse, we must remain civil and compassionate. Harsh language and invective will not aid us. Also, matters over there are also much more complicated than the media - legacy or social - could ever convey to us. Accordingly, we should not rush to judgment or condemnation.

Nevertheless, we should learn as much as we can about what has happened. The terror attacks of October 7th were not the beginning of the violence, but they did presage the deluge of death that has followed. Just under 1,200 people died from those attacks, most of them innocent civilians. The best estimates from the United Nations is that 63,000 Palestinians have died in the two years after Israel began its military operations in Gaza. Beginning this spring famine set in for Gaza with millions unable to feed themselves adequately. Israel has effectively put Gaza under siege and is interdicting crucial supplies into Gaza in order to subdue the entire population.

Here I want to give perhaps a novel reading of the Just War Theory. Usually, when we talk about its moral criteria, we focus on whether a certain war was just or not. I think St. Augustine would instead remind us that the principles of Just War are meant to restrain nations from war as much as possible. The principles of Just War are clear enough that anyone of good faith will see that they should be followed. In other words, we are not seeking to justify what good does come from wars but condemn unjust wars to limit the violence as much as we can.

We do not need to know how to bring peace to this troubled region for us to do good there. The collection that will be done next weekend, and donations to Catholic Relief Services will go a long way. We must pray for peace and an end to the violence that is currently ongoing. We must also pray for world leaders, especially at the United Nations, to resolve the underlying issues with a fair and just settlement. May those who have suffered so unjustly know the love in our hearts by the deeds done by our hands.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor."

St. John Chrysostom (349-407),
Patron of Public Speaking,
Feast Day: September 13

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

60+ CLUB

Please join us to say the rosary at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Shrine (6618 Pearl Road) on Wednesday, September 10th. Lunch after at a local restaurant. All are welcome!

GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

Dear Lord,
What a beloved idea you had with grandparents, relationships of care and support that bridge generations. Bless those in this role today, biological or beyond, all those who care for little ones with patience, wisdom, and love. St. Anne and St. Joachim pray for us! Amen. ©LPi

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Ronald & Karen DiCaprio.

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.**

BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen. ©LPi



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, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Janice Kuchar, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, 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, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, 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
Jean Wiesler, Frank Siedlack, Jr.,
Rev. John E. Manning, Rosemary Mackovjak,
Gregory Simecek, Jr., and Victor Adu-Gyamfi.
God grant them eternal rest.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our meetings will begin again starting 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 13/14

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr Mary Lou LoBue Steve Cottos	Wendy Huynh Blake Liebert	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jessica Noga Jennifer Mladineo Nathan Noga	Dolores Hules Rob Cepek	Parker Redloske Chase Gerlach	Rev. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Carl Krist Sue Poole	Patty Riegling Mike Sommers	Paige Madison Gabriella Madison	Rev. John Schneider

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, St. Thomas More School opened our doors for the 2025-2026 school year, welcoming 230 students! We are excited to see a continued increase in enrollment over the last 5 years. Our **K-8** enrollment has increased from a low of 146 students to a high, this year, of 208. When including our Early Childhood Education program, the **total** enrollment has increased from a low of 165 to this year's 227! This is in large part do to the hard work of our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sarah Schultz, who "sealed the deal" with more than 30 new students! We Praise the Lord for His providence!



Speaking of PRAISE, our theme for this year comes from Psalm 150:6 "*Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!*" We will be using the contemporary Christian song Praise by Elevation Worship to bring this Psalm to life.

One of the highlights of the beginning of this school year is our new website. We hope you will enjoy learning more about our school and seeing the smiling faces of our students and staff. We will let you know when it "goes live!"

We hope you will join the faculty, staff, and students in Praising the Lord, no matter what your circumstances are. Please know that the students and staff remember our parishioners in prayer every morning! Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Thomas More School.

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.



FAITH FORMATION

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.

OCIA - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called OCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

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.

SHARING MARKET

There are baskets in the main vestibule that you can bring your extra vegetables from your garden to share with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a bag and feel free to help yourself.

Don't forget to stop by and check out the FREE religious items on the cart next to the Sharing Market.



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PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register by calling the rectory or fill out the new parishioner registration form on our website. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Fourth Sunday of the Month. Time: TBD. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Marriages should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

Seneca Niagara & Allegany Casinos -

Thursday & Friday, October 23 & 24 (overnight)

Seneca - \$50 Slot Play \$20 Food Credit

Allegany - \$20 Slot Play \$5 Food Credit

Single Occupancy - \$289/person

Double Occupancy - \$198/person

Triple Occupancy - \$190/person

Deadline: Tuesday, September 16

JACKS Casino & Christmas Lights Display -

Wednesday, December 17

Casino Bonus: \$10

Senior Lunch Special (55 years and older)

Christmas Lights Display - Public Square, Playhouse Square, Nela Park

Cost: \$34/person

Deadline: Tuesday, November 25

Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Our next FREE Catholic Movie Night is September 14 (The Mission - 1986) in the Parish Center Upper Hall at 6pm. Dollar concessions available!

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

- ❖ Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work, and the community.
- ❖ Pass on our faith and tradition.
- ❖ Strengthen, love, and support all of God's people.
- ❖ Nurture our gifts and share them with others.
- ❖ Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.