

# 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](http://stmschool.com)



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 – VIGIL

\*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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 3 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Hules & Maslanka Families

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 – ST. JOHN VIANNEY

6:45 PM - Living & Deceased Members of the  
Jablonski & Hoff Families

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 – THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

8:15 AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 – SS. SIXTUS II & CAJETAN

8:15 AM - Casmer Nagorka

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 – ST. DOMINIC

8:15 AM - Joseph Roth

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - Jane & George Spellacy -  
50th Anniversary

\*11:00 AM - Robert Giachetti

\*Mass of Remembrance

# Financial Blessings

Collection for July 26th ..... \$3,615.00  
Maintenance ..... \$830.00  
Student's Weekly Offering (15 Envelopes) ..... \$99.00  
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](http://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, August 3

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

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

### Tuesday, August 4

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

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

### Wednesday, August 5

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

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

### Thursday, August 6

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

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

### Friday, August 7

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

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:psr@stmparish.net).

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! We have come to our penultimate article on Church history. We are, of course, looking at our current pontiff, Leo XIV, the first American pope!

After studying mathematics at Villanova and entering the Augustinian order, Robert Prevost was ordained a priest in 1982 and soon began missionary work in northern Peru. He would go on to lead the Augustinians worldwide as Prior General for two terms, then return to Peru as Bishop of Chiclayo, where he became a naturalized Peruvian citizen. Pope Francis later called him to Rome to lead the Dicastery for Bishops, the office responsible for helping select bishops throughout the world, before making him a cardinal in 2023. That path, from the American Midwest to the Peruvian missions to the Vatican's inner workings, gave him an unusually broad view of the global Church heading into the conclave that elected him.

I only knew one person who mentioned Cardinal Prevost during last year's Conclave - my brother Joe. In that off-hand comment, he mentioned all that would have to happen for Prevost to be the next pope. We laughed, but God would laugh harder: a week later our jaws dropped when he walked out of the loggia and gave his blessing.

In that first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Leo spoke of building a missionary Church, one open to welcoming everyone in charity and dialogue. That instinct toward bridge-building has marked his early months as pope. He has continued much of the pastoral emphasis of his predecessor, speaking out on behalf of migrants and workers and positioning himself firmly as an advocate for peace amid ongoing global conflicts.

Pope Leo has also made artificial intelligence a signature concern of his young papacy. His first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, offers moral guidance on AI's rapid growth and its effects on human dignity and labor, a subject he raised within days of his election and has returned to often since. In choosing the name Leo, he deliberately recalled Pope Leo XIII, whose landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the upheavals of the industrial revolution and the rights of workers. The choice signals that Leo XIV sees today's technological revolution as a similar hinge moment for Catholic social teaching.

Pope Leo XIV brings a distinctly missionary and multilingual sensibility to the papacy - being fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. His ability to communicate is matched by his wide outlook and calm demeanor. Although he may be the first - and possibly only pope - to cheer for the Chicago White Sox, he knows what it means to cherish one's roots while having to adapt to an entirely new way of life. Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo in his role as Vicar of Christ.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Barbara Bonus & 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.**

## SAINT QUOTE

*"Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun."*

St. John Vianney (1786-1859),

Priest, Patron of Parish Priests, Feast Day: August 4  
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St.

Thomas More during the month of **July** -

Robert, Danielle & Oliva Buck and

Alex & Halle Zamblauskas.

Welcome to you!

## SUNDAY'S HYMNS 8/2/26

**Processional:** #500 Come, Follow Me

**Offertory:** #592 Come to the Water

**Communion:** #355 I Am the Bread of Life

**Closing:** #580 All the Ends of the Earth

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark Thursday, August 27th on your calendar for St. Thomas More Athletics Culver's Share Night. More details to come...





### 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, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Ed Kremser, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, 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.**

### 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 for you. 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.



### IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers  
Rosie DeJesus, Rev. Mark J. Peyton,  
and Edmund J. Niziolek. God grant them eternal rest.

### 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 Evangelization In The City - Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

### 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](mailto:gws263@yahoo.com)

### 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)

Deadline: Tuesday, September 1

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

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 8/9

| <b>MASS</b> | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>                                         | <b>LECTORS</b>                     | <b>SERVERS</b>                   | <b>CELEBRANT</b>   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4:30 PM     | Mary Lou LoBue<br>Nick Louloudis<br>David Marks<br>Jill Parks         | Sheryl Finohr<br>Chet Omilanowski  | Amy Vu<br>Gypsi Hamm             | Fr. John Schneider |
| 9:00 AM     | Nathan Noga<br>Heather Roberts<br>Terri Sozio<br>Jaclene Zauszniewski | Jennifer Mladineo<br>Dolores Hules | Cruz Colón<br>Holly Roberts      | Fr. John Schneider |
| 11:00 AM    | Heather Miksch<br>Madelyn Koranda<br>Sue Poole<br>Carl Krist          | Joanne Kalynchuk<br>Patty Riegling | Danny Coughlin<br>Ainsley French | Fr. Don Snyder     |



**You're Invited!**  
**PLAYGROUND**  
*Ribbon Cutting & Blessing*

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

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.

 **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.*

## **BLESSED...AT THE FEST!!!**

Every year The FEST gives us a glimpse of the Kingdom of God as thousands from across our region come together, as one Church, for an inspiring day of prayer and worship, great music and songs, family fun....and great food and games!!!

Join us on Saturday, August 15 at ForeFront Field in Avon for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun. Come and hear the amazing music of Cain, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons. Join Bishop Malesic for Mass at 8 pm. Catholic composer and song leader, Steve Angrisano, will lead the music for the Mass. Afterwards, there's an incredible American Fireworks Display. National Catholic presenter, Joe Melendrez, will open The FEST and serve as one of the MC's for this incredible day.

It's truly a perfect family day – a little retreat day – with opportunity for Prayer and Adoration, faith based crafts and activities, along with lots of fun games and meaningful displays and vendors. There's something for everyone at The FEST. For a complete schedule of the day, and a listing of all the activities, go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). Tickets are \$10 per person. Plenty of FREE parking is available. The FEST....a glimpse of the Kingdom and a day of blessing for all. Please join us at The FEST.

## **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](http://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.**



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

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

**4170 N AMBER DR, BROOKLYN OH 44144**

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**FREE ADMISSION  
TO THE  
CHURCH GROUNDS!**

**RAFFLE**

**\$5 Donation Per Ticket**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: \$10,000\***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: \$1,000\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner: \$500**

**Seller of 1<sup>st</sup> 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!**

