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 24 –
VIGIL
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
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 –
WEEKDAY
6:45 PM - Nickola & Florence Badza
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 –
SS. SIMON & JUDE
8:15 AM - Lou Kazimer & Family
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 –
WEEKDAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 –
WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - October Birthdays
4:30 PM - Homebound Parishioners
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 –
ALL SAINTS
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Increase in Vocations
*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 18th $2,686.00
Maintenance $405.00
Student's Weekly Offering (16 Envelopes) $69.00

ParishSoft from 9/1 - 9/30 ..... $8,052.33
ParishSoft Maintenance $1,387.00

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 26
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Tuesday, October 27
1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory
2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -
Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School
Wednesday, October 28
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Thursday, October 29
1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM Cheerleading Practice - Gym
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Friday, October 30
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Saturday, October 31
Happy Halloween!
Sunday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2027 is available. 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.**

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, October 27th, 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, October 29th 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!

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 10/25/2026

Processional: #310 Gather Your People
Offertory: #511 Your Words Are Spirit and Life
Communion: #331 One Love Released
Closing: #600 In the Day of the Lord

MARRIAGE BANNS

II - Alia Brandenburg & Alexander Previts (STM)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2026

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we examine one of the most misunderstood parts of the Old Testament: the sacrifice of Isaac. Abraham demonstrates true fidelity to God and shows us that love of God must come first.

Genesis 22 lays out the events fairly clearly. God tells Abraham to take his only son - his beloved son - to a mountain and offer him as a burnt offering. Abraham, Isaac, and two servants then set out. Abraham and Isaac journey alone the last day when Isaac asks where the sheep for the sacrifice is. Abraham tells his son that God will provide the animal. Then we jump to the critical moment of slaughter, and an angel intervenes at the last second to stop Abraham. With a ram found in a thicket, Abraham and Isaac worship God and go home.

Before we analyze the actions, we need to remember a few salient points. First, Abraham is an old man - around 137 years old. Second, Isaac is likely 37 years old and certainly not a child. We have to guess Isaac's age, but the strongest proof of his being an adult - or at least physically stronger than Abraham - is his carrying all the wood. Third, sacrifices were always done by adults, and Genesis 22:7 has Isaac ask about where the sacrifice is. This remark proves that Isaac is taking on the priestly role along with his father.

From the above we know that both Isaac and Abraham are performing this sacrifice with the expectation that God will deliver Isaac. This belief does not make Abraham's actions easier, but it does reveal them to be reasonable. More importantly, Isaac had to submit to Abraham just as Christ would submit to the Father's Will. Here Isaac represents Jesus with Abraham giving us an insight into God the Father. Whereas Abraham is given a reprieve, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit demonstrate their love to us by Christ's Death.

When tragedy and hardship come into our lives, we often give way to anger and despondency. Abraham bore a heavy burden without giving into sadness. His belief that God would save Isaac was shown to be true belief in the Mercy of God. May we each learn to entrust ourselves to God.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

PSA's
At present our roof replacement has hit a lull. Absolute Roofing has installed the new membrane and everything below it. We must now wait for the manufacturer to inspect the membrane's installation before coating the dome. The workers on the lifts are repairing the cement spalling and that project is moving forward smoothly. When we know more about when these projects are expected to finish, we will let you know. Thank you for your prayers and patience.

CALLED TO FLOURISH: WAYS TO GIVE

Explore the many ways you can make a campaign commitment

Our parish is blessed by the faith and generosity of our parishioners. As you prayerfully consider a gift, know there are many ways you can participate. When filling out your pledge card, be sure to select a start date and payment schedule. Common ways to make a gift:

- **Check**
- **Credit Card or Automatic Bank Withdrawal**
- **Stock & Securities**
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution from IRA**
- **Donor Advised Fund**

Scan the QR code to make your gift online

For more details, visit catholiccommunity.org/calledtoflourish. With questions, please contact the Campaign Office at (216) 902-1300 or calledtoflourish@catholiccommunity.org

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: $197,300
- Percent to Goal: 37%

Last updated October 21st

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, 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, Jessie Noelker, Sue Oldag, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Diana Parkison, Kenny Parks, Ronald Patten, Karen Plank, Pope Leo XIV, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Glenna Price, Vinny Rini, 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, Bill Ritter, and Patricia Foerster.
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. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2027.**

SAINT QUOTE

"You must strive with all possible care to please God in such a manner as neither to do nor behold anything, without first consulting Him, and in everything to seek Him alone and His glory."

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532-1617),
Jesuit Brother, Feast Day: October 31
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting **MISSIO.org.**

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Baby bottles are due next weekend. There will be a cart in the main vestibule where you can leave your bottle.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 31/November 1

MASS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Terri Cottos David Marks Jill Parks	Steve Cottos Mary Lou LoBue	Blake Liebert Amy Vu	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Chris Koch Vern Recker Heather Roberts Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jessica Noga Dolores Hules	Chase Gerlach Holly Roberts	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Bernie Barker Linda Kelber Patty Riegling Marty Rini	Mike Sommers	Francis Le	Fr. John Schneider

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Our first graders are off to a great start this school year! We are learning consonant sounds, tackling our first short vowel lesson, and discovering the characteristics of a complete sentence.

In Math class we have been learning ways to add and subtract using different tools. We've also increased our speed with our math facts.

First Grade students have been learning how to correctly make the sign of the cross as well as how to be a good friend and love Jesus. In Social Studies we have learned about life long ago and have been comparing it to life as we live today.

Mrs. Amanda Lewis
1st 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.

ALL SOULS' DAY - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

On All Souls' Day, we remember and honor the cherished souls of those we lost. May their memories continue to live in our hearts and bring us comfort. Please join us at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, November 7th for a special remembrance of those we have lost the past year during Mass.

COMFORT AND JOY: CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN THE MIDST OF LOSS

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation will once again offer a program to help all those who are hurting through the loss of a loved one, especially during the holiday season. Renée Barber will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 15th at 2pm in Utopia Hall. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

PRIESTHOOD Sunday ©LPi

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

How many times have you thanked your pastor for ministering in your parish? I hope every time you see them you thank them. They have given up much to live a life of service to God's people.

Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human?

I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too.

Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

Let us pray for them now...

God of all that is ancient and new, you called priests to minister in your temple in ancient times. Those priests ministered day and night in worship of you.

Bless our priests today who not only minister in our churches, but minister to your people, the living body of Christ in the world. Give them wisdom and courage to continue to say yes to you and your people.

We ask this through Jesus, the ultimate high priest, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.
Amen. ©LPi

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_____

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar
November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **ALL SAINTS DAY** **National Vocations Awareness Week begins** 	2 **ALL SOULS' DAY** Board of Elections 3-10pm Christmas Cash Fundraiser Begins Basketball Practice 4-9pm 	3 **ELECTION DAY** **NO SCHOOL & PSR** Board of Elections 5am-10pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm	4 Basketball Practice 4-9pm PTU Meeting 5:30-8pm	5 Cheerleading Practice 3:15-4:15pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm	6 PTU Event Set Up	7 Utopia Rental PTU Ornament Painting Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass **All Souls' Day Service during 4:30 Mass**
8 **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** Rosary before Masses Confirmation Meeting: 9am Mass 10-11:30 Meeting in Utopia Hall	9 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	10 Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Basketball Practice 4-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	11 12pm 60+ Club: Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine @ Incarnate Word Basketball Practice 4-9pm 	12 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	13 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	14 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
15 **Hope for the Holidays 2pm** Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development	16 Basketball Practice 4-9pm 	17 Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	18 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	19 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	20 Utopia Rental Basketball Practice 4-9pm	21 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
22 Utopia Rental 	23 Basketball Practice 4-9pm	24 **NO PSR** 1:00 School Dismissal Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm Basketball Practice 4-9pm	25 **NO SCHOOL** Basketball Practice 4-9pm	26 **RECTORY CLOSED** **NO SCHOOL & ATHLETICS** 	27 **RECTORY CLOSED** **NO SCHOOL & ATHLETICS**	28 Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
29 **First Sunday of Advent** 	30 Basketball Practice 4-9pm					

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