

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, SEPTEMBER 5 – VIGIL

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – LABOR DAY

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45 PM - Richard Balbier

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – ST. PETER CLAVER

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Louie Kazimer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:15 AM - Norman & Carol Cushler

*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

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 30th \$3,897.25
Maintenance \$540.00
Student's Weekly Offering (30 Envelopes) \$119.00

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 7

RECTORY CLOSED

NO SCHOOL & ATHLETICS



Tuesday, September 8

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

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

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

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

Thursday, September 10

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

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

Friday, September 11

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

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

Saturday, September 12

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

Sunday, September 13 GRANDPARENTS DAY

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 7th due to the observance of Labor Day and Mass will be at 9am.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 9/6/2026

Processional: #217 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory: #511 Your Words Are Spirit and Life

Communion: #375 See Us Lord About Your Altar

Closing: #558 For the Beauty of the Earth

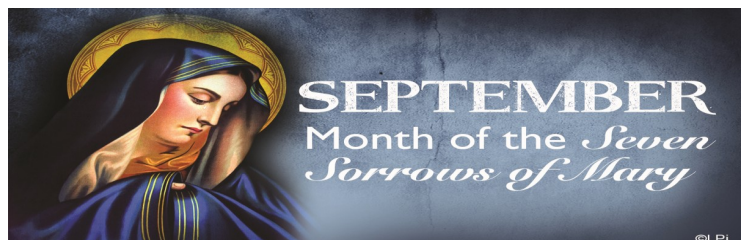
MONDAY - LABOR DAY HYMNS 9/7/2026

Processional: #213 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: #343 O Sacrament Most Holy

Communion: #327 One Bread, One Body

Closing: #212 For the Fruits of This Creation



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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2026

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! After being discovered by God in a state of sin, our first parents were punished. God did not discipline them to hurt them but to prevent them - and all humanity - from being overcome by evil.

The first to be punished is the Devil. Notice that God never even asks why Satan did it. He immediately curses the snake, tells him he shall crawl on his belly, and eat dirt. This punishment is obviously symbolic since snakes do not have legs and do not eat dirt. In effect Genesis 3:14 is a metaphor for the Fall of the Demons from grace. In this metaphor the earth represents Hell such that crawling upon it and eating it is their punishment for not obeying God. More importantly for us, this symbol tells us to interpret the next punishments as metaphors as well.

God then gives Eve her sentence: labor pains and disharmony with her husband. "Childbearing" can certainly mean simply the pains and extreme discomfort of bearing children, but it can also mean the heartache and worry that motherhood involves. No longer will Eve enjoy every moment of being a mother; now the highest part of her human life will inevitably afflict her with pain. Likewise, instead of Eve being a partner to Adam, "Flesh of my flesh," she finds herself in a compromised position. The curse here is not just that men and women will have desires for each other that go unfilled or get exploited. The curse is that all human relationships can become poisoned by sin. Men and women will both find their feelings misshaped and misguided at points.

God then punishes Adam with labor and death. Just as the punishment directed at Eve was for all people, so is Adam's. Instead of tending the earth like a garden and enjoying all work as prayer, every human being will now experience much work as merely painful toil. Life is now officially hard. Moreover, after many years of pain and discord will come death. Adam, Eve, and all their descendants will go back to the dust from which God raised them.

Having punished them for sinning, God then banishes them from the Garden. This expulsion symbolizes that the whole Earth is no longer united to Heaven as it was at first. Most importantly the story emphasizes that God is intentionally separating humanity from eternal life. Why? Genesis 3:22 gives us the answer, "Now, what if he also reaches out his hand to take fruit from the tree of life, and eats of it and lives forever?" In order to limit the damage of sin, God must limit the life of humanity.

Sin has driven humanity apart. Feelings set against the will. Man set against woman. All people set apart from God and heavenly life. Yet, God has promised a savior. Hidden in the punishment of the serpent is the first Gospel proclamation, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel" (Gen 3:15). The seed of the New Eden, Jesus Christ, will strike Satan. The rest of the Old Testament is God readying Israel for that arrival.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barbara Bonus & Family.

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!

SAINT QUOTE

"To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it, only for His sake."

St. Peter Claver (1581-1654),
Priest, Missionary, Feast Day: September 9
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

60+ CLUB

The 60+ Club will be meeting Wednesday, September 9th (the second Wednesday of every month) at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130).



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 and Robert Kastak.
God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For our relationship with all of creation - Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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 12/13

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Nick Louloudis David Marks Jill Parks Marilu Slimak	Tim Lozar Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Emma Wright	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Nathan Noga Vern Recker Heather Roberts Terri Sozio	Mary Lou LoBue Jaclene Zauszniewski	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Sue Poole Linda Rafferty Carl Krist	Tim Lozar Madelyn Koranda	Gypsi Hamm Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider

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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.

ST. THOMAS MORE PTU

****St. Thomas More Students will be selling tickets for a raffle for 4 Guardians Tickets to the Saturday, September 19th game (6:10pm) after all Masses this weekend. Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. The winner will be chosen at the September 9th PTU Meeting. They will be selling in the main church vestibule.****

Mum Sale - PTU is selling mums this year. The sale runs through September 13th. They will have this information also available at the table in the main vestibule.

Dine to Donate - Support St. Thomas More School on Wednesday, September 23rd from 4-8pm at Texas Roadhouse. Flyers will be available at the PTU table in the main vestibule.

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. ROCCO FESTIVAL

St. Rocco Parish will hold their annual Festival this weekend. The Festival Hours are:

Friday, September 4th & Saturday, September 5th:
3-10pm

Sunday, September 6th: 12-10pm

Monday, September 7th: 12-9pm

BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen. ©LPi

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.

LABOR DAY BLESSING

God our Creator, Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain. Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother, You labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker.

Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life. You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks.

On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value. Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill.

Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord. In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You. Amen. ©LPi

2026 ST. THOMAS MORE SUMMER FESTIVAL WINNERS

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

First Prize: \$10,000 - Fran Previts

Seller: Mackenzie Martin

Second Prize: \$1,000 - Sue Sulzer

Third Prize: \$500 - Kevin Roser

THANKFUL CORNER

Thanks to all who participated in the raffle and attended our festival. It was an amazing day! This was one of our biggest crowds that we've seen in years. The rain did not put a damper on the fun that was had by all!

A great big **THANK YOU** to our Festival Chairpersons: Renee Cepek and Frank & Vilma Colonna, STM Athletics, STM PTU, our Ministry Groups and all of the gracious volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success!



St. Thomas More Parish Festival Donors

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