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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 –
VIGIL
4:30 PM - Rev. Paul Smith
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 –
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
*11:00 AM - Stephanie Andrus
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Judy Romaniw
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 –
WEEKDAY
6:45 PM - George & Phyllis (Living) Zindroski - Anniversary
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 –
ST. CALLISTUS I
8:15 AM - Women's Guild
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 –
ST. TERESA OF JESUS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 –
SS. HEDWIG & MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
8:15 AM - Judy Romaniw
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 –
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
8:15 AM - Diane Lada
4:30 PM - People of the Parish
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 –
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM - Past & Present STM Benefactors
*11:00 AM - John Hearn
*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 4th $5,255.25
Maintenance $1,345.17
Student's Weekly Offering (9 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, October 12 COLUMBUS DAY
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field
4:45 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym
Tuesday, October 13
11:30 AM Women's Guild 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 - School
Wednesday, October 14 MARCO'S PIZZA NIGHT
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
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall
Thursday, October 15
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Winter Sports Meeting - Utopia Hall
Friday, October 16
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Football Practices - Field
4:45 PM - 8:00 PM Volleyball Practices - Gym
Saturday, October 17 SWEETEST DAY
2nd Collection: World Missions
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, October 18 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
2nd Collection: World Missions

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our October meeting will be held on the 13th in Utopia Hall. Appetizers and desserts will be served from 11:30 -noon. Our guest speaker will be Chief Cindy Eschweiler from the Brooklyn Police Department. She will speak on Safety Issues, Scams, etc. There will be time for questions and concerns. Please plan on attending. New members are always welcome.

60+ CLUB

The 60+ Club will be meeting Wednesday, October 14th (the second Wednesday of every month) at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130).

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 10/11/2026

Processional: #305 Gather the People
Offertory: #662 Remember Your Love
Communion: #457 We Are Many Parts
Closing: #206 Now Thank We All Our God

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2026

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! This week we start looking at the life of Abraham and how God made him into the Father of Israel. Both how his story unfolds in Genesis and his exploits reveal a pattern that we will see repeat often in the Old Testament.

We first learn about Abraham when his name was still Abram, the son of Terah. God calls Terah and his family from Ur to go to Canaan. They travel 600 miles from Ur and arrive at Haran, a city in Syria. Instead of continuing on to Canaan, Terah settles in Syria and there he dies. Just like the Browns getting to the first yard line and stalling, Terah almost completed God's command. Almost doing what God wants or doing it incompletely will be something the Hebrew people often do.

Genesis then emphasizes that Abram came from Ur, which is one of the most ancient cities of the world. As descendants of Shem, Abram's families are Semites, which means "those of the name" or "those of fame." His family had obviously gained great wealth from its time in Haran since Genesis 12:5 mentions all the property and slaves Abram brought with them into Canaan. Accordingly, Abram is a wealthy man of great renown from one of the most famous cities going to the Promised Land. Perhaps more importantly, when Abram is called, he is a stranger in a strange land since he is living in a city as a resident alien and not a citizen.

God calls, Abram goes, and does not stop till he gets to the middle of Canaan where he builds an altar to God and worships. He and Sarai next go to Egypt during a famine, which prefigures what will happen to his descendant Joseph. Just as the Israelites will end up despoiling the Egyptians after a plague, Abram and Sarai end up gaining a lot of treasure from the Egyptians after the pharaoh is punished.

Abram will also prefigure the future conquest of Canaan when he defeats the Canaanite kings in Genesis 14. Rescuing his kinsman Lot from their clutches, Abram returns the stolen property and captives to the king of Sodom, where Lot had been living. When Abram is returning from his victory, he runs into the king of Salem (likely the city of Jerusalem) and offers a tithe of his property to Melchesidek, who is a priest of God. Abram keeps none of his war booty just as the Israelites will not be allowed to keep any property from their conquests.

In our next article we will go over the one thing Abram could not acquire: a true-born son. Abram will have to grow in his faith before he can become a patriarch and the father of many nations. May our faith in God's promise always grow stronger.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

CALLED TO FLOURISH: EVANGELIZATION

Strengthening Catholic education and inspiring hearts to grow in faith

Evangelization means not only welcoming new people into our faith but also deepening the ways Catholics of all ages encounter Christ in their daily lives. $70 million of campaign support for evangelization will focus on the following areas:

- **Strengthening Catholic Education** through leadership development, facility support, fair teacher compensation, and expanded tuition assistance.
- **Inspiring Young Leaders** by providing internships, and summer programs to help young people integrate faith-filled leadership into their vocation and future.
- **Growing Our Faith** by expanding parish-based formation, retreats, catechesis support, and multicultural programming.
- **Reimagining Camp Christopher** for people of all ages with a multipurpose center and chapel, updated cabins, and additional staff focused on spiritual formation.

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: $162,000
- Percent to Goal: 30%

Last updated October 5

LEARN MORE

Want to learn more about the campaign? Please visit our information table in the vestibule after Mass.

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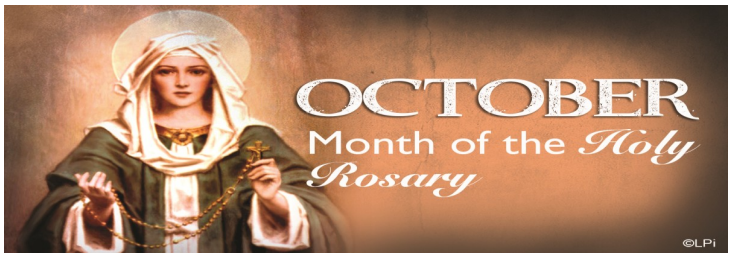
PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Annette Gyory, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, Bobby Hengoed, Eddie Hengoed, Jr., Laura Hengoed, Pat H., Ed & Diane Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Esmeralda Jucutan, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Melissa Korhely, Ed Kremser, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, 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, Karen Plank, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Glenna Price, Vinny Rini, Bill & Paula Ritter, Mary Schneider, Frances Sekerak, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Michael Sommers, Special Intention, 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.**



TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Ursula Wyrwas.

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 2027.**

SAINT QUOTE

"Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with me here."

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582),
Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: October 15
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24th was a great gift to the Church in the United States. While many know him best for his TV presence, book, and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, "My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church."

He is the greatest National Director of the Pontifical Missions in the history of the Church, helping raise $200 million (in today's money, $2.1 billion) to support the growth of the Church.

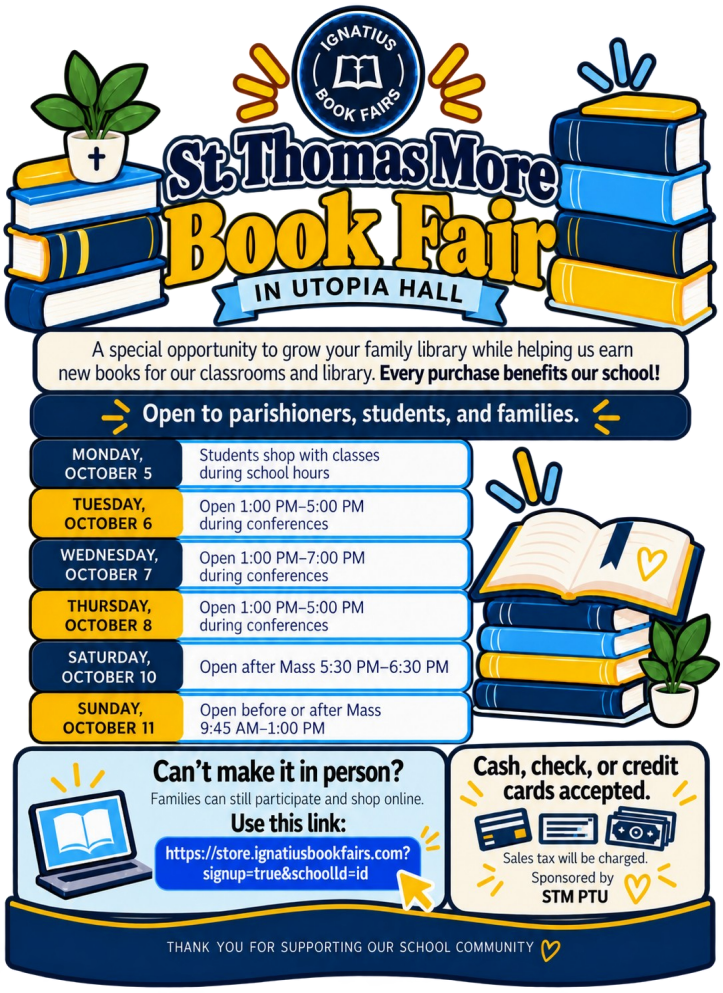
Under his leadership (1950-1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church in the United States. We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026, which takes place next weekend, as we together reflect upon, pray for and take a collection to support he Missions. Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

ANY CROCHETERS OUT THERE?

We are looking for anyone interested in crocheting baby blankets for the parish. We give them to our newly baptized. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 17/18

MASS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos David Marks Jill Parks	Stephanie Liebert Sheryl Finohr	Blake Liebert Amy Vu	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Chris Koch Jennifer Mladineo Terri Sozio	Jennifer Mladineo Jaclene Zauszniewski	Cruz Colón Chase Gerlach	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Madelyn Koranda Patty Riegling Marty Rini Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda	Danny Coughlin	Fr. John Schneider



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Third grade is an important year for STM students. It's the year when they begin transitioning from elementary school to intermediate school. It is also the year where they get to show what they know by reaching certain reading benchmarks. Our third graders take this very seriously. They love to sit and read in our classroom library, honoring their reading skills and getting lost in a book every chance they get.

Mrs. Kristen Valenty
Third Grade Teacher
St. Thomas More School

St. Thomas More Church Brooklyn, OH 44144

SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION

All couples of our parish who are celebrating 50 years of more of marriage are invited to our annual gathering to honor your commitment to the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17th at the 4:30 Mass. We ask all couples who wish to have their name included in the bulletin, to call or email the rectory by Monday, October 12th with your names, date of marriage and if you will or will not be in attendance at Mass on October 17th.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through our parish Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle 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.

ST. ROCCO PARISH MISSION - IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD!

Monday, October 19th - Thursday, October 22nd
Confessions: 5:30pm, Holy Mass: 6:30pm, Adoration & Mission Conference: 7:15pm & Confessions: 8:15pm
Talks by Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM ~ Topics Included: Baptism: Power to Become Children of God, Confession: Resurrection & Reconciliation, The Church: That They May All Be One, The Eucharist: Heaven on Earth, & Mary, Mother of God and Our Mother.

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2027 will become available on Wednesday, October 21st at the rectory starting at 9am until 3pm - **in-person only on Wednesday**. A donation of $10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15am Masses. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.**

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - BLANKET SUNDAY

Beginning the weekend of October 3/4, SVDP is asking for your help. This year is the 40th year of their annual appeal to help neighbors in need. Please consider a monetary donation to which will help purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information.

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 Mental Health Ministry - Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remember our beloved dead. This year, why not honor them with a Memorial Candle? This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole month of November. Candles are $25 for a new candle and $20 if you are returning your 2025 candle. Forms are available online or at the rectory.

BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

We are once again offering parishioners the opportunity to order their own personal copies of our Breaking Bread missal, for use at home or in the church. The missal, which includes all of the Sunday readings for the year, as well as hymns and songs we use during Mass, will be available for purchase for $12. Join us for each celebration and continue to actively participate in the liturgy. You may drop your order form into the collection basket or at the rectory. When the missals arrive, your name will be placed on a sticker and the missals will be at the main door of the Church.

Order deadline is November 13, 2026.

If ordering via mail, get your order form and check in the mail by Monday, November 9th to ensure your order gets placed in time!

Breaking Bread Order form

Name_____

Contact phone number_____

Number of Missals requested_____