

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

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 –

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*9:00 AM - Mildred McClelland

*11:00 AM - Anna Durjak

MONDAY, APRIL 20 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Bonus Family (Anniversary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 –

ST. ANSELM

6:45 PM - Laura Mladineo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Loretta Grombol

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 –

ST. GEORGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 –

ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

8:15 AM - All Soul's Day Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 –

ST. MARK

8:15 AM - April Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Susan Reynolds

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Ann Marie Brinza

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, April 20

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, April 21

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

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

Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

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

Wednesday, April 22

Administrative Professionals Day



5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Thursday, April 23

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Friday, April 24

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Saturday, April 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Jesus Day - Church & Utopia Hall

Sunday, April 26

Word Day of Prayer for Vocations

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Mother's Day cards after all Masses the weekend of April 25/26 and May 2/3. The price of the cards are \$2 for living and \$1 for deceased. All registered will be remembered at five Masses throughout the year with the first one being on Mother's Day. The cards are also available at the rectory.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 5th for our parish May Crowning. Rosary at 6:15pm, Mass at 6:45pm and immediately following Mass - the May Crowning Ceremony.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Please note that during the Easter Season we will be singing the Mass parts from "Mass of the Resurrection" listed in our Missals (#848, #851, #852, #853).

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 4/19/26

Processional: #177 At the Lamb's High Feast

Offertory: #182 Two Were Bound For Emmaus

Communion: #353 In the Breaking of the Bread

Closing: #191 Alleluia, Alleluia

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes entries for April 5th and April 12th collections, ParishSoft, and a thank you message.

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.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. Although many Catholics know much about World War I, very few of us know how the Church operated within it. For the Catholic Church, the war presented some of the most profound moral, pastoral, and diplomatic challenges in its modern history.

When war broke out in the summer of 1914, Pope Pius X was so brokenhearted by the news that he fell gravely ill and died within weeks. His successor, Pope Benedict XV, inherited a Church caught in an almost impossible position. Catholics were fighting on both sides of the conflict — French and Belgian Catholics against German and Austrian Catholics — and any word from Rome risked being interpreted as taking sides.

Rather than choose a political allegiance, Benedict XV chose to work for peace. He declared Vatican neutrality and devoted his pontificate almost entirely to ending the war and alleviating its suffering. In August 1917, he issued a remarkable peace proposal to the warring nations, calling for disarmament, freedom of the seas, and arbitration of disputes. The belligerent governments largely ignored it. He was mockingly called "the Pope of the Boches" by the French and "the French Pope" by the Germans — a telling sign that he was angering everyone equally, and perhaps serving truth most faithfully.

Despite his failed peace mission, Benedict's humanitarian efforts were extraordinary. The Vatican established an international missing persons bureau that processed over 600,000 inquiries about soldiers and prisoners of war. He spent the Vatican's entire financial reserves on relief efforts for refugees, prisoners, and the wounded on all sides. He worked to arrange prisoner exchanges and to send chaplains and aid workers into the most devastated regions of Europe.

For ordinary Catholics in the pews, the war was deeply personal. Millions of Catholic men served in the armies of every major power. American Catholics enlisted in large numbers when the United States entered the war in 1917. The Knights of Columbus established service huts and canteens on both sides of the Atlantic, providing spiritual and material support to soldiers regardless of their faith. Their motto in those years was simple and powerful: "Everyone welcome, everything free."

Catholic chaplains ministered to the dying in the mud of the trenches, offering last rites under artillery fire, hearing confessions in shell craters, and carrying the Eucharist across no man's land. Their witness was one of the most powerful testimonies of faith the modern world had ever seen.

The Great War shook Western civilization to its foundations, and the Church was not spared its trials. But in the witness of Benedict XV, in the courage of its chaplains, and in the service of its faithful, the Catholic Church showed that even in humanity's darkest hour, the light of the Gospel could not be extinguished. Today we pray for our brave soldiers that they be protected and that world leaders learn the wisdom of peace.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Barbara Bonus & Family.

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

"Teach me to seek You, and reveal Yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek You if You do not teach me how, nor find You unless You reveal Yourself."

St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109),
Archbishop of Canterbury, Feast Day: April 21
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

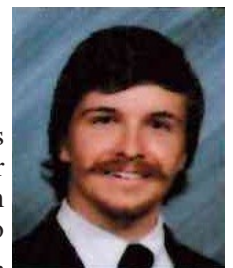
FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

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, April 21st at 4pm in Utopia Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Vincent Labosky
Our Lady of Victory
Tallmadge
Discipleship I, Borromeo

Please keep Vincent 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.



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be celebrated here on Saturday, May 2nd at 11am. Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers.

We ask our parishioners for their prayers as these young Catholics experience the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. There is a book in the back of the church where our students have their own page that you are welcome to sign to show your support and prayers. We also welcome you to join us on May 2nd to share this very special day with us!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Daniel Breen, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Traci Kelber-Byrne, Michael C., Janet Call, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Mike Castriano, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, Lori Curry, Lisa Cwalinski, Barb Davis, Cristino & Rosie DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Chet Givens, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Annette Gyory, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Laura Hengood, Pat H., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Joshua, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Shirley Kowall, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Margie & Family, Jane McClure, Brother Bobby McFadden, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Lorrie Minch, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, Sue Oldag, 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, Mary Schneider, Karen Scharfenort, Michelle Scibbe, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Carolyn Sovizral, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Mark Suhajcik, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, 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
Wanda Polomsky, Sister Eileen Fitzgerald, SIW,
Rafaela Morales, and Judy Romaniw.
God grant them eternal rest.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Ministry of Consolation is in need of volunteers. Please call the rectory if you are interested in this very special ministry.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES TO SHARE

The Easter Season and Spring is a wonderful time to enjoy new life whether in our Faith from the risen Christ or the beautiful flowers and greenery emerging from their dormant wintery state. This is also a time to plan and execute much needed maintenance as weather allows.

The organ is still a work-in-progress situation. We were able to get half of it in working order as a result of repairs from the past water damage incident, however the main blower motor seized up which supports all the pipes with air. After much research for obsolete parts we were able to install a newly rebuilt one which included a warranty on performance. We then selected certain working sounds (pull stops) to be able to play on Easter Sunday. Then as you might have noticed, shrill sounds were sticking which need fine tuned and looked into by a pipe organ specialist. We are on the waiting list for this service and once any further roof leaks are addressed, we can look into adding more pipes that have been in storage since this issue began. Thank you for your support and participation as we continue to sing the Lord's praises in song.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 25/26

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue Marilu Slimak Jill Parks David Marks	Sheryl Finohr Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Fr. Eric Orzech
9:00 AM	Mary Lou LoBue Chris Koch Nathan Noga Jennifer Mladineo	Mike Sommers Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Cruz Colón Gypsi Hamm	Fr. John Schneider

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Third grade went on a fun filled field trip to Lake Farm Park. While there, we got to see how the farm produces everything we need to make pizza! From the hydroponic tomatoes to the wheat flour and cheese, the students were able to see a pizza come together from farm to table. The day culminated in students making their own pizzas and eating them for lunch.



Mrs. Kristen Valenty
Third Grade Teacher

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

Last 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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

“Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:32)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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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.

St. Thomas More School

3 Quarter Honors

2025-2026

First Honors

Sophia Adkins, Faith Akateh, Nicolas Cajo Rubio, Arlo Celis, Jonathan Collins, Cruz Colon, Leyna Crew, Jose Gutierrez, Audreyana Infante, Nathaniel Infante, Ellisyn Krause, Blake Liebert, Aaron Lin, Mason Mariotti, Lexi Nguyen, Noah Nguyen, Leo Nunney, Noah Redloske, Parker Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Sofia Rodriguez, Benjamin Schillo, Scarlet Schoch, Sofia Torres, Alaina Vandal Leah Viera, and Gordon Wu

Second Honors

Xavier Bahr, Luna Basen, Hazel Celis, Jiahao Chen, Gianna Cline, Daniel Coughlin, Isabella Diaz, Geovana Fagher, Ainsley French, Mia Haught, Savannah Hodges, Emmersyn Krause, Ayden Lin, Adrializ Montoya Bruno, Erika Pedraza, Julianna Ramos, Kaleb Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez, Nayeli Rosa, Rayahn Rosa, Evelyn Smith, Jordan Thomas, Isaac Vandal, Mateo Velazquez, and Amy Vu

Third Honors

Arelys Amado, Emma Brown, Nathan Brown, Jackson Bussy, Michaela Cairo, Emilio Cartagena, Dariel Colon, Bennett Crew, Brian Eichenmiller, Chase Gerlach, Khloe Giese, Daniel Kilongo, Ayden Kosch, Jelicia Lopez, Aerabella Ortiz, Daniel Pallotta, Adare Quinn, Radames Rivera, Annalisse Rodriguez, Caleb Salad, Angelina Sandate, Eric Shelton, Ethan Tran, Ava Viccarone, and Benjamin Widdowson

