

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



SATURDAY, JULY 18 –

VIGIL

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

MONDAY, JULY 20 –

ST. APOLLINARIS

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the
Bonus & Zindroski Families

TUESDAY, JULY 21 –

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

6:45 PM - Joan Kremser

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 –

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

8:15 AM - Wransky Family

THURSDAY, JULY 23 –

ST. BRIDGET

FRIDAY, JULY 24 –

ST. SHARBEL MAKLUF

8:15 AM - Raymond & Mary Jane Lisowski

SATURDAY, JULY 25 –

ST. JAMES

8:15 AM - July Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Janet Cuffari

SUNDAY, JULY 26 –

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Rev. James J. Vesely

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 12th \$3,340.10

Maintenance \$670.00

Student's Weekly Offering (2 Envelopes) \$10.00

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 or

<http://giving.parishsoft.com/dl/?uid=FD-684>.

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

CLPI

Monday, July 20

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Tuesday, July 21

Friends Supporting Friends (outside venue)

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Wednesday, July 22

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Thursday, July 23

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Friday, July 24

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Saturday, July 25

Utopia Rental

Sunday, July 26

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

THANK YOU!

A great big thanks to all the parishioners who came out to wish Sr. Jane well on her retirement. Thank you to all who helped set up and clean up!

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 7/19/26

Processional: #213 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: #663 Loving and Forgiving

Communion: #331 One Love Released

Closing: #459 Companions on the Journey

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. Our next planned get-together is on Tuesday, July 21st. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! We are nearing the end of our series about Church history. Today we look at Pope Francis and his pontificate and how he endeavored to reach out to the marginalized.

When Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope in March 2013, taking the name Francis, he became the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas, and the first to choose that name. From his very first appearance on the loggia, simply asking the crowd to pray for him before he blessed them, he signaled a papacy that would emphasize humility and closeness over pomp and hierarchy.

Francis often described the Church as a "field hospital after battle," a place meant to treat wounds and warm hearts rather than to stand in judgment from a safe distance. That image shaped much of his ministry. He chose to live in the simpler Domus Sanctae Marthae rather than the Apostolic Palace, made a point of washing the feet of prisoners and refugees on Holy Thursday, and repeatedly urged priests to smell like their sheep.

His encyclical *Laudato Si'* placed care for creation at the center of Catholic social teaching, framing environmental degradation and poverty as deeply connected crises that call for an integral ecology. *Fratelli Tutti* followed with a call to human fraternity across national and religious lines. Both documents reflected his conviction that the Gospel has something urgent to say about the wounds of the modern world.

Francis convened the Synod on Synodality, a multi-year, worldwide process inviting bishops, clergy, religious, and laypeople into sustained conversation about how the Church listens and makes decisions together. Supporters saw it as a long-overdue widening of consultation; critics worried that the process would achieve little at the cost of much effort. Either way, it became one of the defining projects of his pontificate.

He also reached out consistently to those on the margins, from migrants at Lampedusa to the poor of Latin America to those who felt estranged from the Church for various reasons. His famous line, "Who am I to judge," spoken in an offhand remark to reporters, became widely quoted, and widely debated, as a shorthand for his broader pastoral instinct to lead with mercy.

Not every observer agreed with every emphasis of his papacy, and Francis himself acknowledged that reform within a two-thousand-year-old institution is slow, uneven work. He leaves behind a Church that has been pushed to ask afresh who sits at the margins and how the Gospel calls us to meet them there. We will see in the years ahead what parts of his pontificate bear lasting fruit and which came only from his unique style.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Terri Sozio.

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

"Let a man fear, above all, me, his God, and so much the gentler will he become toward my creatures and animals, on whom, on account of me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion."

St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373),
Visionary, Foundress, Feast Day: July 23
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

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led by the bishops and priests of the
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland,
delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes,
"My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer,
sharing information about each specific day,
encouraging you to enter into
a deeper relationship with God.

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*Let's all
come together
in prayer!*



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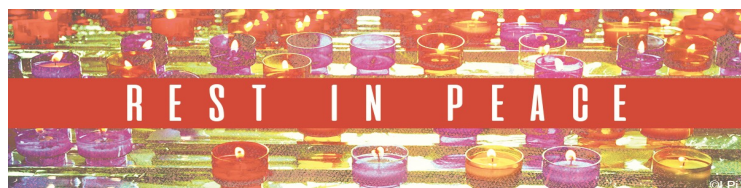


PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Cathy Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bonus, Robert Bonus, Jr., Aviana Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Barb Davis, Rosie DeJesus, 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 Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Laura Hengood, Pat H., Barbara Hughes, Francine Kawentel, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Ed Kremser, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Margie & Family, Brother Bobby McFadden, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Josalynn Murray, 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.**

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.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
Rev. Dennis O'Grady, Ronald Jenkins, Jr.,
Janet Cuffari, Rev. Robert J. Kropac, Shirley Sovizral,
and Richard Hamilton.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY: PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 1 pm**. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps of burial pre-planning, types of burials (including cremation), and the Rite of Christian Burial. This event will be held at the Holy Cross Cemetery office. Please RSVP to **(216) 641-7575 ext. 3** or to Brian Strauchon at bstrauchon@clecem.org. Visit clecem.org for more information.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 25/26

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr David Marks	Al Margevicius Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Vern Recker Nathan Noga	Mary Lou LoBue Jennifer Mladineo	Chase Gerlach Henry Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Danny Coughlin Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider



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

PSR REGISTRATION - Registration forms for the 2026-2027 school year are available on our website. Please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net with any questions.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2027

Confirmation - If your child will be in the 8th grade for the 2026-2027 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please email psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

MARY'S GARDEN

As many noticed last week, the flower garden near the handicapped lot has gone through a transformation. It looks wonderful! Vicky and Michel Howe started caring for the garden last year, but Michel passed away a few months ago. Over the last few weeks Vicky and her family, along with our maintenance team, worked hard to create a beautiful place to pray and remember. We are very grateful to their contribution to the parish and know many will enjoy it. May Michel and all the faithful departed rest in peace.



TASTE OF ST. CASIMIR POLISH FESTIVAL

Cleveland's favorite Polish food extravaganza kicks-off on Saturday, July 25th from 2-10pm and continues Sunday, July 26th from 12:30-7pm. Ample a-la-carte menu features a wide variety of Polish favorites, live music, Polish Beer Garden, church tours, raffles, full bar, and plenty for your sweet tooth! Credit and debit cards accepted. For more information, call 216-341-9091 or follow our updates on Facebook @CasimirCleveland. SEE YOU THERE! (St. Casimir, 8223 Sowinski Avenue, Cleveland, 44103)

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: Hersher'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.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
**ST. THOMAS MORE
SUMMER
FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH | 12:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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**FREE ADMISSION
TO THE
CHURCH GROUNDS!**

RAFFLE

\$5 Donation Per Ticket

1st Prize Winner: \$10,000*

2nd Prize Winner: \$1,000*

3rd Prize Winner: \$500

Seller of 1st Prize: \$1,000*

**Before Taxes*

Drawing at 7:00 PM - Winner need not be present

*Tickets available onsite, at the rectory,
or online at stmparish.net.*

**ENJOY FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP,
AND FUN!**

**MUSIC,
GAMES,
AND MORE!**



**2026 ST. THOMAS MORE
SUMMER FESTIVAL**

RAFFLE TICKETS -

We are not putting family tickets in envelopes this year. Instead, tickets are available at all church entrances, at the rectory or online. 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.

DONATIONS -

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).

VOLUNTEERS -

It takes a lot of volunteers to run a festival! Please visit our parish website (stmparish.net) and under Events, click on St. Thomas More Festival 2026. There you will find a link that will take you to a very detailed page explaining all the different options for volunteering (promotional, signage & advertising, set-up & take-down, food & beverage, games & family fun, event grounds maintenance). Or you can call the rectory to sign up to help.

SET UP -

If you are able and interested in helping set up and take down for the festival, please call the rectory. Set up will begin the week of August 24th. Dates and times will be determined once we get closer to that week.

TAKE DOWN -

The rectory will be closed on Monday, August 31st to get everything cleaned up and put away from the festival.

School starts on Tuesday, September 1st, so everything needs to be completely done and put away on Monday, August 31st.