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
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 4 –
VIGIL
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
MONDAY, JULY 6 –
ST. MARIA GORETTI
8:15 AM - The Mooney Family
TUESDAY, JULY 7 –
WEEKDAY
6:45 PM - Richard Koranda
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Memorial Garden
THURSDAY, JULY 9 –
ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS
FRIDAY, JULY 10 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)
SATURDAY, JULY 11 –
ST. BENEDICT
8:15 AM - O'Connor & Horvath Families
*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
*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for June 28th ……. $4,186.00
Maintenance …….. $847.00
Student's Weekly Offering (16 Envelopes) …… $57.00

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.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Wednesday, July 8
12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine at Incarnate Word
Thursday, July 9
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Athletic Booster Meeting - Utopia Hall
Saturday, July 11
Utopia Rental
Sunday, July 12
12:00 PM Sr. Jane's Retirement Reception - 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.

60+ CLUB

The 60+ Club will be meeting Wednesday, July 8th (the second Wednesday of every month) at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130).

SATURDAY'S HYMNS 7/4/26 - 9AM MASS ONLY

Processional: #218 We Gather Together
Offertory: #632 For the Healing of the Nations
Communion: #633 This Is My Song
Closing: #480 Let There Be Peace On Earth

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 7/5/26

Processional: #464 Christ Be Our Light
Offertory: #337 Taste and See
Communion: #538 Come To Me
Closing: #635 America the Beautiful

Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **June** – Antonino Casola, Ronald & Mona Grendzinski, Sr., Alexander, Alia, & Aurora Previts, and Connor Richie. Welcome to you!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2026

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we take a closer look at perhaps the most charismatic pope in modern times: John Paul II. In remembering his holy life, we ought to be inspired to go more deeply into our Faith and out into the world.

When Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope on October 16, 1978, the Church and world faced profound challenges. Communism dominated Eastern Europe, including his native Poland. Secularization was accelerating across the West. The Church herself was fractured by disagreements over Vatican II's implementation. For twenty-six years, Pope John Paul II proclaimed a message that would transform the Church and reshape global history: "Be not afraid."

John Paul II's most visible legacy may be his role in communism's collapse. By encouraging Polish workers through the Solidarity movement, by affirming human dignity against totalitarian ideology, and by returning to his homeland repeatedly, he inspired millions behind the Iron Curtain. When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, few doubted that the Pope's witness had contributed significantly to that historic moment. More broadly, he demonstrated that the Church possessed moral authority to challenge even the most powerful regimes.

Yet John Paul II was far more than a Cold War figure. He traveled to 129 countries—more than all previous popes combined—making the Church truly global. He established World Youth Day, recognizing that young people were not the Church's future but her present. He canonized more saints (482) than any pope in history, emphasizing that holiness was available to all people in all circumstances. He apologized for the Church's complicity in past evils, seeking reconciliation with persecuted peoples and other faiths.

Central to his theology was the conviction that human dignity was sacred and inviolable. He opposed abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, and unjust war. He called for economic systems that served human flourishing rather than exploiting workers. He spoke prophetically about environmental stewardship. These positions often put him at odds with both progressive and traditionalist factions within Catholicism, yet he remained unmoved, insisting that fidelity to Christ transcended political categories.

His later years brought profound suffering. Parkinson's disease gradually robbed him of mobility and speech. Yet he refused to hide, continuing to appear publicly, his trembling hands and slurred words becoming a powerful witness to the value of human life even in diminishment. His visible suffering taught more than his words could express: that life remains sacred always, that weakness is not shameful, that Christ's resurrection redeems all suffering.

When John Paul II died in 2005, millions mourned. When he was canonized in 2014, the Church recognized officially what many already believed: that this man's life was indeed a witness to holiness. His pontificate demonstrated that faith, courage, and fidelity to Christ's message could still transform the world. Like Pope Saint John Paul II, let us take courage in Christ and clearly proclaim God's mercy to all.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

As Sister Jane Reisinger enters well-deserved retirement, I want to express my gratitude for her devoted years of service among us. Sister Jane has been a blessing to us all and her work has helped the parish greatly. Whether in direct ministry or behind-the-scenes service, she has consistently placed Christ's love at the center of all she does. Her gentle spirit, pastoral sensitivity, and genuine concern for parishioners have made her not merely a colleague but a cherished member of our faith family. We have been enriched by her wisdom, her prayers, and her faithful example of religious life lived authentically. Sister Jane has shown us what it means to say "yes" to God's call and to spend one's life in service to others. As Sister Jane moves into this new chapter, we wish her abundant blessings, restful days, and the joy of knowing how deeply she has been appreciated. May God shower her with peace and the gratitude she so richly deserves.

Thank you, Sister Jane, for everything.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
The Carson Family.

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.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For Respect For Human Life - Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Cathy Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bonus, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barb Davis, Diana & Greg Downes, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Monica Gribb, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, Barbara Hughes, Francine Kawentel, Betty Konopka, , Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Brother Bobby McFadden, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Angel N., Fr. Dennis O'Grady, Sue Oldag, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Mary Schneider, Frances Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Jennifer Stancato, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Auggie Zalar, Evie Zalar, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

SAINT QUOTE

"Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Benedict of Nursia (480-547),
Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day: July 11
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Georgianna Ketola, Francismary Changeri, Joann Teska, Thomas Rapsik, Joann Brinza, and Robert Giachetti.
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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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 11/12

MASS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Abbey Eichenmiller Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr Nick Louloudis	Al Margevicius Tim Lozar	Emma Wright Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jaclene Zauszniewski Heather Roberts Jennifer Mladineo	Jessica Noga Mary Lou LoBue	Holly Roberts Parker Redloske	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Bernie Barker	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Cruz Colón Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider

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THANKFUL CORNER

The Sisters of Notre Dame are members of an international congregation that began in Coesfield, 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 an din the Covington-Cincinnati area *(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.**

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.

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).

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**

WOLVERINES

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.