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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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – VIGIL

*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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – ST. MATTHEW

8:15 AM - Joanne Bak

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Rich Hovan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA

8:15 AM - Patricia Klemanek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

8:15 AM - September Birthdays

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Robert Kastak

11:00 AM - Father's Day Enrollment

*Mass of Remembrance

Monday, September 21

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

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

Tuesday, September 22

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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

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

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

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - Church

Wednesday, September 23

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

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

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dine to Donate at

Texas Roadhouse

Thursday, September 24

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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

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

Friday, September 25

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

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

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Athletic Fall Fundraiser at
Rookies

Saturday, September 26

Utopia Rental

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

Sunday, September 27

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

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, September 22nd, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed.

60+ CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, September 24th 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!

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 9/20/2026

Processional: #433 All the Earth

Offertory: #595 I Have Loved You

Communion: #486 We Remember

Closing: #579 Glory and Praise to Our God

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 6th \$3,633.00
Maintenance \$725.00
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) \$64.00

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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2026

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! I want to give a few updates about our church roof replacement. We have encountered a few issues, but the work is progressing fairly well.

Since last Friday Absolute Roofing has been removing and replacing sections of the dome roof. If you have been inside the church when they were working, you know how loud it can be. Drilling through the roof deck creates dust, and the roofers have been so active that a great deal of dust has fallen. A big thank you to everyone who has been pitching in to keep the church clean!

Although we started much later than expected, the work is proceeding along fairly well. Roofing is very weather dependent and even the threat of storms will keep them off the roof. Overall, it will be several more weeks of work before that work is finished.

Now, the first unexpected issue is the perimeter of the upper roof - the outer rim of what I have called the doughnut. So much water flowed over that edge that the wood all around it will need to be replaced. Discovering rotted wood can only happen when the roof membrane is removed, and I am very glad that we have found this out and are fixing it.

Related to the above change is getting the water off the upper roof deck so that it never overflows again. As the roofers measured out and investigated the drains on the doughnut, they found out that there might not be enough drainage to keep water from pooling. We are now considering a gutter around the upper roof edge to drain the water smoothly. If we do go with a gutter system, there will be downspouts.

Most importantly, the roofers discovered that the cupola* has been damaged. Somehow the entire cupola was raised six inches off its base and shifted clockwise about half a foot as well. This movement allowed the wooden base to be damaged. We are currently investigating whether the cupola - and its vents - need to be repaired or can simply be removed. Initially we thought that this work might affect the cross on top of the dome as well. The roofers are telling us that they think that no matter what happens to the cupola, the cross should be fine.

Big projects like this one rarely go as we expected. I want to thank everyone for their patience. Please keep praying for good weather!

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

*Cupola is any mini-structure on top of a dome.

CALLED TO FLOURISH: OUR CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Last weekend we kicked off the *Called to Flourish: Our Church for the Future* campaign. Our parish's participation will meet the needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries across the Diocese of Cleveland.

Our goal at St. Thomas More is to raise \$540,000 in pledges payable over five (5) years. **Half of every dollar raised will remain at our parish** and go toward the parish priorities listed below. The other half will help form and support our Church's leaders, strengthen evangelization and Catholic education, and expand ministries that serve those most in need.

When you receive your invitation to participate in the coming weeks, please pray and discern a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for you. Please save the date for our informational weekend, October 10-11.

PARISH PRIORITIES

- Critical repairs to the church's roof
- Restoration of cement spalling
- Replacement of the parish HVAC system

OUR PROGRESS

- Parish Goal: \$540,000
- Total Raised: \$132,000

Last updated 9/16/26





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
Rev. John R. Olsavsky, JCL, Betty Konopka, and
Stephanie Andrus. God grant them eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Gil & Joan Vanza.

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

"I pray that His Divine Goodness may accompany you, be your consolation along the way, your shade against the heat of the sun, your shelter in rain and cold, your soft bed in your weariness, your strength in your toil and finally, that He may bring you back in perfect health and filled with good works."

St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660),

Pope, Feast Day: September 21

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

FAITH FORMATION

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.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 26/27

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Sheryl Finohr David Marks Marilu Slimak	Sheryl Finohr Chet Omilanowski	Noah Nguyen Amy Vu	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Nathan Noga Vern Recker Heather Roberts Terri Sozio	Dolores Hules Jaclene Zauszniewski	Cruz Colón Henry Nguyen	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Patty Riegling	Chase Gerlach Ainsley French	Fr. Don Snyder

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Greetings STM Parish,

My name is Evan Webb, and I am the new 6th-8th grade Social Studies and Religion teacher at St. Thomas More School! I am very excited to begin my education career here and to share what we have been learning in class with all of you.

In Social Studies, the students continue to work on their historical thinking and geography skills. Before each grade can dive into their respective content areas, they must first become familiar with how to read and think like historians. To achieve this, all students in grades 6-8 began the year by reviewing their knowledge in world geography, labeling, coloring, and gluing a map of the world into their Social Studies notebook. Students will continue to reference their maps throughout the year as we study different cultures around the globe.

Next, we transitioned to identifying different types of primary and secondary sources as well as discussing how to identify bias in written primary accounts. Over the next two weeks, students will continue to build their historical "tool box" which they will then use as they encounter different historical topics over the course of the school year.

In Religion class, the students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have started to dive into their faith using the *Christ Our Life* books. 6th grade has started to look into the construction/organization of the Old Testament. The 7th grade students have begun to look at the life & ministry of Jesus, while 8th grade has been introduced to the foundation and history of the Catholic Church.

Each grade will continue to dive deeper into these respective aspects of the Catholic faith, while also occasionally reading and discussing passages from the Gospels. The Gospels offer us the closest access into who Jesus was and what He desires from us. Therefore we will continue to take time to read from the Gospel to discuss what Jesus is saying, as well as the ways the Gospels can be applied to our lives today.

Mr. Evan Webb

ST. THOMAS MORE PTU - KALAHARI DEADLINE EXTENDED!

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 28th)**

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.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Beaumont High School: Sunday, September 27th and Sunday, November 8th from 11am - 1:30pm.
(www.beaumontschool.org)

Benedictine High School: Sunday, November 1st from 10am - 1pm. (www.cbhs.net)

Cleveland Central Catholic High School:
(centralcatholichs.org)

Holy Name High School: Sunday, October 18th from 10am - 2pm. (www.holynamehs.com)

Magnificat High School: Sunday, October 4th from 10am - 12:30pm. (www.magnificaths.org)

Padua Franciscan High School: Sunday, October 11th from 10am - 1pm. (www.paduafranciscan.com)

St. Edward High School: Sunday, October 11th from 10am - 1pm and Monday, October 12th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. (www.sehs.net)

Saint Ignatius High School: Sunday, September 27th from 9:30am - 12:30pm. (www.ignatius.edu)

Saint Joseph Academy: Saturday, October 4th 1pm - 4pm. (www.sja1890.org)

Trinity High School: (www.ths.org)

PLEASE VISIT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION. MANY OPEN HOUSES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION.

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>

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
4PM-8PM



10%
DONATION NIGHT
for St. Thomas More School.
Present this flyer at the Brooklyn location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to St. Thomas More School!

216-739-0760
7341 NORTHCLIFF AVENUE
BROOKLYN, OH

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through our parish Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle the weekend of September 26th & 27th from each church entrance. Fill it with change, cash, or a check made out to *Womankind*, and return it by October 31st. You can also scan this QR code or the one included on the bottle label to make a secure donation online. Money raised helps Womankind provide free, comprehensive prenatal care and support services for pregnant women and families in need from throughout northeast Ohio.

For more information about Womankind, visit their website at womankind-cleveland.org or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700.



Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Prayer for Catechists

God of our fathers and mothers, today we mark Catechetical Sunday, the day we recommit ourselves to teaching and forming disciples to continue your work in this world.

In the beginning, you created man to please you and offer you companionship. We turned away from you without knowing the great love you had for us. Help us to recapture that understanding of your love for us and for creation. Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation that love you freely give us.

We ask all that is good to come upon our catechetical leaders and the people whom they lead to the faith.

We ask all this in the name of the primary teacher of the faith, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

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Don't miss this sizzling event!

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH'S 5TH ANNUAL

Chili COOK OFF



Get ready to taste, vote, and crown the ultimate chili champion.

Prizes for the top 3 winners!



COST: \$20.00 AND INCLUDES:
Chili ~ Hot Dogs ~ French Fries
Appetizers ~ Dessert
Pop ~ Water & 1 Beer Ticket

Additional Beer Tickets: \$4.00 each

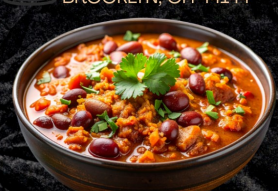
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 6PM-10PM

Tickets available at the rectory or at www.stmparish.net

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE? REGISTER BY CALLING THE RECTORY AT 216-749-0414

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026



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