

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



4170 North Amber Drive | Brooklyn, Ohio 44144 | Phone: 216-749-0414 | Email: [rectory@stmparish.net](mailto:rectory@stmparish.net)



[stmparish.net](http://stmparish.net)



[stthomasmoreparish](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasmoreparish)



[STMoreParish](https://www.instagram.com/STMoreParish)



Join our email list at [stmparish.net/email](http://stmparish.net/email)

## 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  
216-749-1660 | [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com)



SATURDAY, JUNE 27 –

VIGIL

\*4:30 PM - Carole Deighton

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 –

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00 AM - Michel Howe

MONDAY, JUNE 29 –

SS. PETER & PAUL

8:15 AM - John & Alice Noga

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Leigh Grombol

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 –

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

8:15 AM - Jim & Mary Jo Babb

THURSDAY, JULY 2 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 3 –

ST. THOMAS

8:15 AM - Angela & Vince DelCalzo

SATURDAY, JULY 4 –

WEEKDAY

9:00 AM - For the Country

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 5 –

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

\*9:00 AM - Marcella Hudak

\*11:00 AM - Jack N. Abbruzzese

\*Mass of Remembrance

# Financial Blessings

Collection for June 21st ..... \$3,328.51  
Maintenance ..... \$567.00  
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) ..... \$62.00

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](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-684).

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

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Friday, July 3 RECTORY CLOSED



Saturday, July 4

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, July 5

Rosary before Masses

### FOURTH OF JULY

The rectory will be closed on Friday, July 3rd due to the observance of Independence Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9am.

### ROSARY

Members of the parish will lead us in the rosary 1/2 hour before all Masses on July 5th & 6th. Please come early and join us!

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### COLLECTION ENVELOPES UPDATE

Please note that there is only one envelope for School Assistance. We no longer have the Tuition Assistance or Endowment envelopes. Any school donation placed in the School Assistance envelope will aid whatever is needed for a day school family.

### SUNDAY'S HYMNS 6/28/26

**Processional:** #712 Lift High the Cross

**Offertory:** #437 For You Are My God

**Communion:** #444 Only A Shadow

**Closing:** #393 Sent Forth By God's Blessing



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome

Meadow Elizabeth Pallotta and Melody Ann Pallotta who were baptized on June 21st. God bless you!

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Now that we have gone over the Second Vatican Council, we are going to examine the pontificates that followed. We start with Pope Saint Paul VI.

Giovanni Battista Montini was a man of profound intellectual gifts and deep spirituality. Before his election, he had served as Archbishop of Milan and earned a reputation as a skilled diplomat and reformer. The cardinals chose him precisely because they recognized he possessed the theological sophistication and diplomatic acumen necessary to shepherd Vatican II to completion. It was a wise choice. Under Paul VI's leadership, the Council promulgated four constitutions, nine decrees, and three declarations.

Yet completing Vatican II was only part of Paul VI's challenge. Even more daunting was the implementation phase. The Council had opened doors; now the Church had to walk through them. The liturgy was reformed. The vernacular replaced Latin. Lay participation in Church life expanded dramatically. Ecumenical dialogue with other Christian communities began in earnest. These changes, though rooted in conciliar documents, created enormous upheaval. Many traditionalists felt the Church was abandoning her heritage. Many progressives wanted change to move even faster. Paul VI stood in the middle, trying to honor both continuity and renewal.

His most controversial moment came in 1968 with the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which reaffirmed the Church's teaching against artificial contraception. This decision proved profoundly divisive. Significant numbers of theologians, priests, and bishops—even many close to Paul VI—believed the Church should allow contraceptive use. Paul VI's reaffirmation of traditional teaching, despite evidence that many in the Church wanted change, revealed something essential about his papacy: he was not simply a reformer seeking to modernize the Church for its own sake. He was a shepherd concerned with preserving what he understood as essential truth, even when that truth was unpopular.

Beyond these headline issues, Paul VI made lasting contributions to ecumenism. He met with Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I and worked toward reconciliation between East and West. He established diplomatic relations with communist nations, seeking to protect Catholics behind the Iron Curtain. He expanded the College of Cardinals to include bishops from across the globe, internationalizing the Church's leadership. He canonized forty-four saints, continuing the Church's connection to sanctity and holiness.

The postconciliar period, however, was turbulent. Paul VI witnessed widespread dissent from Church teaching, declining vocations, liturgical experimentation that sometimes bordered on irreverence, and secularization accelerating across the West. These realities weighed heavily on him. In his later years, he spoke of "the smoke of Satan entering the Church"—language reflecting his deep distress at developments within the Catholic community.

Yet Pope Paul VI possessed both vision and fidelity. He sought to implement Vatican II authentically, refusing both those who rejected the Council entirely and those who wished to remake the Church according to contemporary fashions. He navigated one of the Church's most challenging periods with steadfast commitment to Christ and His truth. May we follow his saintly example in following where God leads.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Cynthia Tedesco.**

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. We have a lot of weeks still available for the year.**

## SAINT QUOTE

*"The greatest gift we can give is forgiveness, for it sets both the giver and the receiver free."*

St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784),

Patron of California, Feast Day: July 1

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

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross. Amen. ©LPi



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Teresa Anderson, Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Michael Bonus, 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 Georgianna Ketola, Francismary Changeri, Joann Teska, and Thomas Rapsik. God grant them eternal rest.

## PRAYER LIST

Starting with the July 5th bulletin, we will start a fresh, new prayer list. To add a name to the list, please call or email (rectory@stmparish.net) by Monday, June 29th. Thank You!

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles, with your loved one's name inscribed on it, are available. You can have a candle displayed for six months for \$100. Forms are available at the rectory.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the works of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

## CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries invites you to the 43rd Cleveland Charismatic Conference to be held on Saturday, July 25th at St. Albert the Great Hall, in North Royalton. Guest speakers will be Dr. Monica Richards, Fr. John Gordon, and Fr. Bob Franco. Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary music. Visit our website: [crmweb.org](http://crmweb.org) for more information and to register. Don't miss it! This will be a wonderful time of prayer, lively teachings, and praise and worship of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 4/5

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Marilu Slimak David Marks	Stephanie Liebert Blake Liebert	Amy Vu Ainsley French	
9:00 AM	Nathan Noga Jaclene Zauszniewski Chris Koch Jennifer Mladineo	Dolores Hules Mike Sommers	Chase Gerlach Sabriena Smith	
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Amelia Nieves Gypsi Hamm	

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

### **ST. THOMAS MORE CLASS OF 2026**

Good luck with all of your future endeavors!  
We will miss you!

*Faith Akateh - Saint Joseph Academy*

*Dominic Azap JJ - Texas*

*Michaela Cairo - Holy Name High School*

*Nicolas Cajo Rubio - St. Ignatius High School*

*Jonathan Collins - St. Edward High School*

*Leyna Crew - Saint Joseph Academy*

*Brian Eichenmiller - St. Edward High School*

*Daniel Kilongo - St. Edward High School*

*Blake Liebert - St. Ignatius High School*

*Parker Redloske - St. Ignatius High School*

*Kadam Rochford - Parma Constellation*

*Annalisse Rodriguez - Magnificat High School*

*Rayahn Rosa - Holy Name High School*

*Bianca Sagredo - Holy Name High School*

*Jacob Schillo - Padua Franciscan High School*

*Lily Thompson - Holy Name High School*

*Sofia Torres - Saint Joseph Academy*

*Ethan Tran - Holy Name High School*

*Leah Viera - Saint Joseph Academy*

## Parish Festival

©LPI

### 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.

#### **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 (baptistry 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!

## THANKFUL CORNER - SISTER JANE

The Sisters of Notre Dame are members of an international congregation that began in Coesfeld, Germany in 1850. Two teachers, Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Küling, cared for poor neglected children whose families were unable to provide for them.

At the invitation and encouragement of Rev. Theodor Elting, the two women decided to continue their good work as vowed religious. They were already formed in the spiritual and pedagogical tradition of Rev. Bernard Overberg. Through the Sisters of Notre Dame of Amersfoort, Holland, they received a way of religious life that came from St. Julie Billiart, foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

The new Coesfeld congregation expressed its charism, a deep experience of God's goodness and provident care, both in spirituality and in apostolic ministry.









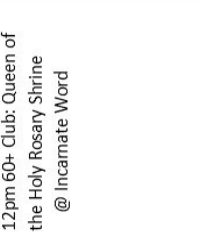



The Coesfeld Sisters of Notre Dame developed a flourishing educational ministry from kindergarten to teacher education. Beyond education, their work extended to the care of neglected children and infirm elderly. Laws passed by the Bismarck government during the Kulturkampf between 1872 and 1875 removed religious sisters from teaching positions in the public elementary schools and expelled teaching congregations from Prussia. This situation led the Coesfeld congregation to seek a new field of labor in the United States.

In July of 1874, eight sisters arrived in Cleveland, Ohio including the foundress, Sister Maria Aloysia (Hilligonde Wolbring). Over the next four years, two hundred Sisters of Notre Dame to the United States to teach children of immigrants, mainly across northern Ohio and in the Covington-Cincinnati area ([sndusa.org/history/](http://sndusa.org/history/)).

There is no other greater example of someone living out the teachings of Saint Julie Billiart than Sister Jane Reisinger. Since her arrival here, Sister Jane has taken over many tasks, such as holding weekly "Praying the Sunday Readings" and Spiritual Chair of the Women's Guild and has been a great asset to our parish. Sister has taken great care of the homebound of the parish and those at Brooklyn Pointe and The Avenue. She has continued the Ministry of Prayer and Praise and has taken over the tasking role of Ministry Scheduler.

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Sister Jane is retiring at the end of June. There are no words to express our gratitude and thanks to Sister for all that she has done for us here at St. Thomas More Parish. **Please join us to celebrate Sister Jane with a Retirement Reception on Sunday, July 12th after the 11am Mass in the Gym.**

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar  
July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>5 Rosary before Masses</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>8 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word</p>	<p>9 STM Athletics Boosters Group 5-8pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>12 Sr. Jane's Retirement Reception in the gym after the 11am Mass</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 </p>	<p>16 Athletics: Coaches/Parents Meetings 5-8pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Utopia Rental Athletics: Car Wash 2:30- 6:30pm Vehicle Blessing 4pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>19 Athletics: Car Wash 8am-2pm Vehicle Blessing 8am</p> 	<p>20 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>21 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>22 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>23 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>24 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>25 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</p>
<p>26 World Day for Grandparents &amp; the Elderly</p> 	<p>27 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>28 St. Elias Food Pantry 2pm Distribution: 3:30-5:30pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm</p>	<p>29 Football Practices 4-9pm STM Volleyball Skills Camp 5:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>30 60+ Club 1pm Football Practices 4-9pm STM Volleyball Skills Camp 5:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>31 Football Practices 4-9pm STM Volleyball Skills Camp 5:30-8:30pm</p>	