

# 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 30 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 31 –

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

\*9:00 AM - Sherry Simecek

\*11:00 AM - Emmanuel Akateh

MONDAY, JUNE 1 –

ST. JUSTIN

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased of the Malames & Kissel Families

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 –

SS. MARCELLINUS & PETER

6:45 PM - Mary Ellen Yasko

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 –

ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

8:15 AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 –

ST. BONIFACE

8:15 AM - Adam Kowalski

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 –

ST. NORBERT

8:15 AM - Mark & Irene Downes

12:00 PM - Maddox/Amato Wedding

2:30 PM - Viskocil/Moynihan Wedding

+\*4:30 PM - Lori Smet Curry

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 –

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

+\*9:00 AM - Donna Buzzelli

+11:00 AM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

\*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Collection for May 24th (\$4,389.06), Maintenance (\$505.00), and Student's Weekly Offering (5 Envelopes) (\$23.00).

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.

Friday, June 5

Utopia Rental

Saturday, June 6

Utopia Rental

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, June 7

Rosary before Masses

12:00 PM Eucharistic Procession

ROSARY

Next weekend, June 6th & 7th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & CUP MASSES

Join us immediately following the 11am Mass on Sunday, June 7th for a short Eucharistic procession through the neighborhood to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi.

The option to receive the Precious Blood will be offered at all Masses next weekend.



MASS INTENTIONS

There are no more Masses available for 2026. We will open the book for 2027 in the fall.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Please note that we will be singing the Mass parts from "Mass of Christ the Savior" listed in our Missals.

#897 - Holy, Holy

#899 - Acclamation

#901 - Amen

#902 - Lamb of God

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 5/31/26

Processional: #216 Holy, Holy, Holy

Offertory: #567 Abba, Father

Communion: #431 How Great Thou Art

Closing: #706 O God Almighty Father

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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.



III - Dena Maddox & Franklin Amato

III - Emily Viskocil & John Moynihan (STM)

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we are examining the Church's constitution on Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council: *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Let us find out how it still challenges us today to grow towards God.

The document opens with profound reverence for the liturgy as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed" and "the source from which all her power flows." This is no revolutionary manifesto calling for the destruction of tradition. Rather, it seeks to deepen and purify the Church's encounter with the sacred. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* affirms that the liturgy's fundamental structure and purpose remain unchanging - it is the Church's supreme act of worship, the encounter with the risen Christ in sacramental form.

The Council's permission for vernacular languages alongside Latin emerged from a genuinely pastoral concern, not ideological hostility toward Latin. The document explicitly states that "the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites," and "steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Mass which pertain to them." This was not intended as a transition away from Latin, but as an expansion of liturgical participation. The Council presumed both Latin and vernacular would flourish together, serving the Church's unity and the faithful's engagement.

The document also emphasizes that liturgical reform must serve genuine spiritual renewal, not mere novelty. It calls for "simplification of rites, but without detriment to their dignity"—a delicate balance requiring wisdom and reverence, not radical experimentation. The changes envisioned were meant to strengthen the faithful's participation in the Church's ancient rites, not to substitute contemporary preferences for timeless forms.

As mentioned in previous bulletin articles, the bishops attending the Vatican II wanted a renewal of liturgical participation. They recognized that a Mass in which the majority had little understanding of what was happening and even less vocal participation was a Mass that had wandered away from right practice. Clearly, in the Rite of Trent many prayed as best they could, but by the 20th century the Church saw a great opportunity for reform.

Pope Benedict XVI later lamented that this vision was distorted in implementation. Rather than enriching the liturgy through judicious use of the vernacular while maintaining the Latin tradition, many dioceses abandoned Latin entirely. The documents' intent — organic development of the tradition — was compromised by an assumption that modernization required rejection of the past. In some cases the baby of tradition got thrown out with the bath water of rigidity in the haste to find a better liturgical practice.

Critically, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* insists that "no other person, even if he is a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority." This protection of the liturgy's integrity reveals the Council's conservative instinct - its desire to preserve what is sacred while allowing measured development.

It is good and healthy for the Church to have different liturgical camps. This interest means that people care about how they pray. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* continues to call us deeper into communal prayer and sacrament. Whether we use Latin or English, our voices need to express the longing in our hearts for God.

In His Sacred Heart,

*Fr. John*

### TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Diane 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.**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

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

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.

### SAINT QUOTE

*"Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength."*

St. Philip Neri (1515-1595),  
Founder of a secular order of Priests,  
Feast Day: May 26

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

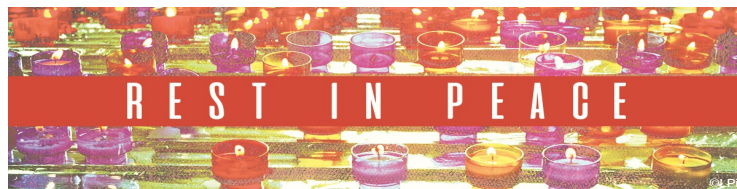
Anyone married in 1976 is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 14th at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. There is no registration for the event. To request a special certificate, visit [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org) under Offices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



### 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, Carole Deighton, Jack Abbruzzese, and Deacon Kenneth A. DeLuca.  
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.

### 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 7, 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](mailto:siwdevelopment@yahoo.com).

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 6/7

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Abbey Eichenmiller Nick Louloudis Marilu Slimak	Sheryl Finohr Steve Cottos	Ainsley French Emma Wright	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Mary Lou LoBue Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Nathan Noga	Mike Sommers Jaclene Zauszniewski	Henry Nguyen Holly Roberts	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Gypsi Hamm Cruz Colón	Fr. Don Snyder



# CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all those that were confirmed on Saturday, May 23rd at St. Thomas More. God Bless!

## St. Thomas More

Faith "Rita" Akateh  
Nicolas "Carlo Acutis" Cajo Rubio  
Leyna "Katharine Drexel" Crew  
Brian "Raphael" Eichenmiller  
Anthony "Martin de Porres" Ezell  
Luke "Lawrence of Rome" Gedeon  
Aubree "Catherine of Siena" Haynik  
Blake "Stephen" Liebert  
Gabriella "Veronica" Madison  
Kelly "Kateri Tekakwitha" Nguyen  
Kevin "Sebastian" Nguyen  
Parker "Thomas Aquinas" Redloske  
Annalisse "Bibiana" Rodriguez  
Bianca "Francis of Assisi" Sagredo  
Camden "Sava" Schillinger  
Calin "Joseph" Sowders  
Sofia "Lucy" Torres  
Ethan "Vincent Ferrer" Tran  
Emma "Elizabeth" Wright  
Thomas "Michael" Lavelle IV  
Connor "John" Richie

## Blessed Trinity

Aviana "Aviana" Delgado  
Nathaniel "Michael" DuBois  
Claudia "Anne" Zucca

## LaSagrada Familia

Juliana "Francesca" Beltavski

## Mary Queen of Peace

Isabella "Theresa Faustina" Frasher  
Ava "Cecilia" Herschbach  
Averye "Agnes" Houska-Ingle  
Evelyn "Maria Goretti" Houska-Ingle

Sophia "Rosalia" LaGuardia

Abigail "Gianna" Leonardi

Emma "Sebastian" Rees

Amina "Cecilia" Vargas

## St. Ignatius of Antioch

Faith "Cecilia" Guzik

St. Leo the Great

Logan "John Bosco" Beno

Mia "Monica" Journic

Arianna "Kateri Tekakwitha" Robinson

Jose "Sebastian" Robles IV

Miah "Rose" Stalla

Jillian "Ann" Buser

Tyler "Anthony of Padua" Rinaldi

Vicky "Rosa" Stankowski

## 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. The last early bird drawing for \$100.00 will be this Sunday, May 31st, so get your tickets in early for your chance to win!

Congratulations to **Joe Godley** who won the third week's drawing for \$100. Remember, there is one more early bird drawing!

### **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.

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar  
June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Utopia Rental</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm Rosary before Mass</p>	
<p>7</p> <p><b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> Rosary before Masses Eucharistic Procession following the 11am Mass</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Women's Guild Installation Luncheon 11:30am</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm</p>	
<p>14</p> <p>Utopia Rental 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Friends Supporting Friends</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm</p>	
<p>21</p> <p>First Day of Summer</p> <p><b>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>St. Elias Food Pantry 2pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>60+ Club 1pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence</p>	
<p>28</p> <p>2nd Collection: Peter's Pence</p>	<p>30</p>					