

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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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Edmund J. Niziolek

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Sr. Joan Walsh, SIW

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15 AM - Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

6:45 PM - Bob Bonus

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

8:15 AM - Delores Dickey

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – SS. ROBERT BELLARMINE & HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – ST. JANUARIUS

8:15 AM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

*4:30 PM - Joy Eschuk Savage

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Francis Schneider

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 6th	\$4,653.00
Maintenance	\$1,677.00
Student's Weekly Offering (30 Envelopes)	\$48.00
ParishSoft from 8/1 - 8/31	\$8,257.83
ParishSoft Maintenance	\$1,392.00
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, September 14

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

4:45 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Tuesday, September 15

11:30 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

Friends Supporting Friends - Outside Venue

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

5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Wednesday, September 16

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

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

Thursday, September 17

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

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

Friday, September 18

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

4:45 PM - 8:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym

Saturday, September 19

Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Sunday

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Athletics - Utopia Hall

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting following our summer break, will be this 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!

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, September 15th. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Please note that we will be singing the "Heritage Mass" parts listed in our Missals.

#871 - Holy, Holy

#872 - Acclamation

#875 - Amen

#876 - Lamb of God

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 9/13/2026

Processional: #543 All Are Welcome

Offertory: #460 In Christ There Is No East or West

Communion: #357 When We Eat This Bread

Closing: #632 For the Healing of the Nations

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! After the Fall, Adam and Eve did not idle - nor did the Lord. The stories of their children - Cain and Abel - reveal the centrality of worship to the beginnings of society.

The story of Cain and Abel seems simpler than it really is. Cain, the older brother, is a farmer whereas Abel is a shepherd. We can confer that they are adults with families because each is offering a sacrifice to the LORD, and that duty is naturally that of the father of a household. We do not learn why, but God prefers Abel's offering enraging Cain. Instead of emulating Abel, Cain decides to kill him so that his offering will be the best.

After burying Abel in a field, Cain is interrogated by God answering with his famous line, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain has explicitly rejected his brother's job - keeping sheep - and relied on his skill of farming in committing murder and trying to get away with it. God punishes Cain by removing him from the land that he loved - he must become a wanderer never truly being home. God marks Cain so that other people will not lay a hand on him. The careful reader should be asking, "Where did other people come from?"

The story of Cain does not end there. He knows his wife, has a son E'noch, and founds a city! In eight verses (Genesis 4:17-24) a whole civilization emerges that is vengeful but advanced in technology and industry. Adam and Eve have another son, Seth, from which will come Noah, the righteous man.

In showing the fall of Cain and the degradation of his descendants, Genesis is not criticizing civilization. It is a warning, however, that being more advanced in the arts is not advancement in morality. Most importantly these chapters are showing that right worship is needed for right living. Cain kills his own flesh and blood because he did not give his heart rightly to God. That one sin reverberates as his descendants grow further and further away from the LORD.

Although Genesis should not be read primarily for insights into how civilization started, it is interesting to see the themes preserved by it. Farmer versus rancher; city versus rural. Moreover, these early chapters are highlighting how changes in society are affected by and effect changes in morality. In our current time Artificial Intelligence is discussed often with respect to jobs and environmental impact. As Pope Leo has reminded us, however, it is how AI will change our virtues and vices that is most important.

Whenever we go to Communion, we offer God our hearts. Like Abel we must strive to give more and more of our souls to the LORD in thanksgiving. May we never tire of growing in His grace.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John



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Motor Coach

SAVE THE DATE!

*Please Join Fr. Sean Ralph
On An Unforgettable Marian Pilgrimage!*

**Thursday, October 1
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.**



OUR LADY of VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

(Lackawanna, NY)

Only \$67.50 per person!

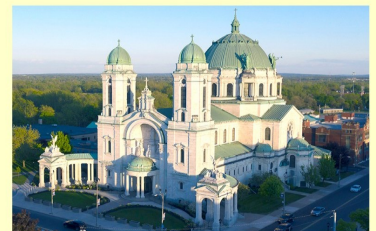
(Includes Pasta Dinner at Illo DiPaolo's Italian Restaurant)

Pilgrimage Includes...

- Guided Tour of Basilica & Shrine
- Venerable Fr. Nelson Baker Museum
- Gift Shop

Registration Opens Sunday, Sept. 6

Questions? Please contact Brian Pelcin in Parish Office.





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, Jane McClure, 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, Diana Parkison, Ronald Patten, Betty (Gruntkowski) 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, Juliana 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
Sr. Joan Walsh, SIW, Robert Kastak,
Rev. John R. Olsavsky, JCL, and Betty Konopka.
God grant them eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Cynthia Tedesco.

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"If you wish to leave wealth to your children, leave them in God's care. Do not leave them riches, but virtue and skill. For if they learn to expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways."

St. John Chrysostom (349-407),
Patron Saint of Speaking,
Feast Day: September 13

(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.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 19/20

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos Mary Lou LoBue Sheryl Finohr	Blake Liebert Al Margevicius	Amy Vu Noah Nguyen	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jennifer Mladineo Michael Sommers	Chase Gerlach Holly Roberts	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Kelber Bernie Barker	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Gypsi Hamm Geovana Fagher	Fr. Don Snyder

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 13, 2026**

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

We welcomed students back to school earlier this month. It was wonderful to see all of the smiling faces and meeting the new middle school sixth graders this year. We spent some time getting to know each other and going over expected behaviors and study skills to be successful this year. Topics we are covering in science include scientific inquiry and math in science. Then we will get into plate tectonics (grade 8), energy and ecosystems (grade 7), and rocks and minerals (grade 6). In math we took an i-Ready diagnostic test. This will give each student an individualized plan based on their unique learning needs. Students will be able to focus on specific skills, build confidence, and develop a deeper understanding of important concepts while continuing to grow at their own pace. Topics we are covering in the first units are transformations (grade 8), ratios/rates (grade 7), and geometry (grade 6).

Mrs. Stefanie Relic
Middle School Math/Science Teacher

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.

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

Winter Sports - It's time to sign up for Winter Sports. Sign up today:

<https://forms.gle/1KQfx8a7Net1ADTu9>.

Winter Sports Coaches - If you are interested in coaching, complete the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/5UBKv1aq93DG6Ueb8>

ST. THOMAS MORE PTU

Dine to Donate - Support St. Thomas More School on Wednesday, September 23rd from 4-8pm at Texas Roadhouse. The flyer will be in next week's bulletin.

WOMANKIND

Do you enjoy working with people? Womankind Prenatal & Maternal Care Center in Garfield Heights is seeking a volunteer receptionist to support our mission of caring for expectant mothers. In this vital role, you will greet visitors, answer phone calls, and assist with light administrative tasks in a warm, welcoming environment. The position is for Fridays from 10am-2pm. Questions? Please contact Tammy at tpryatel@womankind-cleveland.org.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MALESIC

Bishop Edward Malesic is frequently asked for his thoughts on the challenging immigration issues facing our country. He has prepared a summary of his reflections and included links to his previous individual and joint statements made with other bishops on this important issue.

The page is available here:

<https://dioceseofcleveland.org/immigrants> or use this QR code to link to it:



I encourage all faithful Catholics to read Bishop Malesic's message and spend some time reflecting on it.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY

An inter-parish men's group will meet October 2nd for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Our speaker will be Rev. Bob Franco. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, September 29th to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00.

ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS FALL FUNDRAISER



\$35



FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25TH



7PM TO 10PM



Pulled Pork Sliders,
Traditional and Boneless Wings,
Pizza, Mac N Cheese and Salad



Domestic Draft Beer, Well Liquor,
Wine, Pop and Our Signature
Rookie Blue



ROOKIES
SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

Rookies Sports Bar and Grill
6913 West 130th

SIDEBOARDS
50/50

RAFFLE
BASKETS

EAT. DRINK. SUPPORT.

SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES
AND HELP BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE!



OUR SCHOOL



OUR ATHLETES



OUR COMMUNITY



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