

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
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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15–

VIGIL

4:30 PM - Mother's Day Enrollment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 –

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Joann E. Brinza

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Janice Kuchar

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Stanley & Irene Wyderka

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 –

ST. JOHN EUDES

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 –

ST. BERNARD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 –

ST. PIUS X

8:15 AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 –

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM - Officer William J. Fores

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 –

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

*11:00 AM - Ronald A. Jenkins, Jr.

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, August 17

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Diocesan Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

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

Tuesday, August 18

Friends Supporting Friends

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

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

Wednesday, August 19

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

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Thursday, August 20

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Fall Sports Pictures

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

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Friday, August 21

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

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Saturday, August 22

Missionary Weekend

Festival T-Shirts sold after Mass

Sunday, August 23

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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, August 18th. 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

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 8/16/26

Processional: #573 Come, Christians Join to Sing

Offertory: #205 Immaculate Mary

Communion: #342 Behold the Lamb

Closing: #565 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 9th \$4,520.30

Maintenance \$835.00

Student's Weekly Offering (15 Envelopes) \$16.00

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.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! In this article we are starting a new series meant to explain the truths of the Faith in an accessible and clear manner. I have found that homilies are great for moral instruction and explaining the Scriptures, but they are not the right venue for more complicated - or even more basic - pieces of theology. Why? Because such instruction can easily become too dry. Whereas we can always reread a text, if we miss a point while listening we just stay confused. Hopefully, we can go over a lot of theology that we would otherwise never engage with.

Where should we start? St. Thomas Aquinas notes that all theology rests upon Sacred Scripture either directly or indirectly. Accordingly we are going to start with the Bible and its major themes. For a higher level approach to reading and praying with the Bible, see my articles on April 13, 2025; May 1, 2026; June 1, 2025; and June 8, 2025. I will have a link on the website collecting them together.

Those articles did not really go over the major themes in Scripture so we will start with those here. The first and most important theme is Creation. Although this theme is most clearly seen in the first chapters of Genesis, it is also present in almost every part of the Bible. After all, what God creates, He governs.

Let's take a closer look at the first chapter of Genesis and how Moses first presented creation. Creation is not a singular act but an ordered sequence of events in which God makes one thing so that another thing can be made. The sequence is so important that Moses used the metaphor of days to organize the particular acts of creation. These days must be understood metaphorically since a day requires a planet and a sun, which are not both present till the fourth day! Genesis 1 ends with the highest and most important creature, man, being created on the sixth day.

Then in Genesis 2 God does something rather bizarre: He takes a break. "On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation" (Gen 2:2-3). Did he get tired? No. Was he unhappy with what He had made? Certainly not, since He has declared everything good. The resting on the seventh day indicates a deeper and more profound completion tied to prayer. Stopping and being with God - the essence of the Sabbath - is an integral part of reality.

Moreover, God resting demonstrates that God did not need anything from the cosmos. Whereas pagan creation myths have their gods and goddesses fighting and getting into trouble with the heavens and earth, Genesis reveals that God created us and everything else for prayer. As good as creation is, however, it only imitates the greatness that is God Himself.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Joe & Dolores Hules.

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.**

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

PRESQUE ISLE CASINO, ERIE, PA -

Monday, August 31

\$45/person Deadline: Thursday, August 10

AMISH COUNTRY - Tuesday, September 22

\$80/person (lunch included)

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

SAINT QUOTE

"I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head and that you are a member of his body. He belongs to you as the head belongs to the body. All that is his is yours; breath, heart, body, soul and all his faculties. All of these you must use as if they belonged to you, so that in serving him you may give him praise, love and glory."

St. John Eudes (1601-1680),

Priest, Confessor, Feast Day: August 19

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

SHARING MARKET

There are baskets in the main vestibule that you can bring your extra vegetables from your garden to share with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a bag and feel free to help yourself.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Cathy Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bonus, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Daniel, Barb Davis, Cristino DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon & Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Laura Hengood, Pat H., Ed & Diane Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Esmeralda Jucutan, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Ed Kremser, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Joanne Loria, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, 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.



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

FAITH FORMATION

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.

OCIA - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called OCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

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 22/23

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr Nick Louloudis	Stephanie Liebert Mary Lou LoBue	Noah Nguyen Amy Vu	Missionary
9:00 AM	Jennifer Mladineo Nathan Noga Terri Sozio Jaclene Zauszniewski	Rob Cepek Jessica Noga	Cruz Colón Holly Roberts	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Linda Rafferty Carl Krist	Joanne Kalynchuk Patty Riegling	Chase Gerlach Ainsley French	Missionary

2026 ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL

We are 2 weeks away from our annual summer festival. There are still many opportunities to help with the day. If you are unable to help, please pray for a successful day!

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. Tickets will also be sold the day of the festival.

T-SHIRTS -

Festival T-Shirts are being sold after all Masses this weekend and next. They are \$15.

DONATIONS -

We are still accepting 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).

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, 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. There are also sign-up sheets at each church entrance.

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 down and put away on Monday, August 31st.**

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are changing the lives of children and their families. Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year more than 4,000 students received need-based tuition assistance. When you give to the *Faith & Values Appeal* to support tuition assistance for a Catholic school student, you are giving a gift that will live on in the lives of those served in our school. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools where faith makes a difference.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY

An inter-parish men's group will meet September 4th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Our speaker will be Rev. Fr. Anthony Donatelli, recently ordained to the priesthood. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, September 1st to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00.

WALK TO REMEMBER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Walk to Remember is an in-person event at seven Catholic Cemeteries Association locations on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 1pm-2pm. Participants may choose a half-mile reflective walk through the cemetery grounds or pray the Rosary inside the mausoleum or main office. Visit the Events page on our website, www.clecem.org, for locations and other CCA events. For questions, contact Suzi Richter at (216) 930-4866 or srichter@clecem.org.

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Thursday, August 27th, 2026



TIME:

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are asking for a minimum of 2 adult volunteers per hour to help make this event a success. Thank you for volunteering!



SPREAD THE WORD!

Tell your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers! The more support, the bigger the impact!

Questions? Contact us at athleticdirector@stmparish.net



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