

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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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 –

VIGIL

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Jan Woytek

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Dave Meredith

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Robert Murray, Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 –

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 –

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

8:15 AM - Virginia "Ginny" Tilicky

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 –

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00 AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

*11:00 AM - Shirley Sovizral

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 23rd	\$3,355.00
Maintenance	\$628.00
Student's Weekly Offering (7 Envelopes)	\$39.00
ParishSoft from 7/1 - 7/31	\$7,405.33
ParishSoft Maintenance	\$1,397.00

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, August 31

RECTORY CLOSED

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

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

Tuesday, September 1 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Diocesan Meeting - Utopia Hall

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

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

6:00 PM Band Parent Meeting - Church

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Curriculum Night -

Church, School & Gym

Thursday, September 3

3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

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

Friday, September 4 NO SCHOOL

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

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

Saturday, September 5

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CYO Volleyball - Gym

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, September 6

Rosary before Masses

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym



Join us this Sunday, August 30th for our annual St. Thomas More Festival from 12:30-7pm.

ROSARY

Next weekend, September 5th & 6th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 8/30/26

Processional: #628 This Day God Gives Me

Offertory: #498 Only This I Want

Communion: #490 Psalm 42; As the Deer Longs

Closing: #640 Lead Me, Lord

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Last week we learned how God created humanity good; today we go over how things went bad. The account of the Fall in Genesis 3 warns us all that what is best in us can become the source of corruption.

Before we examine the actual first sins of Adam and Eve, let us note that they existed in preternatural bliss. Whereas "supernatural" always means a gift related to God, "preternatural" means a state of being above nature but not intrinsically divine. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve enjoyed not merely material creation without sin, but themselves in an elevated manner. Adam and Eve knew each other - and the world - without flaw. They never had to guess each other's mood or motive but had harmony in their thoughts, words, and deeds. Likewise, our first parents related to the world around them without fault.

Those relationships changed dramatically with the serpent and his temptation. Although we usually imagine the serpent as a small creature, we can equally translate the word to mean "worm," as in a gigantic dragon. What would be your reaction if a dragon came to your house, knocked on your door, and said "Can I come in and chat?"

Whether we imagine the Devil as a subtle snake or flying beast of doom, he did not belong in the Garden. Adam had a responsibility to eject this interloper but instead just watches things play out. Likewise, Eve could have told the serpent to leave at any point, but she listens to the sales pitch and mulls it over. By the time that she is eating the Fruit of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the Devil is gone and it is just her and Adam. When she offers Adam the fruit, he has another chance to stop the whole affair - a chance he misses.

Both Adam and Eve have fallen prey to pride but in different ways. Eve has sought a power that did not belong to her whereas Adam has relied on himself and not God. Neither prayed during their temptation nor did they ask whether what they were doing was good.

Having disobeyed God, Adam and Eve immediately lose their preternatural gifts and Original Justice, which is symbolized by their nakedness. Without those special graces our first parents are truly alone for the first time. The clothing that they make is a feeble attempt to regain control over themselves. Again, they could have gone to God at any point, but the Almighty had to go to them.

Next week we will go over the punishment and why death had to enter into the world. Human beings were made to live with God and all creation in love. Without grace we cannot. May we ardently desire that love of God more each day.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.

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.

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!

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."

Pope Gregory I (540-604),
Pope, Patron of Musicians Feast Day: September 3
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

THANKFUL CORNER

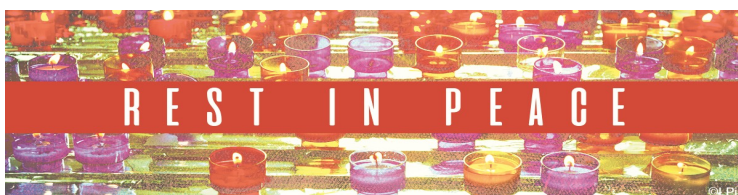
A great big thanks goes out to everyone who has helped keep the parish grounds looking so great this summer. Many projects have been completed thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We have many "behind the scenes helpers" who worked diligently this summer to get the school ready for the new year.



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 Jane McClure, 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, Bill & Paula Ritter, Mary Schneider, Frances Sekerak, Janet 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, Suzanne Zaranko, 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

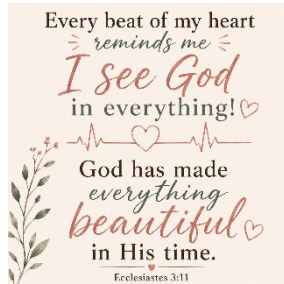
September 5/6

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Mary Lou LoBue Sheryl Finohr	Mary Lou LoBue Chet Omilanowski	Blake Liebert Amy Vu	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Jennifer Mladineo	Rob Cepek Jessica Noga	Holly Roberts Henry Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Madelyn Koranda Linda Kelber Joanne Uhl	Barbara Kish Tim Lozar	Chase Gerlach Geovana Fagher	Fr. Don Snyder

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, September 1, 2026, St. Thomas More School opened our doors for the 2026-2027 school year, welcoming 220 students!



Our theme for this year is ***“God Has Made Everything Beautiful in His Time!”*** This theme comes from Ecclesiastes 3:11, a verse found near the conclusion of the well-known passage that reminds us there is “a time for every purpose under heaven.” As we journey through each season of life, we trust that God is at work in His perfect timing, bringing beauty, growth, and purpose to all He has planned for us. To help bring this theme to life throughout the year, we will focus on the song *[Everything](#)* by TobyMac. Its message reminds us to recognize God's presence in every moment and every circumstance. As the lyrics proclaim, “Every beat of my heart reminds me, I see You in everything,” encouraging us to look for His goodness, grace, and love in all aspects of our lives.

We hope you will join the faculty, staff, and students in looking for God in everything, no matter what your circumstances are. Please know that the students and staff remember our parishioners in prayer every morning! Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Thomas More School.

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.

ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Fall sports are in full swing! Please visit our parish website (stmparish.net/athletics) for a complete listing schedule of fall games. You can also check out their Facebook page (St. Thomas More Wolverine Athletics) for more information.

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 25th for Athletics next fundraiser at Rookies Sports Bar.

Crazr Ticket Fundraiser - Tickets are \$20 and are available until October 9th. They are available at the rectory or email athleticdirector@stmparish.net.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

God of all knowledge, you knew us when we were still in our mother's womb. You know our comings and our goings. Grant us wisdom to act on the knowledge we have of you, and humility to admit when we do not know what to do.

Bless our minds with the knowledge of you and how you sent your Son into the world to show us the way to you. Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school. Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn. In addition, give us who are parents the ability to be the first teachers in the faith we have received from our parents. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother. Amen. ©LPi

Welcome back! School resumes on Tuesday, September 1st. Good luck to all of our students and teachers on the new school year!

Parking Lot - With school resuming this week, please be careful in the parking lot. We need to always be mindful of anyone walking across the lot whether it be during school time, an athletic or parish event. Slow down and watch out for others!

ST. THOMAS MORE PTU

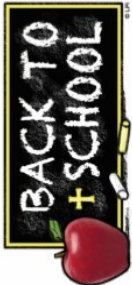
A big thank you from the PTU Committee to Carrabba's in Brooklyn for the fantastic lunch that welcomed our STM teachers back to school!

Kalahari Fundraiser - St. Thomas More School Family & Friends Night: Thursday, October 8 ~ \$149

Book online today! <https://book.passkey.com/e/51308953> (Book on or before September 6th)



St. Thomas More Parish Calendar September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Diocesan Meeting 4-5:30pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm 	2 Band Parent Meeting 6pm Curriculum Night 6:30-8pm Football Practices 4-9pm	3 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-9pm	4 NO SCHOOL Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-8pm	5 CYO Volleyball 9-11am Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass
6 Rosary before Masses CYO Volleyball 1-3pm	7 RECTORY CLOSED NO SCHOOL OR ATHLETICS MASS AT 9AM 	8 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	9 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-7pm PTU Meeting 5:30-8pm	10 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-9pm	11 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-8pm 	12 CYO Volleyball 9am-12pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
13 Grandparents Day CYO Volleyball 1-5pm 	14 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	15 Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Friends Supporting Friends Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	16 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-7pm	17 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-9pm	18 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-8pm	19 Utopia Rental CYO Volleyball 9am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 
20 CYO Volleyball 1-5pm Catechetical Sunday 	21 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	22 St. Elias Food Pantry: 2pm Distribution: 3:30-5:30pm Diocesan Meeting 4-5:30pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm PSR Mass 6:30-7:45pm 	23 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-7pm	24 60+ Club 1pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-9pm	25 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-8pm STM Athletics Fall Fundraiser @ Rookies 7-10pm	26 CYO Volleyball 9-11am Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
27 CYO Volleyball 1-5pm	28 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm	29 Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 5-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	30 Football Practices 4-9pm Volleyball Practices 3-7pm			