

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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 – VIGIL

*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

MONDAY, APRIL 27 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Robert Strunak

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 –

SS. PETER CHANEL & LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT

6:45 PM - Adam & Mary Kowalski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 –

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

8:15 AM - Dominic Sozio

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 –

ST. PIUS V

FRIDAY, MAY 1 –

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, MAY 2 –

ST. ATHANASIUS

8:15 AM - Catherine Palcisko

11:00 AM - First Communion

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 3 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*9:00 AM - Leonard Valochik

*11:00 AM - Rafaela Morales

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for April 19th \$2,745.00
Maintenance \$1,182.00
Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) \$73.00
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.

ROSARY

Next weekend, May 2nd & 3rd, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

Tuesday, April 28

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

6:30 PM First Communion Practice - Church

Thursday, April 30

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2

Utopia Rental

11:00 AM FIRST COMMUNION - Church

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, May 3

Rosary before Masses

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Mother's Day cards after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. The price of the cards are \$3 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.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for parishioners who would like to help out around the campus. There are a lot of grounds to cover, so let us know if you would be willing and able to "adopt" an area to help take care of. There are lots of opportunities for volunteering...the grounds, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Adult & Children Servers, Arts & Environment, and Bereavement. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please call the rectory.

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 4/26/26

Processional: #519 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Offertory: #345 Gift of Finest Wheat

Communion: #331 One Love Released

Closing: #607 The Strife is O'er

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Next Saturday our Second Graders will be receiving their First Holy Communion; pray for them! Although we think this practice is normal, it only goes back a hundred years.

In 1910, Pope Pius X issued the decree *Quam Singulari*, which established that children should receive First Communion around age seven, coinciding with the attainment of reason. Rather than treating Communion as a privilege reserved for the spiritually mature, Pius X emphasized that children had a natural right to the Bread of Life once they could distinguish the Eucharist from ordinary food.

This reform reflected Pius X's conviction that early exposure to the Eucharist would strengthen children's faith and moral development. He believed that regular communion should begin in childhood and continue throughout life, making it a foundational practice rather than an exceptional act. Lowering the age for First Communion, also brought the Western Church's practice closer to the East's. In Eastern Christianity Confirmation and Communion occur at the same time as Baptism.

Equally significant was Pius X's campaign for frequent Communion among all the faithful. In 1905, he issued the decree *Sacra Tridentina Synodus*, which encouraged daily Communion for those properly disposed. This was revolutionary in a Church where many Catholics received Communion only once or twice yearly, typically during Easter.

Pius X removed many barriers to frequent Communion by arguing that the practice itself sanctified the soul rather than requiring prior sanctification. He taught that the Eucharist was spiritual medicine, not a reward for the already holy. This reframing shifted the emphasis from Eucharistic Adoration from afar to active, regular participation in the sacrament.

These reforms reflected Pius X's pastoral vision of bringing the faithful into intimate communion with Christ. He believed that Eucharistic practice should permeate Catholic life rather than remaining a distant or occasional encounter with the divine. The lowering of the Communion age also recognized children as full members of the Church community deserving access to its central sacrament.

The practical consequences were substantial. Parish life reorganized around First Communion celebrations for children. Catholic schools made Eucharistic instruction central to their curricula. Confession became more frequent, as regular Communion required regular reconciliation. Many parishes established daily Mass schedules to accommodate those seeking frequent Communion.

Lowering the age for Communion did have the unintended drawback of making Confirmation follow Holy Communion. Even though most Catholics would receive Communion in second grade, they would not receive Confirmation till junior high. Delaying Confirmation in this way does not reflect the Church's theology well. Accordingly, some dioceses, like Columbus, are now moving Confirmation to an early age to restore the traditional sequence of Baptism, Confirmation, and then Communion.

Pope Pius X deserves great credit for expanding the Communion franchise. His reforms have helped millions of Catholics experience the Eucharist more deeply. May we always desire to know Christ more.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Linda Rafferty.

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

"O Catholic faith, how solid, how strong you are! How deeply rooted, how firmly founded on a solid rock! Heaven and earth will pass away but you can never pass away. From the beginning the world opposed you but you mightily triumphed over everything."

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1577-1622),
Martyr, Patron Saint of the Poor, Feast Day: April 24
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, April 30th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering. Men and women 60 years old and over are welcome. No fees or dues to join. Hope to see you then!

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 next 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

Teresa Anderson, 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 Castrigano, 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 Hengoe, Eddie Hengoe, Jr., Laura Hengoe, 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 (Gruntkowski) Popow, Jim Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Karen Scharfenort, Mary Schneider, Michelle Scibbe, Frances Sekerak, 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
Sister Eileen Fitzgerald, SIW, Rafaela Morales,
Judy Romaniw, Leonard Valochik, Joanne Burke,
and Mary Sekerak. God grant them eternal rest.

EASTER COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations for Easter. Our total for Easter 2026 is \$17,847.60. God bless you!

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated towards the Easter flowers this year. This year's beautiful flowers were in loving memory of the following:

Alexsovlch & Balbier Families
Officer William J. Fores
Richard Hovan
Rosemary Hules
Louis & Mary Kaduk
Dominic Konopka
Edward & Loretta Kneier
Paul & Nancy LoBue
Theodore & Wanda Maslanka
The Jerry/Mary Misch Families
Frank & Mary Pirozek
Ronald & Gregory Prusha
Michael Stewart
Tlacil & Poole Families
Veloski & Kist Families
Joseph Valencik
Celeste K. Wells
Eugene M. & Dorothy Wiencek
Mike, Helen & Mary Ellen Yasko

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 2/3

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr David Marks	Al Margevicius Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Nathan Noga	Mary Lou LoBue Jennifer Mladineo	Noah Redloske Henry Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Danny Coughlin Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars

Second grade has had a productive and fun-filled second semester. We spent the winter months reading biographies to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Black History Month, and Women's History Month. We worked hard to prepare for our first Reconciliation. We felt Jesus's grace and were so relieved that our consciences were clean. We learned so much about Lent, like how Catholics should fast, give alms, pray, and abstain. We are currently preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion on May 2.

We also spent a lot of time learning new things in class. We learned about artifacts, time lines, and biographies in social studies. In science, we studied weather. We worked hard in math class learning how to tell time and how to count money. The children loved using clocks to model their work. Finally, the children enjoyed visiting Lake Farm Park. The students participated in an educational program designed to teach them that farms grow the ingredients for pizza. They explored the origins of the ingredients and made their own pizza connecting food to farms.



Mrs. Marlena Graziano
Second Grade Teacher

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

LUCY DESI MUSEUM - Thursday, May 28
90 minute tour and 10% gift shop discount
75th anniversary of "I LOVE LUCY SHOW"
SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO
Casino Bonus: \$25 Slot Play & \$10 Food Credit
\$82/person (price includes Museum Admission & driver tip) Deadline: Thursday, May 7th
Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

2026 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

On Sunday, August 30th, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities.

RAFFLE TICKETS -

We are not putting family tickets in envelopes this year. Instead, tickets are available at all church entrances. We are asking for each family to sell/buy at least one sheet of tickets.

Tickets for our \$10,000 raffle are \$5.00 each (8 tickets to a sheet). Tickets can be dropped into the collection basket or at the rectory. There will be early bird drawings for \$100.00 on the following Sundays: May 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, so get your tickets in early for your chance to win!

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS -

It takes a lot of volunteers to run a festival. Please call the rectory to sign up to help. We are asking for donations of new toys/games for prizes for our children's games or baskets. All donations can be dropped off at the rectory or in the old library (baptistery room - Gathering Room).

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MAY CROWNING

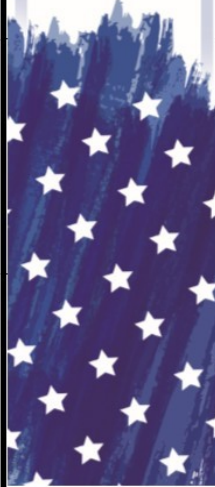
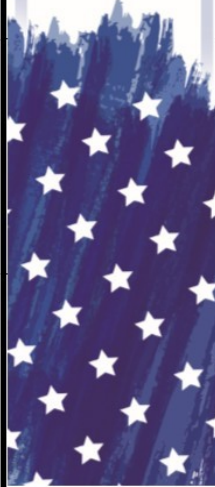
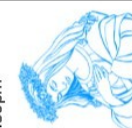







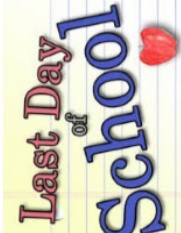


TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026
ROSARY 6:15 PM
LITURGY 6:45 PM
CROWNING 7:15 PM

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE LITURGY
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING FLOWERS FOR THE MAY ALTAR



St. Thomas More Parish Calendar
May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Rosary before Masses</p> 	<p>4 School May Crowning 9am Board of Elections 3-10pm</p> 	<p>5 Board of Elections 5am-10pm Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Volleyball Practice 5-8:30pm PSR 6:45-7:30pm MAY CROWNING Rosary 6:15pm Mass 6:45pm Crowning 7:15pm</p> 	<p>6 Spring Sports Pictures 5-6pm Volleyball Practice 5-7pm PTU Meeting 6-7pm</p> 	<p>7 National Day of Prayer Volleyball Practice 5-7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Volleyball Practice 5-8:30pm</p>	<p>9 Confirmation - Holy Spirit Retreat Day 8:15am-3:15pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Second Collection: Office of Catechetical Services</p> 
<p>10 MOTHER'S DAY Second Collection: Office of Catechetical Services</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Volleyball Practice 5-8:30pm</p>	<p>13 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Volleyball Practice 5-7pm</p>	<p>14 Volleyball Practice 5-7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Preschool Red Carpet Ceremony 10am 8th Grade Family Dinner 6pm</p>	<p>16 Armed Forces Day Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>17 The Ascension of the Lord</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Band Concert 6pm</p>	<p>20 Volleyball Practice 5-7pm Confirmation Practice 6:30pm</p>	<p>21 Volleyball Practice 5-7:30pm</p>	<p>22 Field Day Volleyball Practice 5-8:30pm 8th Grade Social 7-10pm</p>	<p>23 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm CONFIRMATION during the 4:30pm Mass</p> 
<p>24 Utopia Rental</p> 	<p>25 MEMORIAL DAY Rectory Closed No School</p> 	<p>26 8th Grade: Clap-Out 10:45am Picnic 11am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm BACCALAUREATE MASS 6:45pm GRADUATION 7:30pm</p> 	<p>27 School 1pm Dismissal</p> 	<p>28 60+ Club 1pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>31 The Most Holy Trinity</p>					