

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
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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 22 –
VIGIL**

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 –

ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

8:15 AM - James Needham

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 –

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

6:45 PM - Joan Kremser

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Joseph & Bernice Karasek

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 –
THANKSGIVING DAY**

9:00 AM - Poor of the World

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Joanne Bak

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - November Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Robin Tenaglia

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 –
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*9:00 AM - Helen Hanna

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 16th \$2,925.10

Maintenance \$599.00

Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) \$81.00

ParishSoft from 10/1 - 10/30 \$3,461.50

ParishSoft Maintenance \$1,757.00

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 24

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

Tuesday, November 25 NO PSR

Diocesan Meeting - Utopia Hall

1:00 PM School Dismissal

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

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

Wednesday, November 26 NO SCHOOL

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

Thursday, November 27 RECTORY CLOSED

NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS



Friday, November 28 RECTORY CLOSED

NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS

Saturday, November 29

Utopia Rental

Sunday, November 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



II - Hannah Wiltsie & Vincent Carson (STM)



SUNDAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn: #722

Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Offertory Hymn: #578

Only in God

Communion: #342

Behold the Lamb

Closing: #717

To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

When we last left our erstwhile reformer, he had been “kidnapped” to keep him out of the Emperor’s grasp. What had been a call for reform in the Church soon spiraled into a revolution. Within a decade of the 95 Theses, Europe would be divided.

For ten months Luther hid in Saxony writing letters and translating the New Testament into vernacular German. Eventually, Luther left his exile and began publicly promoting his reforms. In 1525 he even married Katherina von Bora with whom he would have six children. As Luther raised his family, he also started diverging from Catholic liturgical practices. By 1530 his celebrations were in German, had lots of hymn singing, and offered communion in both species. Lutheranism, as a distinct religion, had emerged.

Around 1524 the German Peasants War broke out. Combining Protestant rhetoric and long standing grievances against the nobility, the peasants of northern Germany revolted. If the nobility could reinterpret what they owed the Emperor, why could not the average man? These peasants issued a document called the Twelve Articles and demanded relief from taxes and hereditary land rights. Their princes, who were mostly Protestants, slaughtered around 100,000 of them to quell the revolt. Luther had condemned the peasants as rebels who deserved death for defying their lords.

In 1530 Emperor Charles called another Diet of the Holy Roman Empire. Catholics and Protestants attended, and some common ground was found. Nevertheless, the Diet ended without a true reconciliation, and Charles gave a period of six months for Protestants to return to the Church. They did not, and instead their princes formed the Schmalkaldic League in 1531.

Charles did not immediately fight the League, which was busy confiscating Church property and convincing other princes to join them, because he was caught in several wars with France and the Ottoman Empire. War between the Empire and the League broke out in 1547 and lasted for a year with Emperor Charles conquering a few cities. Both the League and Charles saw this fighting as within the Holy Roman Empire’s overall system of justice.

Even though Charles won the war, he lost the peace. Outmaneuvered by the Protestants and weakened politically, Charles agreed to the Peace of Augsburg in 1555. An incredibly complicated agreement, Charles saw it as temporary reprieve whereas the Protestants saw it as guaranteeing their religious liberties.

From the above we can see that at least in Germany the Evangelical Revolution had two distinct centers of change. We have Luther and other reformers changing doctrine and religious practices such that they created new religions. At the same time the elite of society - the princes of the Holy Roman Empire - took these changes as an opportunity to grab more influence and property.

What Luther intended to achieve cannot be known with certainty - he changed his mind as the world changed around him. Next week we examine the other most important reformer, John Calvin. Whereas Luther seemed to want a reformed Catholicism, Calvin clearly wanted an entirely new Faith. May we always remain faithful to Christ and His Church.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Judy Sticha.

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

“Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be.”

St. John Berchmans (1599-1621),
Patron of Altar Servers, Jesuit Novice,

Feast Day: November 26

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

ST. LEO BUS TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The bus trip to JACKS Casino scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th, has been cancelled to Casino policy change. Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 with any questions.

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.

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!

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.



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 (Grunkowski) 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.



Please note that Mass will be at 9am on Thursday, November 27th. The rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 29/30

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Jill Parks Sheryl Finohr Nina Ferguson David Marks	Peggy Palumbo Tim Lozar	Emma Wright Noah Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Jennifer Mladineo Terri Sozio	Jaclene Zauszniewski Mary Lou LoBue	Noah Redloske Ainsley French	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl Bernie Barker Patty Riegling	Mike Sommers Madelyn Koranda	Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider

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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.

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!



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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The money we raised will help support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

MY DAILY PRAYERS

"My Daily Prayers" is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day directly to your email. "My Daily Prayers" invites you to spend about 10 minutes in prayer and reflection each day and offers encouragement to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord.

Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers.

ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 9th for our next meeting. It will be a Christmas Potluck. We will enjoy Christmas Carols sung by our own St. Thomas More School students. There will be a collection of items for the St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Center, Southwest Pantry.

Enjoy these pictures from our last meeting!



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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.

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.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

An inter-parish men's group will meet December 5th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church (30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted). Our speaker will be Rev. Robert Ramser, of Our Lady of Angels Parish. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concluded with Mass. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, December 2nd to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over Monday, Dec. 8 7 – 8:30pm
Westside Irish American Club 8559 Jennings Rd.
Olmsted Twp.

Your Brain on Drugs Prayer. Dr. Jacqueline Philips-Sabol, Ph.D.; Neuropsychologist & Faith Leader, Director of The Center for Spiritual Healing (Diocese of Erie) will present scientific data, videos & examples that will explain the effects of prayer & faith on our health, brain function and our lives.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available.

Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:
www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

“And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’” (2 Sm 5:2)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

Gospel:

He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:43)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk
21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62,
63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,
74/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80,
81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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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.