

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, AUGUST 22 –

VIGIL

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 –

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 –

SS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ

6:45 PM - Rose & Stanley Morales

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Jan Woytek

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 –

ST. MONICA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 –

ST. AUGUSTINE

8:15 AM - Joe Palmer Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 –

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15 AM - August Birthdays

4:30 PM - Rev. Russell P. Lowe

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 –

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

*Mass of Remembrance

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, August 24

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

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

Tuesday, August 25

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

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, August 26

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

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

Thursday, August 27

1:00 PM 60+ Club

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Culvers Fundraiser

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

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

Friday, August 28

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

Festival Set Up - TIME TBD

Saturday, August 29

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Sunday, August 30

11:00 AM Back to School Mass -

Blessing of the Backpacks

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Open House - Drop off School

Supplies

12:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Thomas More Festival

Parish Festival

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome

Olivia Renee Buck, Skylar Seven Reeves and
Zoey Noy Reeves who were baptized on August 8th.

God bless you!

BACK TO SCHOOL MASS

Back to School Mass, Backpack Blessing:

Sunday, August 30th (11am Mass)

Open House - Join us after Mass from 12 - 1:30pm for
an Open House. Students can visit their classrooms,
meet their teachers and drop off their school supplies.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 8/23/26

Processional: #218 We Gather Together

Offertory: #323 Eat This Bread

Communion: #383 The Servant Song

Closing: #540 The Church's One Foundation

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 16th \$2,818.00

Maintenance \$857.00

Student's Weekly Offering (3 Envelopes) \$17.00

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! Last week we looked at the theme of Creation highlighting how God had created the world good. Today we look at how humanity makes the world and itself good in the image of God.

Whereas Genesis 1 presents the creation of mankind as the last thing God does as a sort of capstone to the cosmos, the second creation account has God create Adam very early on. In fact, Adam is the first living thing! Genesis 2:5 describes the earth as a barren waste devoid of life because no rain had fallen and only a little stream flowing in Eden. God creates Adam by blowing breath into the ground and then plants a garden for him. These acts are very important, and we will come back to them in a moment.

At this point we should be asking, "Wait a minute. What happened to the six days of creation?" The six days of creation and the day of rest belong to the first account of creation whereas Adam and Eve belong to the second. Nowadays we are inclined to see these two stories in opposition, but the Israelites did not. Throughout the Old Testament, and especially in Genesis, the same story is often given in two complimentary ways. Just as we were not supposed to think that God made the universe in 144 hours, we are not supposed to read the second account as if it were a documentary.

Instead, the literal meaning is the symbolic. In particular, God creates humankind as a way to link the material universe to Himself through man. The earth does not have the breadth of life - the Holy Spirit - but Adam does. Adam is the conduit through which God is going to bless the world with life and grace. Adam and the stream are being contrasted to show that more is needed than elements for life to be good or even to flourish. God is needed, and only Adam has a divine aspect.

Once Adam is around, God makes all sorts of creatures to be a companion to man. Animal life is subordinated to Adam not as a slave but as part of man's adopted family with Adam the head. This covenantal or family framing will appear a lot in the Bible. None of these "children" can be a spouse to Adam, and his heart is not satisfied. God casts Adam into a sleep, symbolizing death, and creates Eve from his side. Adam is made complete by losing part of himself, and Eve comes into being by sacrifice. The two immediately join their hearts together and find a new happiness in love!

This second account of creation is deeply interested in what makes humanity special: love and knowledge. These very capacities will soon be turned to corrupting our first parents, but that is our next article. May we remember that God has created our species to love all creation in imitation of God's love for us.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Laura Prince.

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.

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, August 27th at 1pm 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!

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting following our summer break, will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall. Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be served at 11:30. Fr. John Schneider will speak on Parish updates at noon. New members are always welcome!

SAINT QUOTE

"Whenever we cover our brother's sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother's guild, God will do the same with ours."

St. Poemen (340-450),

Monk, Feast Day: August 27

(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.

ST. ELIAS

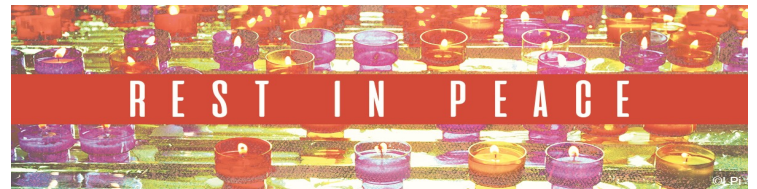
St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, August 25th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Cathy Baker, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, 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, Annette Gyory, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Eddie Hengoe, Jr., Laura Hengoe, 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 (Gruntkowski) Popow, Glenna Price, Vinny Rini, Bill & Paula Ritter, Mary Schneider, Frances Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Michael Sommers, 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.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Francis Schneider.
God grant him eternal rest.

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.

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

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 29/30

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue Nick Louloudis David Marks Jill Parks	Tim Lozar Al Margevicius	Noah Nguyen Emma Wright	Friar Johnpaul Cafiero
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Vern Recker Heather Roberts	Dolores Hules Mary Lou LoBue	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Madelyn Koranda Linda Kelber Joanne Uhl	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Gypsi Hamm Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider



SHARE NIGHT

Dine with us. Support our cause.

Join us for a delicious meal and help support our organization!

DATE:
Thursday, August 27th, 2026

TIME:
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

LOCATION:
Culver's of Brooklyn
5080 Tiedeman Road
Brooklyn, OH 44144



A PORTION OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO

St. Thomas More Athletics



THE MORE YOU SHARE, the more we can GIVE!

EVERY BITE GIVES BACK!

Your support helps us reach our goal!
Donation based on total sales:

- Sales of \$0 – \$4,499 or less – 10% will be donated
- Sales of \$4,500 – \$6,499 – 15% will be donated
- Sales over \$6,500 – 20% will be donated

Thank you for your support!

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

Follow us on Facebook for updates and reminders!

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Saint Joseph Academy honors the following alumni who made honors for the second semester - Jocelynn Ashwood, Gabriella Cisneros, Jaime Stutzman, and Lucy Thomas.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the annual Faith & Values Appeal.

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.

2026 ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL

We are 1 week 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. They are \$15.

DESSERT WHEEL & NOODLES & CABBAGE -

Please call the rectory if you are able to donate any type of dessert or noodles & cabbage.

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.**

FREE ADMISSION
TO THE
CHURCH GROUNDS!

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

ST. THOMAS MORE

**SUMMER
FESTIVAL**

ENJOY FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP,
AND FUN!

RAFFLE
\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH | 12:30 PM - 7:00 PM
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MUSIC,
GAMES,
AND MORE!