

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

Liz Schneider

Business Manager

Lisa Carson

Office Manager

John Mastandrea

Development

Frank Kozuch

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Faith Formation Director



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 11 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Francismary Changeri

SUNDAY, JULY 12 –

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Georgianna Ketola
11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 13 –

ST. HENRY

8:15 AM - Women’s Guild

TUESDAY, JULY 14 –

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

6:45 PM - Mary Kowalski

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 –

ST. BONAVENTURE

8:15 AM - Eleanor Yencha

THURSDAY, JULY 16 –

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

FRIDAY, JULY 17 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Eleanor Durica

SATURDAY, JULY 18 –

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

8:15 AM - Catherine Palcisko
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 19 –

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

*11:00 AM - Joann Teska

*Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, July 16

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Coaches/Parents Meeting - Utopia Hall

Saturday, July 18

Utopia Rental

2:30 PM - 6:30 PM Car Wash - Teacher’s Parking Lot

4:00 PM Car Blessing - Teacher’s Parking Lot

Sunday, July 19

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Car Wash - Teacher’s Parking Lot

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SISTER JANE’S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Please join us this Sunday, June 12th after the 11am Mass for Sister Jane’s retirement reception. Stop by to wish Sister well and thank her for all that she has done for St. Thomas More!

CHANGE OF VENUE Due to the warm temperatures, the reception will be held in Utopia Hall instead of the gym.

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 7/12/26

Processional: #432 Canticle of the Sun
Offertory: #344 Seed Scattered and Sown
Communion: #686 Parable
Closing: #585 Sing to the Mountains

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

We are looking for parish school of religion teachers. Our classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. There is a curriculum book that we use as well prepared resources. Please think about being part of our program and sharing your faith with our students to know and love God and our Catholic faith.

If you are interested please email me at psr@stmparish.net.

Thank you and God bless, Terri Sozio Faith Formation Director

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Collection for July 5th \$3,986.10, Maintenance \$1,531.00, Student’s Weekly Offering (4 Envelopes) \$32.00

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.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! We have come to Pope John Paul II's friend and successor: Pope Benedict XVI. His pontificate marked my time in the seminary and early priesthood and for that I am very grateful. When Joseph Ratzinger stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in April 2005 as Pope Benedict XVI, I was still an undergraduate student at Notre Dame. I can still remember the bells of the basilica ringing out and realizing, "We have a pope!" Cheers went up among the students when his face came on tv. Many of us were excited that one so close to John Paul II would be our spiritual father.

As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger he had spent nearly a quarter century as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In that post he earned a reputation as a brilliant but reserved scholar. What emerged was a pontificate defined less by dramatic gestures than by patient teaching, and by a genuine desire to help the Church understand herself rightly.

Benedict is perhaps best remembered for insisting that the Second Vatican Council be read through what he called a "hermeneutic of continuity" rather than a "hermeneutic of rupture." He worried that many had come to see the Council as a break with everything that came before it, as though the Church had started over in 1965. Benedict argued instead that Vatican II should be understood as a development within the Church's living Tradition, not a departure from it. This idea became one of the defining themes of his papacy and continues to shape how Catholics read the Council's documents today.

His three encyclicals, on love, hope, and charity, were written in an accessible style that invited ordinary readers into serious theological reflection. *Deus Caritas Est* opened with a meditation on the nature of love itself, both human and divine, before turning to the Church's charitable mission. *Spe Salvi* explored Christian hope in a world often tempted toward despair. *Caritas in Veritate* applied Catholic social teaching to a global economy still reeling from financial crisis.

Benedict also worked to address the sexual abuse crisis more directly than his predecessor had, meeting with victims and tightening Church procedures, even as many felt more remained to be done. He traveled widely, visited synagogues and mosques, and continued the ecumenical work of building bridges with other Christians.

Perhaps most striking was his final act as pope. In February 2013, citing his diminishing strength of mind and body, Benedict became the first pope in six hundred years to resign the papacy rather than serve until death. It was a humble and historic decision, one that reshaped expectations about the papacy itself. He spent his remaining years in quiet prayer at the Vatican, taking the title Pope Emeritus, until his death in December 2022.

Benedict's legacy is that of a teacher who trusted that clear thinking and patient faith could still speak to a confused age. Pope Benedict, like his predecessor, wanted the Church to embrace her heritage while facing the future with hope and courage. What lasts is of God; what falls away is of man.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John



TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Madelyn Koranda.

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. There are still many weeks available.

SAINT QUOTE

"We must beg the Holy Spirit, with ardent longing, to give us these fruits. The Holy Spirit alone, knows how to bring to light, the sweetness hidden away under the rugged exterior of the words of the Law. We must go to the Holy Spirit for interior guidance."

St. Bonaventure (1221-1274),

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: July 15
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Juliet, Cathy Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bonus, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Barb Davis, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon & Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, Bobby Hengoed, Eddie Hengoed, Jr., Laura Hengoed, Pat H., Barbara Hughes, Francine Kawentel, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Margie & Family, Brother Bobby McFadden, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Angel N., Niko, Sue Oldag, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Betty (Grunkowski) Popow, Glenna Price, Vinny Rini, Mary Schneider, Frances Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Kathy Yomack, Auggie Zalar, 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
Joann Brinza, Robert Giachetti,
Rev. Dennis O'Grady, Ronald Jenkins, Jr.,
Janet Cuffari, and Rev. Robert J. Kropac.
God grant them eternal rest.

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 \$110.00. Forms are available at the rectory.

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 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 18/19

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Nick Louloudis Steve Cottos Jill Parks David Marks	Sheryl Finohr Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Mary Lou LoBue Chris Koch Nathan Noga Jennifer Mladineo	Mike Sommers Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Cruz Colón Gypsi Hamm	Fr. Don Snyder



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 (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!

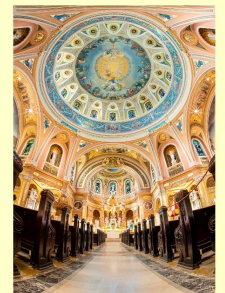


Barons Luxurious Motor Coach

SAVE THE DATE!

*Please Join Fr. Sean Ralph
On An Unforgettable Marian Pilgrimage!*

**Thursday, October 1
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.**



OUR LADY of VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

(Lackawanna, NY)

Only \$67.50 per person!

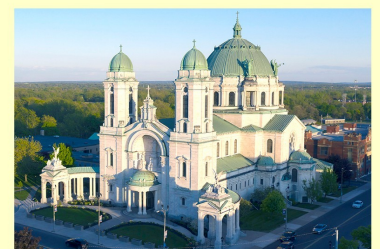
(Includes Pasta Dinner at Ilio DiPaolo’s Italian Restaurant)

Pilgrimage Includes...

- Guided Tour of Basilica & Shrine
- Venerable Fr. Nelson Baker Museum
- Gift Shop

Registration Opens Sunday, Sept. 6

Questions? Please contact Brian Pelcin in Parish Office.





SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES. SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!

Partner with St. Thomas More Athletics and make an impact in our community!

The St. Thomas More Athletic Association is looking for partners like you!

Your sponsorship helps us improve our athletic programs, upgrade equipment and facilities, and provide our student-athletes with the best possible experience. In return, your business will receive excellent visibility all year long.



THOUSANDS OF VIEWERS
Seen by families, fans, and community members at games, practices, and events.

YEAR-ROUND EXPOSURE
Banners displayed in our gymnasium and visible at all school and parish events.

RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION
Your business will be featured on printed materials, programs, and promotional items.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

\$400
2' x 4' Banner



\$600
3' x 6' Banner



YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FUND:

- ✓ Upgraded equipment and uniforms
- ✓ Facility improvements
- ✓ Program development
- ✓ A positive experience for our student-athletes

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES AND OUR COMMUNITY!

TOGETHER, WE BUILD CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE COURT.

INTERESTED?
Contact Michael Fahey
St. Thomas More Athletic Director
216-218-1164
athleticdirector@stmparish.net

Thank You!
May God continue to bless you, your business, and your family.

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PEN PALS NEEDED!

Being busy and exhausted is not new. St. Paul told the Galatians to not become weary in doing good. Do you have an hour a month for our "serve from home" ministry? Many inmates are lonely and abandoned by friends and family.

As a pen pal you write anonymously using a pen name and the parish address as your return address.

To learn more about this ministry and discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you, contact George Scherma at (440)465-8944 or gws263@yahoo.com

THE FEST

The countdown to The FEST is on! Now is the perfect time to invite your family and friends, and also secure your tickets. Join thousands throughout Northeast Ohio on Saturday, August 15, at ForeFront Field in Avon for a day of faith, family, and fun. Admission is just \$10 a ticket. There is plenty of FREE parking available. Visit www.TheFEST.us for tickets and complete event details.

SAINT THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS BOOSTERS GROUP PRESENTS

CAR WASH & DONUT SALE



SUPPORTING OUR WOLVERINE ATHLETES

WHEN:
Saturday, July 18, 2026
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 19, 2026
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday @ 4:30 p.m.
Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WHERE:
St. Thomas More School Parking Lot

DONATION:
Car Wash – Free will donations
Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Donuts - \$10/dozen
Donuts will also be for sale at church doors after all scheduled Masses.



Unable to make it but still want to support St. Thomas More Athletics. Scan this to Donate via Venmo. Code 1164. Please include your name so we can thank you personally.





ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE
SAINT THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS PROGRAM



STOP BY AFTER MASS TO SUPPORT OUR
Athletes!

Fr. John will perform
VEHICLE BLESSINGS
Saturday July 18th at 4 p.m. and
Sunday July 19th at 8 a.m.
in honor of St. Christopher who is the patron saint of travelers.



ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

WHEELING CASINO - Wednesday, August 5
\$50/person
Bonus: 2,500 points towards free food/free play up to \$25
Deadline: Thursday, July 16

PRESQUE ISLE CASINO, ERIE, PA -
Monday, August 31
\$45/person
Deadline: Thursday, August 10

AMISH COUNTRY - Tuesday, September 22
\$80/person (lunch included)
Stops include: Hershberger's Farm and Bakery, Ashery Country, Berlin Farmstead (lunch), Main Street Fudge & Popcorn, Kauffman's, Heini's Cheese and Hillcrest Orchard
Deadline: Tuesday, September 1

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