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 17 –
VIGIL
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
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 –
SS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS
8:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Casey & Finohr Families
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 –
ST. PAUL FO THE CROSS
6:45 PM - Dorothea & Bob Murray
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Memorial Garden
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 –
ST. JOHN PAUL II
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 –
ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
8:15 AM - Vincent Giordano
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 –
ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET
8:15 AM - Bob Poole
4:30 PM - People of the Parish
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 –
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM - Pope Leo XIV
*11:00 AM - Alfred Gavlenski
*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 11th $4,010.50
Maintenance $849.50
Student's Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes) $73.00

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 19
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Called to Flourish Meeting - Utopia Hall
Tuesday, October 20
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends - Utopia Hall
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM VB Practice - Gym
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School
Wednesday, October 21
9:00 AM Opening of the Mass Book - Rectory
Friday, October 23
5:00 PM Fall Sports Banquet - Gym
Saturday, October 24
Utopia Rental
Sunday, October 25
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM First Reconciliation Meeting - Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat - Parking Lot

CALLED TO FLOURISH MEETING

Please join us on Monday, October 19th at 6pm in Utopia Hall for refreshments and a presentation about our Called to Flourish campaign. Fr. John will share more about the campaign, explain how it will support our parish, and answer any questions you may have. Bring a friend and join us for an opportunity to learn more about this exciting initiative!

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, October 20th at 4pm in Utopia Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237.

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.**

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 10/18/2026

Processional: #553 Lord of All Hopefulness
Offertory: #547 Earthen Vessels
Communion: #350 Spirit and Grace
Closing: #727 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

MARRIAGE BANNS

I - Alia Brandenburg & Alexander Previts (STM)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2026

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we examine the covenant of Abraham in Genesis 15 as well as Abraham's sons. God forms a people through the patriarchs to bring all the nations back to God.

Having demonstrated a great deal of reverence for God, Abram now has a vision of the Almighty One. And he has a complaint: what good is all my property if I have no heir? God then promised Abram descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky…after generations of slavery. The Hebrew people will eventually inherit a great deal of land and become a great people, but they will have to suffer first.

Instead of waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled, Abram takes matters into his own hands. With his wife's blessing, Abram takes her handmaiden Hagar as a second wife. Sarai drives Hagar away when Hagar becomes pregnant, but an angel intervenes so that Hagar returns. From that union came Ishmael, which the LORD describes as a "wild ass of a man."

God then comes to Abram again with a new covenant: circumcision. As part of this ritual new birth, God gives Abram the new name of "Abraham" and Sarai the new name of "Sarah." And so, all the males of their household are circumcised. Note well: at this time Ishmael is 13 and Abraham is 99!

Having been reborn through a covenant, Abraham and Sarah are ready to receive the grace of God: Isaac. New life comes contrary to all human expectations but according to the prophecy of God. After celebrating the birth of her son, Sarah is afraid that Ishmael will steal his inheritance and beseeches Abraham to cast Hagar and Ishmael out. Abraham only does so after the LORD assures him that he will make a great nation of Ishmael.

Abraham and Sarah have been faithful to God, but they have often hedged their bets. When the couple should have patiently waited, they attempted to force God's hand via Hagar. That proud act led to Hagar and Sarah becoming bitter rivals. Moreover, Abraham has to go through his own spiritual renouncement - circumcision - to be ready to receive and give the grace of God. It took a very long time for Abraham and Sarah to be ready to give God all their hearts and hold nothing back.

Abraham will be tested once more, and it will be a test of the ages. Next time we will closely examine the sacrifice of Isaac and how it is a type of the Paschal Mystery. God always gives us the grace to bear our burdens.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

CALLED TO FLOURISH: SERVICE

Continuing the mission of Jesus by responding to those in need

Nourished by Word and sacrament, we are sent forth as a Church that serves. Through *Called to Flourish*, $15 million is dedicated to strengthening Catholic Charities ministries that accompany the poor, the hungry, and the vulnerable. We strive to respond with compassion, dignity, and hope to those most in need through the following efforts:

- **St. Augustine Hunger Center**, which will relocate to the OLA/St. Joseph Center and feature expanded serving lines, a modern kitchen, food pantry, and space for employment services, mental health care, and emergency assistance.
- **Bishop Cosgrove Center**, where the first major renovations in 30 years will improve critical infrastructure while expanding wraparound services such as healthcare and mental health support for those experiencing homelessness.
- **Catholic Charities Regional Facilities** will include consolidating services to better serve our communities.

If you have not yet received your campaign materials, please join us for a campaign presentation at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19th in Utopia Hall, or reach out to the parish office.

PARISH PRIORITIES

- Replenishing savings after critical facilities repairs
  - 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: $175,900
- Percent to Goal: 33%

Last updated October 13th

CALLED to FLOURISH
OUR CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH BROOKLYN, OH 44144

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., Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM, 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, Alice Grzep, 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, Pope Leo XIV, 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, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Suzanne Zaranko.
God grant her eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Joe & Dolores Hules.

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.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal.

Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: “Please help me help missionaries everywhere.”

That’s what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

We are all called to be a part of this missionary work and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church’s evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo’s call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 24/25

MASS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Sheryl Finohr Mary Lou LoBue Nick Louloudis Marilu Slimak	Tim Lozar Al Margevicius	Noah Nguyen Emma Wright	Fr. Don Snyder
9:00 AM	Nathan Noga Vern Recker Heather Roberts Jaclene Zauszniewski	Rob Cepek Mary Lou LoBue	Holly Roberts Noah Redloske	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Madelyn Koranda Carl Krist Heather Miksch Sue Poole	Barbara Kish	Gypsi Hamm Francis Le	Fr. Don Snyder

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars

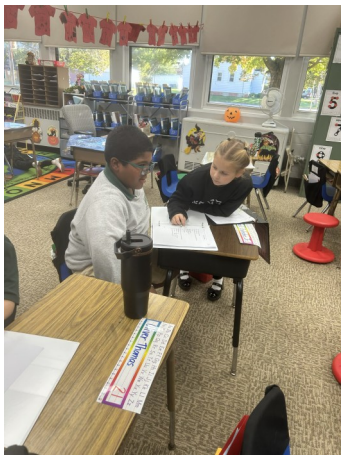
Second grade is off to a spectacular start! We spent the first weeks of school stressing classroom procedures and studying the differences between rules and laws in social studies and how to be respectful citizens.

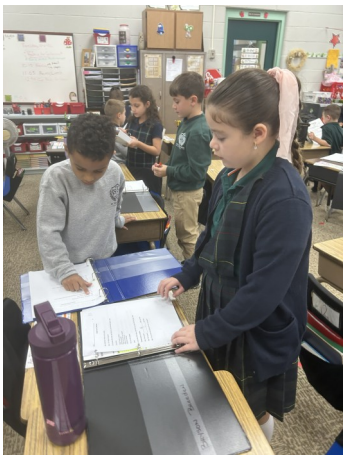
In reading class, we have celebrated different cultures from around the world and discussed how all types of families have similarities and differences.

We are currently celebrating all things Fall and Hispanic heritage, incorporating these topics in the stories we read, math class, and in the art we create. We also worked hard to prepare for student-led conferences.

We spent a lot of time learning new things in class. We learned all about how we receive grace and become a member of the Church at baptism. We are excited to begin preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation by studying the Ten Commandments.

Mrs. Marlena Graziano
Second Grade Teacher





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 will once again offer parishioners the opportunity to order their own Missal. The cost is $12. Please call or email the rectory with your name, number and the number of Missals requested. You can send your payment to the rectory or put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Missal."

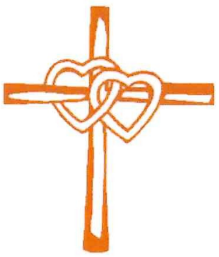
ST. ROCCO PARISH MISSION - IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD!

Monday, October 19th -
Thursday, October 22nd

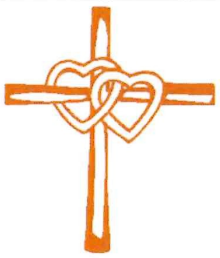
Confessions: 5:30pm, Holy Mass: 6:30pm, Adoration & Mission Conference: 7:15pm & Confessions: 8:15pm

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SWEETEST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026



Please join us today in celebrating with the following parishioners of St. Thomas More who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage:

73 Years – Married in 1953
Pauline and Kenneth Lewis

66 Years – Married in 1960
Erma Jean and Joseph Polidori
Joanne and William Uhl

65 Years – Married in 1961
Beverly and James McGinty

64 Years – Married in 1962
Vilma and Frank Colonna

63 Years – Married in 1963
Maureen and George Spicer

61 Years – Married in 1965
Karen and Franklin Anderson
Paula and William Ritter

60 Years – Married in 1966
Lolly and Wally Parker
Joan and Gil Vanza

59 Years – Married in 1967
Judy and Roberto Ruiz
Sara and Roger Wenner

58 Years – Married in 1968
Therese and James Ptacek
Mary Lou and James Strnad

57 Years – Married in 1969
Jean and Martin Rini
Zaida and Ramon Torres

56 Years – Married in 1970
Diana and Gregory Downes
Tina and Ken Galaida
Jean and Ronald Hudak
Linda and Bob Kelber

55 Years – Married in 1971
Mary Lou and Paul LoBue

54 Years – Married in 1972
Catherine and Raymond Blaseg
Betty and Dave Novatny

53 Years – Married in 1973
Francine and Rolf Kawentel
Dianne and Ronald Shmigel
Roseann and Edward Wojtkiewicz

52 Years – Married in 1974
Carol and Dale Klekota
Christine and John Root

51 Years – Married in 1975
Terri and Steve Cottos
Dolores and Joseph Hules

50 Years – Married in 1976
Wendy and Bill Campbell

Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his Church. Hear our prayers for our celebrants in the Sacrament of Matrimony. With faith in you and in each other, they renew their pledge of love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.

CONGRATULATIONS