

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, MAY 9 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Joanne Burke

SUNDAY, MAY 10 –

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM - Mother’s Day Enrollment

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 11 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Secilio & Vickie Caraballo

TUESDAY, MAY 12 –

SS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS & PANCRAS

6:45 PM - Dominic Konopka

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 –

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8:15 AM - Mathew & Pearl Colonna

THURSDAY, MAY 14 –

ST. MATTHIAS

FRIDAY, MAY 15 –

ST. ISIDORE

8:15 AM - Johnny Kazimer

SATURDAY, MAY 16 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Donald Marks

4:30 PM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

SUNDAY, MAY 17 –

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Judy Romaniw

*Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, May 12

11:30 AM Women’s Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

Wednesday, May 13

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary

Shrine at Incarnate Word

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

Thursday, May 14

4:45 PM - 7:00 PM 3rd Grade VB - Utopia Hall

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

Friday, May 15

10:00 AM Pre-School Red Carpet Ceremony

6:00 PM 8th Grade Dinner - Gym & Utopia Hall

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 5/10/26

Processional: #571 Sing A Joyful Song

Offertory: #701 O Most Holy One (O Santissima)

English Verses

Communion: #511 Your Words Are Spirit and Life

Closing: #206 Now Thank We All Our God

Financial Blessings

Collection for May 3rd \$5,556.05
Maintenance \$1,640.00
Student’s Weekly Offering (29 Envelopes) \$142.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our
open-hearted love and gratitude.
Amen. ©LPi

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. Although we often view the end of World War II with relief and even optimism, that is not how the people who survived it felt. In this article we are going to see how Europe - and the world more generally - became a very different and often hostile place for the Church.

World War II's immediate legacy was a crisis of meaning. Tens of millions had died. Entire civilizations had been methodically destroyed. The Holocaust revealed depths of human depravity that shattered the nineteenth-century faith in progress and enlightenment. How could a continent that prided itself on Christian civilization produce such horror? This question, asked by survivors and the shell-shocked living alike, implicitly indicted the Church. If Christianity had truly shaped European culture, how had it failed so catastrophically?

The postwar European landscape was scarred by moral exhaustion and spiritual doubt. Traditional authorities—including the Church—had lost credibility. The institutional Church, for many, had been complicit through silence or insufficient action. Pope Pius XII's wartime diplomacy, intended to protect Catholics, instead left many feeling that the Church had prioritized institutional survival over prophetic witness. This perception, fair or not, created a lasting wound. Survivors and their children looked to the Church for answers and found only ambiguity.

Simultaneously, the political and ideological terrain of postwar Europe shifted dramatically away from religious authority. Communism emerged as a dominant force in Eastern Europe, explicitly hostile to organized religion. Western Europe, while remaining democratic, underwent rapid secularization. The welfare state assumed functions the Church had historically provided—education, healthcare, social support. As government institutions expanded, the Church's practical relevance diminished. Europeans increasingly looked to secular ideologies and the state for solutions, not to religious institutions.

The war had also accelerated urbanization and social atomization. Traditional parish structures, rooted in agricultural communities and stable social hierarchies, became increasingly obsolete in rapidly modernizing cities. Young Europeans, especially those traumatized by war, showed little interest in institutional religion. The post-war "economic miracle" offered material security and consumer culture—attractions that seemed more compelling than spiritual comfort.

By the 1950s, Europe was rapidly becoming post-Christian. The Catholic Church, which had anchored European civilization for centuries, found itself speaking to an increasingly indifferent or hostile audience. The war had not merely killed millions; it had killed the culture that nourished and supported them.

In this context of ruin, many bishops began noting the need for an ecumenical council. The Church would need to announce the Good News anew if she was to fulfill her role of leading people to God. In our next article we will look at the preparation for the Second Vatican Council and what the Church expected to gain. May we remember that although life may not go in the direction we like, God is always with us.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Martin & Yael Timock.

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.**

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"It is patience that reveals every grace to you, and it is through patience that the saints received all that was promised to them."

St. Pachomius (died 346),
Founder of Christian Monasticism,
Feast Day: May 9

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60+ CLUB

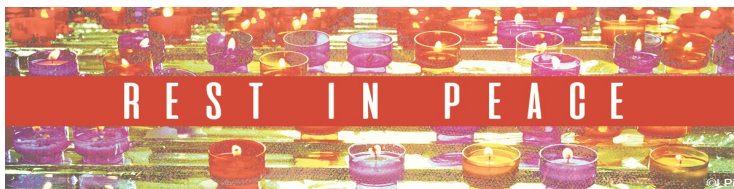
Please join us to say the rosary at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Shrine (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130) on Wednesday, May 13th. Lunch after at a local restaurant. All are welcome!



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, 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, 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 Shirley Kowall, Lori Smet Curry, and Sherry Simecek. God grant them eternal rest.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have our regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12th in Utopia Hall at 11:30am. We will hold our annual May Crowning, so please bring your rosary and flowers for Mary. Our lunch for May includes a salad bar, appetizers, desserts and beverages. Please join us ~ new members are welcome!

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.

THE FEST 2026

Summer is right around the corner and with it comes - The FEST. Join us on Saturday, August 15th at ForeFront Field (home of the Crushers) in Avon for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun. It's a new location and a new date with all the wonderful things thousands from across our region have come to appreciate and enjoy on FEST day. The FEST, like always will conclude with an inspiring outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8pm followed by an incredible American Fireworks display. Check out all the details and ticket information (\$10 per person and children 2 and under are FREE) at www.theFEST.us.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 16/17

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	David Marks Abbey Eichenmiller Mary Lou LoBue Nina Ferguson	Wendy Huynh Steve Cottos	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Jaclene Zauszniewski Nathan Noga Terri Sozio Chris Koch	Dolores Hules Mike Sommers	Sabriena Smith Noah Redloske	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Geovana Fagher Cruz Colón	Fr. John Schneider



Congratulations to all those who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd. God Bless!

Emmanuella Akateh	Dominic Kovach
Zuri Baker	Jayden Lopez
Heavenly Barbich	Lillian Madzia
Joel DeVilliers	Madison McCulloch
Bracyn Gardner	Julianna Ramos
Koda Hamm	Cecilia Steward
Sophia Haught	Isabella Thomas
Daniel Hernandez Corrigan	Camila Toe
Rylie Jenkins	Tallulah Vall

Lincoln Vandal

ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL

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, gift cards, or housewares. All donations can be dropped off at the rectory or in the old library (baptistery room - Gathering Room).

SET UP & TAKE DOWN -

If you are able and interested in helping set up and take down for the festival, please call the rectory. We will need lots of help taking down because school starts on Tuesday, September 2nd!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Kindergarten is finishing the year strong! We are becoming fluent in adding and subtracting within 5. In reading, we are able to read simple stories and use context clues to better understand what is happening.

Mass is an exciting time each week, and we love learning new things from Father John. We have learned the Hail Mary and are really enjoying our daily prayer time.

In science, we have started to learn and understand the difference between living and nonliving things.

As a class, we are excited as we prepare for the big step into First Grade!

Miss Widenmeyer - Kindergarten



We'd like to recognize our very own St. Thomas More School Principal, Ms. Meg Cosgriff, on receiving the Diocese of Cleveland Office of Catholic Education's St. Matthew Operational Vitality Award. This award recognizes elementary schools that maintain long-term sustainability while fulfilling their mission of providing quality faith-based education. Recipients exemplify the effective management of enrollment, advancement, finances, human capital, infrastructure, and other resources to ensure the school's success.

Ms. Cosgriff was also a finalist for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Principal Leadership Award, which recognizes an elementary school principal, co-principals, or president-principal team for excellence in Catholic educational leadership. Congratulations, Ms. Cosgriff! We are so proud and grateful for all that you do for St. Thomas More!



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for your prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

That everyone might have food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Anyone married in 1976 is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 14th at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. There is no registration for the event. To request a special certificate, visit dioceseofcleveland.org under Offices - Parish Life - Marriage & Family Ministry.

SECOND COLLECTION: MAY 9 & 10

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation. The ministry focuses on providing guidance and support that promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through the catechetical efforts of all parishes and Newman Campus ministries in the Diocese. Ministries that will benefit from this collection include faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists as missionary disciples. Newman Catholic Campus Ministries provides opportunities for students to deepen a relationship with Christ through prayer, worship, community, faith and Bible studies, retreats and service. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

SEMINARIANS OF THE MONTH

Our seminarians of the month are (l-r) **Seated: Dc. Charles Caimie and Dc. Mitchell Carson**
Standing: Dc. Joseph Truong Viet Ho, Dc. Cameron Ferrell, Dc. Nathan Frankart and Dc. Sean Neville

They will be ordained on Saturday, May 16th at 10am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Please keep them and all seminarians in your prayers, as we continue to pray for vocations.

Please feel free to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards to them at St. Mary Seminary 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092.

You may view the online broadcast at www.dioceseofcleveland.org as well as on the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Facebook page.

