

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 25 – VIGIL

*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

MONDAY, JULY 27 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - John Malames

TUESDAY, JULY 28 – WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Beverly & Ted Madzia

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 – SS. MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

FRIDAY, JULY 31 – ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

8:15 AM - Robert & Loretta Marks

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 – ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

8:15 AM - Katie Sutkoway

*4:30 PM - Richard Hamilton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Rose Marie DeJesus

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 19th	\$2,273.00
Maintenance	\$335.00
Student's Weekly Offering (4 Envelopes)	\$37.00
ParishSoft from 6/1 - 6/30	\$8,051.83
ParishSoft Maintenance	\$1,537.00
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

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Monday, July 27

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

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

Tuesday, July 28

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

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

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

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

Wednesday, July 29

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

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Camp - Gym

Thursday, July 30

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Camp - Gym

Friday, July 31

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

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Camp - Gym

Saturday, August 1

Utopia Rental

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, August 2

Rosary before Masses

12:00 PM Playground Ribbon Cutting - Field

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 7/26/26

Processional: #708 Come Now, Almighty King

Offertory: #518 All is Well, With My Soul

Communion: #348 God's Holy Gifts

Closing: #722 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King



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GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren. Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace. We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPI

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. We are taking a brief pause from our articles on the history of the Church to go over some good news.

First, on behalf of my family, I want to express our sincere gratitude for the many prayers offered for my Mom. As of her last scan she is cancer free! Even though her chemotherapy treatments are done, she will likely need a few months to regain her strength and stamina. Nevertheless, we are very grateful for the prayers and kind words offered. God bless you!

Second, next weekend we are celebrating the dedication and blessing of our new playground! I want to thank our staff for their contributions to this project especially our principal, Ms. Cosgriff for her fundraising acumen. Because our school secured grants and a special donation, we were able to move forward with this project. I know that a number of people have wondered how this got done before the roof. Our initial timeline actually had the roof being done first, but the continued closure of the Strait of Hormuz delayed the roof's start a great deal.

Third, speaking of the roof, we have a start date: August 13th! The weekend before the roofers begin, we will have announcements and a whole article going over what is happening. To simplify matters too much, part of the parking lot will be closed and weekday Mass will have to have to happen elsewhere. Our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, however, should happen in the church without issue.

Fourth, our parish has begun our participation in the Called to Flourish: Our Church for the Future Campaign. This campaign is a diocesan wide effort meant to strengthen especially our parishes, our evangelization, our worship, and our outreach in the Diocese of Cleveland. In the coming months, you will hear more about the goals of the campaign and what it means for our parish.

Our goal at St. Thomas More is to raise \$540,000, of which the parish will keep 50%. Any amount raised above the goal, the parish share increases to 80%. You may receive an invitation through the mail, by email, or by a phone call. When that invitation comes, I encourage you to respond and take part with an open and prayerful heart. Your presence and your participation matter.

We also need volunteers. The success of this campaign will depend on parishioners willing to share their time, talents, and love for our parish with others. If you feel called to help, please contact the parish office to learn more.

Most importantly, I ask for your prayers. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all of us during this journey and that Called to Flourish will bear abundant fruit in our parish, throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, and in the lives of all those we serve.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Tina Westfall.

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity."

St. Peter Chrysologus (400-450),

Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: July 30

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, July 28th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive at 2pm to get the food packed and ready!

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, July 30th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering. Men and women 60 years old and over are welcome. No fees or dues to join. Hope to see you then!

ROSARY

Members of the parish will lead us in the rosary 1/2 hour before all Masses on August 1st & 2nd. Please come early and join us!

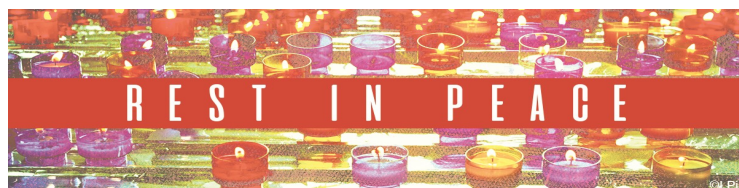


PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Cathy Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bonus, Robert Bonus, Jr., Aviana Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Barb Davis, Cristino 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, John Hearn, 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, Rev. Joseph McNulty, 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, Paula Ritter, 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
Shirley Sovizral, Richard Hamilton, and Rosie DeJesus.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 1/2

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Abbey Eichenmiller Sheryl Finohr	Al Margevicius Wendy Huynh	Blake Liebert Noah Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Jennifer Mladineo	Rob Cepek Jessica Noga	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Chase Gerlach Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider

You're Invited!

PLAYGROUND

Ribbon Cutting & Blessing

Please join us as we celebrate the completion of our new playground with a special ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a blessing.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, our students now have a wonderful space to play, learn, and grow in Body, Mind, and Spirit.

A NEW PLACE
TO PLAY,
TO LEARN,
AND TO GROW
in Faith!





SUNDAY,
AUGUST 2, 2026
FOLLOWING THE 11:00 MASS



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND
4180 NORTH AMBER DRIVE
BROOKLYN, OHIO



**ST. THOMAS MORE
SCHOOL**
Faith • Academics • Service

Come celebrate this exciting addition to our school and parish community!



May this playground be a place of joy, friendship, and countless blessings for years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS!

History Has Been Made! The city of Brooklyn is honored to announce Cindy Eschweiler as the first female Chief of Police!

Chief Eschweiler embodies the very best of public service in law enforcement. She demonstrates compassion for others, exhibits strength in difficult moments, and displays a genuine commitment to making the city a safer place for everyone.

(City of Brooklyn Facebook page)

Congratulations on your well-deserved appointment as Chief of Police. You are a great role model for your continued dedication to the community of Brooklyn and St. Thomas More Parish.



2026 ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL

RAFFLE TICKETS -

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 (baptistry room - Gathering Room).

DESSERT WHEEL - New this year will be a Dessert Wheel. Please call the rectory if you are able to donate any type of dessert.

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, sign-age & 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.**

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar
August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass
2 Rosary before Masses Playground Ribbon Cutting after the 11am Mass 	3 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	4 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	5 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	6 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	7 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	8 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
9	10 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	11 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	12 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	13 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	14 Utopia Rental Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (not a holyday of obligation) Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 
16 	17 Diocesan Meeting 8am-3pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	18 Friends Supporting Friends Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	19 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	20 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	21 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	22 Missionary Weekend Brooklyn Home Days at Brooklyn Hurricanes Stadium 11am Kickoff Parade Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
23 Missionary Weekend Brooklyn Home Days at Brooklyn Hurricanes Stadium 11am-7pm	24 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	25 Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm St. Elias Food Pantry: 2pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	26 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	27 60+ Club 1pm Athletics: Culvers Share Night 4-8pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	28 FESTIVAL SET UP Football Practices 4-9pm	29 FESTIVAL SET UP Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
30 11am Back to School Mass & Backpack Blessing 12-1:30pm Open House & Drop-off Supplies ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL 12-7PM 	31 RECTORY CLOSED - FESTIVAL CLEAN UP Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm					