

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

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Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 16 –

VIGIL

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

MONDAY, MAY 18 –

ST. JOHN I

8:15 AM - Tlaciil & Poole Families

TUESDAY, MAY 19 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - John & Erma Thomas & Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 –

BERNARDINE OF SIENA

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, MAY 21 –

ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 22 –

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

SATURDAY, MAY 23 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Ted & Bev Madzia

4:30 PM - Confirmandi

SUNDAY, MAY 24 –

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*9:00 AM - Shirley Kowall

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, May 19

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

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

6:00 PM Band Concert - Gym

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 PM Confirmation Practice - Church

7:00 PM Practice - Gym

Friday, May 22

St. Thomas More School Field Day

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM 8th Grade Social - Utopia Hall

Saturday, May 23

4:30 PM Confirmation during Mass

Sunday, May 24

Utopia Rental

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, May 19th at 4pm in Utopia Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, May 26th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive at 2pm to get the food packed and ready!

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 5/17/26

Processional: #198 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Offertory: #476 Peace

Communion: #600 In the Day of the Lord

Closing: #193 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Collection for May 10th (\$3,605.00), Maintenance (\$734.00), and Student's Weekly Offering (\$83.00).

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.



I - Dena Maddox & Franklin Amato
I - Emily Viskocil & John Moynihan (STM)

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. In the autumn of 1962, Catholic bishops from around the world gathered in Rome with a sense of profound anticipation. Pope John XXIII had called the Second Vatican Council - the first ecumenical council in nearly a century - and the bishops arrived carrying hopes that their Church would address the mounting challenges of the modern world. The Council's opening represented a turning point: a moment when the institutional Church acknowledged that the rapid transformation of society demanded a courageous reform.

The bishops came to Vatican II acutely aware of their Church's increasingly precarious position in the postwar world. Europe was secularizing rapidly. In communist Eastern Europe, the Church faced existential threats. In rapidly modernizing Western nations, young Catholics were drifting away. Many bishops desired for the liturgy to be updated to be more engaging. Great success had been achieved in the liturgical reforms of Holy Week, and many bishops thought that the Mass would be improved simply by including "mother tongues" - the native languages of Catholics - along with Latin.

John XXIII's famous call for *aggiornamento* - "updating" or bringing the Church up to date - resonated deeply with many bishops. They came to Rome hoping to modernize the Church's relationship with the world. Many longed for a more pastoral Church, one that would speak to contemporary concerns rather than retreating into pre-Reformation forms. There was genuine desire among bishops to bridge the chasm between ecclesiastical authority and modern intellectuals.

The bishops also harbored hopes for greater openness to other Christian denominations. Instead of condemning errors bishops wanted dialogue among Christian denominations. Ecumenism - the hope of reuniting all Christians under one Church - had made great progress among Protestants. The Church seemed ready to participate wherever it could in that dialogue.

Perhaps most significantly, bishops carried expectations that the Council would democratize the Church's decision-making processes. The pre-Council Church was deeply hierarchical, with bishops functioning as subordinate administrators of papal will. Many bishops hoped Vatican II would restore the ancient principle of collegiality - the shared responsibility of bishops in governing the Church. They envisioned a Church less centered on papal absolutism and more attentive to the voices of bishops and faithful alike.

As the bishops filed into St. Peter's Basilica on October 11, 1962, they carried these hopes: renewal without rupture, modernization without abandonment of tradition, openness to the world without surrender of faith. As Pope Benedict often remarked, the bishops desired renewal within the tradition. They sensed they stood at a pivotal moment in Church history. Few could have anticipated how profoundly Vatican II would reshape Catholicism, but on that autumn morning, the bishops' expectations of transformative change proved prophetic. The Council they were beginning would indeed remake the Church for generations to come.

In our next article we will look at the *Lumen Gentium* and how Vatican II would characterize the Church. We will especially try to understand the principle of subsidiarity in our own time. May God help us each to build up His Kingdom.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Phyllis Zindroski.

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

"Meditate well on this: Seek God above all things. It is right for you to seek God before and above everything else, because the majesty of God wishes you to receive what you ask for. This will also make you more ready to serve God and will enable you to love him more perfectly."

St. Pascal Baylon (1540-1592),
Patron of Eucharistic Congresses,
Feast Day: May 17

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

MEMORIAL DAY

Please note that Mass will be at 9am on Monday, May 25th and the rectory will be closed.



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, 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, Chuck Nohejl, 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 Rev. S. Michael Franz, Rev. James P. O'Donnell, Donna Buzzelli, Janeen Artel, Michel Howe, Marc Frey, and Bob Tayek.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.

OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL SERVICES

Thank you so much for your generous donations in support of last week's collection for Catechetical Ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation and Education.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 23/24

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Bishop Amos	Confirmation Candidates	Special Schedule	Bishop Martin Amos
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Dolores Hules Mary Lou LoBue	Jaclene Zauszniewski Rob Cepek	Henry Nguyen Chase Gerlach	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Patty Riegling Barbara Kish	Cruz Colón Gypsi Hamm	Fr. Don Snyder

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

To celebrate Earth Day, the ECE children planted flower seeds. Each child filled a small planter with top soil, dropped a few seeds in the middle of the soil, and then watered it.

In Religion, we talked about how God created the earth and it is one of His many gifts to us. It is our job to help take care of this gift and planting flowers is one way of doing this. Within a week, all of the children's seeds had sprouted and they were very excited to take their flowers home and plant them in their own yard!



Mrs. Nicole Kidd-Zientarski
PreKindergarten

MAY CROWNING

Thank you to all who attended our annual May Crowning on Tuesday, May 5th. A great big thanks to the members of the Women's Guild who led us in the rosary before Mass and helped with the flowers and our student servers. It was great to see the PSR students, their families and recent First Communicants join in the evening too!

PICTURES

We love to see pictures of our community at parish events. If you have any pictures from events over the past year, please email them to rectory@stmparish.net.

OPEN HOUSE AT SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

The Sisters are celebrating 100 years in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland next May. In celebration of this milestone, we invite you to join us for our ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, from 2-4pm. Tour our grounds, meet with the Sisters, and enjoy refreshments as you spend time reminiscing with the Sisters of the Incarnate Word in Parma Heights. All are welcome!

We are located at 6618 Pearl Road. For more information, please call 440-886-6440 x415 or email at siwdevelopment@yahoo.com.

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 17th, 24th & 31st, so get your tickets in early for your chance to win!

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. James Armstrong** who won the first week's drawing for \$100. Remember, there are three more early bird drawings in May!

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 1st!

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

HARTVILLE - Monday, June 29

Depart 9am Return 5:40pm

\$86/person includes lunch; pie assembly, wine/beer samples

Deadline: Tuesday, June 9th

MEADOWS CASINO - Tuesday, July 14

Bonus: \$20 slop play \$48/person

Deadline: Monday, June 22

WHEELING CASINO - Wednesday, August 5

\$50/person

Deadline: Thursday, July 16

Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Charles Cairnie, Mitchell Carson,
Joseph Truong Viet Ho, Cameron Ferrell,
Nathan Frankart, and Sean Neville**

were ordained on Saturday, May 16th.

Please keep the newly ordained 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.

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.

CONCERNED ABOUT ADULT CHILDREN WHO HAVE DRIFED FROM THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

What can we do for our adult children who have left the practice of our Catholic faith? Does this question speak to you, and you would like to learn more, pray with others and practice ways to invite your sons and daughters back to church consider attending an evening of prayer and dialogue on Monday, June 1st at St. Patrick's Church (4427 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, 44135).

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Kelly Sweeney from LPi, our newsletter printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our newsletter successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising

is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



KELLY SWEENEY
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WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. (Acts 1:13)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 ©LPi

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.