

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 –

VIGIL

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 –

ST. LAWRENCE

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 –

ST. CLARE

6:45 PM - Mike & Helen Yasko

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 –

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

8:15 AM - Mary Pirozek

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 –

SS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 –

ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

8:15 AM - Virginia "Ginny" Tilicky

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 –

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

8:15 AM - Kaduk & LoBue Families

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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 2nd \$3,779.85
Maintenance \$1,168.20
Student's Weekly Offering (15 Envelopes) \$30.00

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 10

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

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

Tuesday, August 11

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

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

Wednesday, August 12

12:00 PM 60+ Club - Queen of the Holy Rosary
Shrine at Incarnate Word

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

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

Thursday, August 13

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

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

Friday, August 14

Utopia Rental

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

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

Saturday, August 15

Utopia Rental

Festival T-Shirts sold after Mass

Sunday, August 16

Festival T-Shirts sold after Masses

60+ CLUB

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

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 8/9/26

Processional: #313 All People That On Earth Do
Dwell

Offertory: #448 You Are Near

Communion: #439 Be Not Afraid

Closing: #440 O God, Our Help In Ages Past

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THIS YEAR.**



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! A little over a year ago, we began reviewing the Church's history in these articles. I hope that everyone has learned a few fun facts and gained a better appreciation of all that has happened to the People of God. Today we are going to look at a few overarching themes to understand more clearly how God is working in our own times. Far from being the end of history, the 21st Century appears to be merely the end of one cycle and the start of another.

The Church began its life within the peace and stability of the Roman Empire. Even after the Fall of Rome in AD 476, the papacy and the patriarchs had to contend with multiple emperors. In Constantinople the Eastern Roman Empire continued till AD 1453 - a thousand more years of Roman rule. For a brief few decades, the West seemed to be on the verge of a single ruler with the rise of the Carolingian dynasty and its control of what would become France, Belgium, and Germany. Of course, the Holy Roman Empire would play a pivotal role guaranteeing the Church's safety while attempting to gain influence over individual bishops and even the papacy. In reviewing all these particular nations, we see that the Church has often experienced tremendous changes in politics and favor that she could only endure.

Remarkably, the Church has changed little in some areas but experienced great developments in others. From the late Roman Empire till today, bishops have wielded authority within the Church and influence without. Pastors have had parishes even when those communities were not much more than a few hundred people in a simple wooden structure. Whereas parochial life has not changed considerably except for the inclusion of schools, religious life has undergone immense growth. From hermits who lived in the wilderness to orders that could shape world events, religious life became a defining aspect of Catholicism. The impact of the Society of Jesus on European politics alone should show how much of an effect a single "yes" to God can have. In much smaller but more intimate ways, religious sisters and brothers have reshaped what the laity could expect from the Church and what the Church could do for the most needy in the world.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, over the last few centuries the Roman Catholic Church has brought the Gospel to every nationality and region of the world. Not only do we have missionaries preaching Christ Crucified in every major city, we have home grown priests and religious from every people. The United States is a great example of such a transition from foreign born priests and religious to young American men and women dedicating their lives to ministering to their own people.

We study history to see the patterns of human life as well as our human family's development. Invasions, foolish wars, and political intrigue have been and will be facets of our existence. So will be peaceful nights, baptisms, and the coming of age of the young. As God's family we are called to take all that is good about humanity and make it divine. May we be inspired by the Holy Spirit to make each day such a gift of God.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Bob Hreha.

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

"The great method of prayer is to have none. If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of God, that will suffice for all method."

St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641),

Patron of the forgotten, Feast Day: August 12

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

THE WAIT IS OVER - FEST 2026 IS ALMOST HERE!

Next Saturday, August 15, thousands of people from across our Diocese (and beyond!) will gather for one incredible day of faith, family and fun – The FEST. It's a day to celebrate and reflect on all the Blessings of God in our lives, homes and community. Join us at ForeFront Field in Avon, Ohio.

Bring your family. Invite your friends. Come celebrate your faith with thousands of others from across our region. It's the highlight of the summer – it's a perfect family day – it's The FEST. ForeFront Field is easy, convenient, safe and designed for events like The FEST. Tickets are \$10 per person (scholarships are available).

For tickets, and all the details to help you plan your day at The FEST, go to: visit www.TheFEST.us.

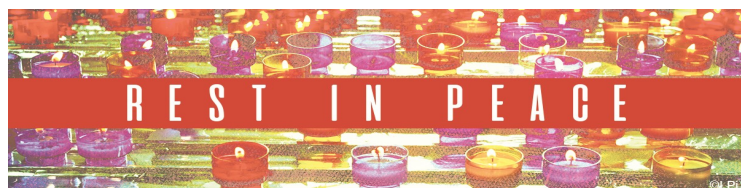


PRAYER REQUESTS

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 (Gruntkowski) 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.**

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



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Catholic schools make a profound impact on a child's life. You can help provide more opportunities for students to obtain a Catholic education. Next weekend, a special parish appeal, the **Faith and Values Appeal for Education**, will be held across the diocese to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes.

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)

Stops include: Hersher's Farm and Bakery, Ashery Country, Berlin Farmstead (lunch), Main Street Fudge & Popcorn, Kauffman's, Heini's Cheese and Hillcrest Orchard Deadline: Tuesday, September 1

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 15/16

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Abbey Eichenmiller Sheryl Finohr David Marks Jill Parks	Steve Cottos Blake Liebert	Amy Vu Gypsi Hamm	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Vern Recker	Jaclene Zauszniewski Michael Sommers	Noah Redloske Henry Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Linda Rafferty Patty Riegling Bernie Barker	Barbara Kish Tim Lozar	Chase Gerlach Geovana Fagher	Fr. Don Snyder

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) 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.**

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.

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SHARE NIGHT

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DATE:

Thursday, August 27th, 2026



TIME:

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM



LOCATION:

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

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WILL BE DONATED TO**

St. Thomas More
Athletics



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- 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



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