

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

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, DECEMBER 28 –
VIGIL**

*4:30 PM - Karen DiRienzo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 –

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH**

9:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30–

**SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8:15 AM - Dorothy & Barney Feldtz

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 –

ST. SYLVESTER I

4:30 PM - Marriet & Stanley Baracz

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 –

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 –

**SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY
NAZIANZEN**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 –

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:15 AM - Deacon Martin Thiel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 –

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:15 AM - Anselmo & Nazzarena Montali

*4:30 PM - Teddy Forster

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 –

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - Rev. John Juhas

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for December 15th \$6,197.00
Maintenance \$1,307.00
Student's Weekly Offering (10 Envelopes) \$35.00

Collection for December 22nd \$3,201.00
Maintenance \$605.00
Student's Weekly Offering (3 Envelopes) \$6.00

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

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Monday, December 30

NO SCHOOL

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 3 G BB Practice - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, December 31

NO SCHOOL, PSR OR ATHLETICS

12:00 PM Rectory Closing

Wednesday, January 1

RECTORY CLOSED

NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS



Thursday, January 2

RECTORY CLOSED

NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS

Friday, January 3

NO SCHOOL

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Saturday, January 4

Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, January 5

Rosary before Masses

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior. Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Happy New Year! In a few days we celebrate a new year and a wonderful feast day - the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Concluding the octave of Christmas, this holy day reminds us that Mary carried Almighty God in her immaculate womb. As we start the 2025th Year of our Lord, may we strive to give God a year unblemished by sin.

In Greek we call Mary the “theotokos” in honor of her being the Mother of God. “*Theo*” in Greek means “God” just like in “theology” (which means “an account of God”) whereas “*tokos*” means “mother,” especially one who is pregnant. The Church Fathers gave Mary this title to demonstrate that Jesus was fully human and fully divine. Accordingly, when Mary was carrying Jesus, she was carrying the Godhead. In one of his many poems, St. Ephraim wrote that the True Light of the Cosmos chose Mary to hold Him in the darkness of her womb.

St. Augustine invites us to imitate Mary’s motherhood by giving birth to Christ in others. We give such spiritual rebirth to other souls whenever we help them deepen their life with God. Announcing the Good News that Our Savior has been born, encouraging those weighed down by sin, and offering up our Holy Communion for the conversion of sinners are great ways to pay tribute to Our Mother Mary.

That last method may seem less glamorous, but it is often the most effective. All too often we become fixated on what we can see and not what God is doing deep within us. After all grace is always hidden from sight although we can detect its effects and consequences. Just as we come to know that a new life is growing within a pregnant woman, the new Christian life needs to grow in us before it can be shown to others.

Sts. Augustine and Ephraim would both remind us that Mary had more grace after she gave birth than before. With every act of devotion to her Son, charity increased. In fact, some saints have held - as I do - that Mary exceeded all others in grace individually and altogether. Since we have no way of measuring grace, it is not too fruitful an argument to have. What such speculations do aid, however, is our appreciation of what we can improve.

What will we each change in 2025? Will we find time to read Sacred Scripture daily? Will we spend more time before the Blessed Sacrament? Will we choose a day each week to fast from food? From social media? Whatever change we resolve to make, let us make it for Love. Our Lady desires that we, her beloved children, become more like her beloved Son. May we not disappoint so glorious a mother.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Cameron Galla
Our Lady Help of Christians
Litchfield
Propaedeutic I, Borromeo



Please keep Cameron 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.

SAINT QUOTE

“Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches.”

Thomas Becket (1118-1170),
Martyr, Bishop,

Feast Day: December 29th

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Paulette McGann.

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 2025.**

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN’S GUILD

On behalf of Zoe’s House, we would like to extend a big “thank you” to all those who donated items at our December meeting. They are most grateful. We collected 160 items. Zoe’s House helps women who have chosen life but are struggling to provide daily necessities for their newborn child. Like our Blessed Mother, you have “traced in your actions” the lines of her love. May our newborn Savior bless you for your generosity.

ROSARY

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

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2025 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. **January dates are available. To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.**



Baby Elijah, Domenica Basich, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Anita Dloniak, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Dorothy Kashary, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Joe Lawrence, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Dale Mathews & family, Michael McClelland, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, Ethelle Mirande, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Joan O'Neil, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Tino Perez, Betty (Grunkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodbeck, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Sam Urban, Mary Weinstock & family, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Jan Woytek, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers

Jerome Hodson, Jeanne Parti, and John A. Russo III.

God grant them eternal rest.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2025 are now available. The cost is \$220 for the year, \$210 if you return your November candle or \$110 for six months. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next Women's Guild meeting is on Tuesday, January 14th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall.



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear God,

Be with us as we begin our journey into a new year, we know that You hold us and go ahead of us. Help us to experience this year in Your grace.

Amen. ©LPi

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF A HOME

ALL: Make the Sign of the Cross.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

READER: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things come to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3, 14)

Using chalk, write the first half of the current year (20), initials of the 3 Magi (C + M + B) followed by the other half of the year (25) (20+C+M+B+25). Each could be written by a different member of the household. Place this above the main entrance to your home.

ALL: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

2024 CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31- New Year's Eve

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – New Year's Day

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM

RECTORY HOURS

The rectory will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st and Thursday, January 2nd.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 29, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following Christmas Cash winners:

11/28 - Jessica Caraballo	12/11 - Hannah Wiltsie
11/29 - Perfecto Ramos	12/12 - Amanda Campbell
11/30 - Gisselle Cedeno	12/13 - Diane Kovacs
12/1 - Janet Stewart	12/14 - Jessica Adams
12/2 - Bob Hosta	12/15 - Aaron Folger
12/3 - Cahoon Nursery	12/16 - Drew English
12/4 - Juan Fuentes	12/17 - Stefanie Relic
12/5 - Joe Godley	12/18 - Cathy Marchioli
12/6 - Elvie Kennedy	12/19 - Nicole Zientarski
12/7 - Cahoon Nursery	12/20 - John Cline
12/8 - Jeremy Rodriguez	12/21 - Darla Bekoscke
12/9 - Christie Bray	12/22 - Myra Campbell
12/10 - J. Davis	

YEAR-END GIVING

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2024, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.

And if you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? You are also welcome to contact Moira Woopershall of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x8070 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/year-end-giving. Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity to our parish!

BE AN ANGEL IN 2024!

Donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) helped make it possible for our parishes and schools to raise more than \$6.7 million in the 2023 tax year, and for a growing number of families to receive tuition assistance for their children to attend a high-quality Catholic school.

As we approach the end of the 2024 calendar year, our hope and prayer is for the number of ASF supporters to grow so that we may achieve even greater success. We encourage all Ohio taxpayers to consider making an ASF donation that may be eligible for the state tax credit when filing a 2024 Ohio tax return.

IT'S A WIN-WIN- Eligible donors receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit*, and students get scholarships! There are multiple ways to donate:



Contact the ASF office for more information on how to “Be an Angel!”

216-902-1312 / asfinfo@catholiccommunity.org / www.catholiccommunity.org/angel

*Up to \$750 for an individual or \$1,500 if married filing jointly.







This does not constitute legal or tax advice – please contact your tax professional.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 4/5

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	*Terri Cottos Nina Ferguson Sheryl Finohr Denise Puening	Steve Cottos Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Emma Wright	
9:00 AM	Jessica Noga Heather Roberts Dolores Hules *Nathan Noga	Patty Riegling Jaclene Zauszniewski	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	
11:00 AM	Sue Poole *Marty Rini Joyce Stutzman Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Brendon Kiscoe Danny Coughlin	

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5</p> <p>Rosary before Masses</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PPC & Finance Meeting 6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY- SOLEMNITY OF MARY RECTORY CLOSED NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>RECTORY CLOSED NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Utopia Rental CYO 9am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Confirmation Meeting 9-11:30am</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mass for Life 10am @ the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>CYO 9am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week School Open House 11am Mass 12:30-1:30pm Open House</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week 3 GBB Practice 4:30-5:30pm 3 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Cheer 4:30-5:30pm 5 BBB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6:30-8pm HS BB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week 3 BBB Practice 5-6pm 3 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week 60+ Club 1pm 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6:30pm 4 BBB Practice 6:30-8pm 7/8 BBB Practice 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week 5 BBB Practice 5-6pm 5/6 GBB Practice 6-7pm 6 BBB Practice 7-8:30pm HS BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</p> 