

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

Frank Kozuch
Music Director

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, NOVEMBER 15 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Dennis Czerwony

11:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 –

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

8:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Gadamer
Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Mary & John Lacotta

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - John Skubie

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – ST. CECILIA

8:15 AM - Joanne Bak

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*9:00 AM - James V. Giordano

*11:00 AM - Marianne Page

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 9th \$2,989.00
Maintenance \$1,165.00
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) \$60.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PARISHSOFT - FAITH DIRECT

Faith Direct is now ParishSoft. You can log in at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-684.

Have questions? Please call ParishSoft Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, November 17

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, November 18

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends -
Utopia Hall

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

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

Wednesday, November 19

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Thursday, November 20

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Friday, November 21

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Sunday, November 23

Utopia Rental

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 4pm in Utopia Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.



I - Hannah Wiltsie & Vincent Carson (STM)



SUNDAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn: #586

Let Heaven Rejoice

Offertory Hymn: #463

In Every Age

Communion: #572

You Are Near

Closing: #469

How Great Thou Art

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. From humble origins to a central figure of history, Martin Luther did not intend to start the Evangelical Revolution. Certainly correct in many of his critiques, Martin would not admit that he was wrong in some.

Baptized on St. Martin of Tours's feast day, Martin grew up in a devout Catholic household in the Electorate of Saxony, within the Holy Roman Empire. His father lifted the family from being laborers to small business owners (burghers) so that he could afford to send Martin to the University of Erfurt. Martin appeared to be on track to become a successful lawyer with a strong grasp of logic and rhetoric.

Martin's life profoundly changed on July 2, 1505 when he was caught in a severe thunderstorm. After lightning killed one of his companions, Martin made a vow to St. Anne that if spared he would become a monk. Twelve days later Martin fulfilled the vow and entered the local Augustinian monastery. While earning a degree in biblical studies, Martin began to have extreme doubts about his own salvation. Martin was likely scrupulous confessing up to six hours a day! When he was ordained a priest, he almost fainted walking to the altar for his first Mass he was so concerned about offending God.

Martin had an intellectual upheaval around 1517 when he proposed that salvation was achieved through faith in Jesus alone (a latter article will go over this error in detail). Freed from his anxieties Luther began preaching on how it was God's free gift of grace alone - sola gratia - that was important. Martin's intellectual criticism of merit became public when Friar Johann Tetzel began selling indulgences in a nearby town. Although he probably did not physically attach his Ninety Five Theses to the cathedral door, Martin did ask the Archbishop of Mainz, and the greater church community, to review the use of indulgences in light of his concept of salvation by faith alone.

Eventually, Pope Leo X condemned 41 of Luther's Theses and required him to recant or be excommunicated; Martin publicly defied the pope by burning the pope's order. This act moved Martin outside of the Church's justice and into the domain of the Empire's Peace. Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire summoned Martin to the Diet of Worms in 1521 granting Luther safe passage. Here Martin refused to recant famously saying, "Here I stand; I can do no other." After Martin was allowed to return home, he was condemned to death by the Diet. The Elector of Saxony then had Martin taken to safety by pretending to kidnap him!

In our next article we will go over how the German princes of the Holy Roman Empire took Martin's side. Within a decade the Church in Germany was torn in two. Worse would follow. May God grant us all the grace to trust in His Divine Mercy always.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Jeremy Shafer
St. Mary,
Berea
IV Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Jeremy and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Ursula Wyrwas.

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.**

SAINT QUOTE

"I am where God will me to be, and so I have found rest and security. His wisdom governs me, His power defends me, His grace sanctifies me, His mercy encompasses me, His joy sustains me and all will go well with me."

Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852),
Missionary Sister,
Feast Day: November 18

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

This is the last weekend to drop off food for the City of Brooklyn Food Pantry which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. They are also in need of peanut butter and cereal. Donations can be dropped off in the old baptistry room (Gathering Room). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you or someone you know **who lives within the parish area** is in need of assistance, please contact the rectory. The deadline to register is **November 30th**. Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we will only be taking information for people in the parish area.

The Advent Giving Tree is now up! It is located in the front of the church to the left of the ambo and there is also a tree located by the handicap entrance. If you are able, please take a tag or two and return them in an envelope marked "Advent Giving Tree." To make things a little easier, please attach the activation slip with the gift card. The tags & gift cards can be dropped off at the rectory or into the collection basket by **Sunday, November 30th**. These tags represent the needs of local families during the holiday season. Thank you for making the season bright!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Donna Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Traci Kelber-Byrne, Michael C., Janet Call, 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, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Joel Gorski, 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, Shirley Kowall, 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, Ellen Omilanowski, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Jim Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Judy Romaniw, Michael S., 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
Helen Hanna and Patrick Huff.
God grant them eternal rest.

BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

If you would like to purchase a 2026 Missal, please call or email the rectory by November 16th. Please provide your name, contact number and the number of missals requested. Missals are \$12.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be collecting **NEW** adult hats, scarves and gloves. Please put your items in the brown donation box in the main vestibule of the church by Sunday, December 7th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PRO ORANTIBUS DAY

Friday, November 21st is *Pro Orantibus Day* ("For Those Who Pray"), honoring cloistered men and women. It is a day of thanksgiving, solidarity, and support for contemplative religious who spend their lives in total dedication to God in union with Jesus and interceding for the salvation of all.

Pope Pius the XII instituted this worldwide event in 1953 and Pope St. John Paul II expanded its celebration in 1997 to take place on the Memorial of Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple.

For information visit, religiouslife.com/resources.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 22/23

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Nina Ferguson Marilu Slimak Terri Cottos	Al Margevicius Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Amy Vu	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Heather Roberts Mary Lou LoBue Terri Sozio Nathan Noga	Dolores Hules Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Chase Gerlach	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Sue Poole Heather Miksch Carl Krist Madelyn Koranda	Patty Riegling Barbara Kish	Danny Coughlin Henry Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The students in the Early Childhood Education Program at Saint Thomas More School have spent some time learning the classroom rules and procedures and getting familiar with a new school. We have been learning a variety of skills such as number and letter identification, counting, and name recognition! We have learned these skills in different hands-on and multisensory ways! The students have been able to use our brand new large motor room to play and develop social skills! Most importantly, everyday we continue to learn more about God's love for us and the different ways we can talk to God.



Ms. Henderson- Preschool

CHRISTMAS CASH!

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! It's not too late to participate in the school's fundraiser, ***40 Days of Christmas Cash!*** Each raffle ticket sold will be entered into a drawing. From November 27, 2025 through January 5, 2026, we will draw a winner for a **\$50 cash prize** each day. On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day the winner will win a **\$500 cash prize**. Once a ticket is pulled, it will be returned to the hopper so you have the chance to win more than once! We hope you will buy some chances for yourself and purchase some for gifts. Each ticket is just \$10. Tickets are available at both the Rectory and School offices.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2026 is available. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15am Masses.

To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.

TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Thank you to all those who gave to this very important collection.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Tuesday, December 2nd on your calendar for this year's #weGiveCatholic Campaign. More details will be in next week's bulletin. Check out the rectory garage doors! Those were completed due to the generous donations of last year's campaign!

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.

FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Thursday, November 27, 2025

12 - 2pm in the Cafeteria (enter through the rear doors)

Everyone is welcome for this traditional Thanksgiving meal!

If you are unable to come to us, we can bring a meal to you

(limited delivery area)! Please call 216-749-2323.

If you would like to volunteer please call the St. Augustine Hunger Center at 216-781-5330.

Thank you to the St. Augustine Hunger Center.



St. Thomas More School

1st Quarter Honors

2025-2026

First Honors

*Sophia Adkins, Faith Akateh, Luna Basen, Nicolas Cajo Rubio,
Jonathan Collins, Daniel Coughlin, Leyna Crew, Audreyana Infante,
Blake Liebert, Aaron Lin, Noah Nguyen, Leo Nunney, Noah Redloske,
Parker Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Sofia Rodriguez, Benjamin Schillo,
Jordan Thomas, Sofia Torres, Ethan Tran, Isaac Vandal, Leah Viera, and
Gordon Wu*

Second Honors

*Arlo Celis, Bennett Crew, Isabella Diaz, Geovana Fagher, Ainsley French,
Jose Gutierrez, Savannah Hodges, Nathaniel Infante, Ayden Lin,
Mason Mariotti, Julianna Ramos, Kaleb Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez,
Annalisse Rodriguez, Rayahn Rosa, Scarlet Schoch, Evelyn Smith, and
Alaina Vandal*

Third Honors

*Arelys Amado, Desmond Azap, Dominic Azap II, Xavier Bahr, Brandon Breeden,
Emma Brown, Nathan Brown, Jackson Bussy, Hazel Celis, Jiahao Chen,
Gianna Cline, Cruz Colon, Dariel Colon, Isabella DeLeon-Diaz, Brian Eichenmiller,
Mia Haught, Ayden Kosch, Ellissyn Krause, Emmersyn Krause, Alaya Lagunes,
Colt Miller, Adrializ Montoya Bruno, Henry Nguyen, Lexi Nguyen, Aerabella Ortiz,
Daniel Pallotta, Erika Pedraza, Adare Quinn, Radames Rivera,
Jacob Rodriguez, Nayeli Rosa, Angelina Sandate, Jacob Schillo,
Eric Shelton, Wyatt Thomas, Alexia Torres, Mateo Velazquez, and
Benjamin Widdowson*

