

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
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St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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SATURDAY, MAY 23 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - Newly Confirmed

SUNDAY, MAY 24 –

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*9:00 AM - Shirley Kowall

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 25 –

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM - Service Men & Women of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 26 –

ST. PHILIP NERI

6:45 PM - St. Thomas More Class of 2026

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 –

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

8:15 AM - Bernie Panak

THURSDAY, MAY 28 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MAY 29 –

ST. PAUL VI

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, MAY 30 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - May Birthdays

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 31 –

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*9:00 AM - Sherry Simecek

*11:00 AM - Emmanuel Akateh

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for May 17th \$3,745.00
Maintenance \$572.00
Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) \$76.00

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, May 25

RECTORY & SCHOOL CLOSED



Tuesday, May 26

10:45 AM 8th Grade Clap Out

11:00 AM 8th Grade Picnic

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

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

6:45 PM Baccalaureate Mass - Church

7:30 PM Graduation - Church

Wednesday, May 27

10:00 AM School Dismissal



Thursday, May 28

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

Sunday, May 31

Utopia Rental

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Marianna Lucille Simoes who received the Lord for the first time on May 16th!

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 5/24/26

Processional: #542 One Spirit, One Church

Offertory: #403 Christians Let Us Love One Another

Communion: #350 Spirit and Grace

Closing: #382 City of God



II - Dena Maddox & Franklin Amato

II - Emily Viskocil & John Moynihan (STM)

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! On this Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples - the birthday of the Church. Accordingly, it is fitting and just that we discuss how the Church understands herself in *Lumen Gentium* and how this theology helps us to see our role as disciples today.

For centuries, Catholic ecclesiology had emphasized hierarchy, institutional structures, and the Church as a perfectly visible society governed from Rome. The faithful were largely passive recipients of the Church's teaching and sacraments. *Lumen Gentium* opened with a clear departure: the Church is not primarily an institution or organization, but the "People of God"—all baptized believers, regardless of rank or office.

The document centered on an ancient but often neglected theological vision of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. This meant that all members—bishops, priests, religious, and laity—shared in the Church's fundamental identity and mission. The laity were not merely passive recipients but active participants in the Church's life and mission. They possessed their own dignity and proper vocation of announcing the Good News.

Lumen Gentium also reemphasized the principle of collegiality—the teaching that bishops, in communion with the Pope, share responsibility for governing the universal Church. This was not a repudiation of papal primacy, but a recovery of the principle that the Church is governed through a communion of bishops rather than through papal absolutism alone. The document affirmed that legitimate authority existed not solely at the apex of the hierarchy but was distributed throughout the Church's structure.

Perhaps most significantly, *Lumen Gentium* presented the Church as not yet perfected, but as a pilgrim community journeying through history toward final fulfillment. The Church was not a fortress defending static doctrines against a hostile world, but a living community called to engage with and learn from the modern world. This vision allowed the Church to embrace development, growth, and even reform without abandoning its essential identity.

As the People of God, the Church is the normal means of salvation for mankind. Within the Church is all that is needed for any and every person to know, love, and serve God. *Lumen Gentium* added to this traditional view the acknowledgement - shared by most priests and bishops in history - that God operates outside of the visible Church.

Lumen Gentium gave theological legitimacy to the impulse for aggiornamento that had animated Vatican II. It presented a Church that was simultaneously ancient in its roots and modern in its self-understanding. For a twentieth-century Church struggling with irrelevance and marginalization, *Lumen Gentium* offered a great reframing: the Church as a community reconnecting humanity to God. As the "Light to the nations," the Church leads us to the true source of illumination: God.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Frank & Vilma Colonna.

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.

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!

SAINT QUOTE

"Be prudent in thought and cautious in speech. Always set your hope on God, for He never fails them whose hope is set on Him."

Blessed Alcuin of York (735-804),
Monk, Scholar,
Feast Day: May 19

(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.

60+ CLUB

Join us on Thursday, May 28th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering.



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, Bob Tayek, and Carole Deighton. God grant them eternal rest.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will hold its 2026/2027 officer installation and catered luncheon on Tuesday, June 9th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall. **Reservations Are Necessary!** Luncheon will be no charge to members. Non-members will be charged \$10. All are welcome. Please call the rectory for reservations by June 4th.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Father's Day cards before and after all Masses on June 6th & 7th and June 13th & 14th. The price of the cards are \$3 for living fathers and \$1 for deceased fathers. All fathers registered will be remembered at five Masses throughout the year.

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.

GARDENS - Please **DO NOT** put random flowers around the campus. The areas have designated volunteers. If you would like to take an area, please call the rectory.

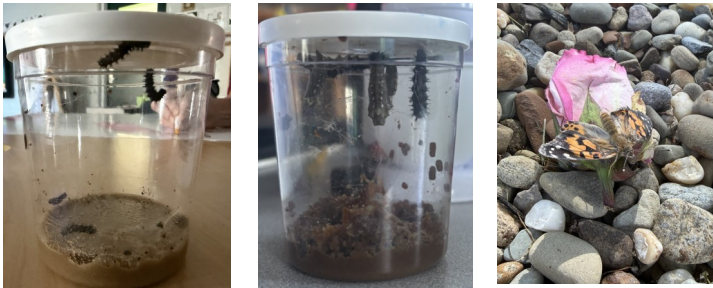
WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 30/31

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue David Marks Marilu Slimak Sheryl Finohr	Al Margevicius Tim Lozar	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Chris Koch Terri Sozio	Jessica Noga Dolores Hules	Parker Redloske Henry Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Amelia Nieves Geovanna Fagher	Fr. Don Snyder

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Over the past month, the Early Childhood Education students at Saint Thomas More School observed the life cycle of a butterfly right in our classroom! Through hands-on activities, stories, and observations, they explored each stage of the butterfly's lifecycle while learning that butterflies are part of God's beautiful creation, made with care and purpose. Students used new vocabulary, asked thoughtful questions, and grew in their appreciation of God's world around them. Once the caterpillars completed their life cycle, the butterflies were released outside!



Ms. Julia Henderson
Preschool

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. Here are some pictures from the Women's Guild May Crowning on May 12th.



Congratulations to all those who were confirmed here at St. Thomas More this weekend. You are all in our prayers. God Bless!

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

Congratulations to **Shannon Cline** who won the second 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).

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2026

- 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
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52
- Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33
- Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 ©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.

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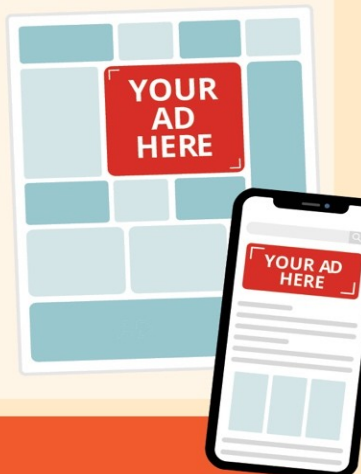
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is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

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