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, OCTOBER 31 – VIGIL
4:30 PM - Homebound Parishioners
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Increase in Vocations
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY
8:15 AM - Women's Guild
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
6:45 PM - Andrea Lingenfelter
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
8:15 AM - James Banasik
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – WEEKDAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – WEEKDAY
8:15 AM - Catherine Palcisko
1:00 PM - Brandenburg/Previts Wedding
4:30 PM - All Those Who Have Passed in the Last Year
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM - All Those Who Have Passed in the Last Year
11:00 AM - People of the Parish
*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for October 25th ……... $3,824.00
Maintenance …….. $575.00
Student's Weekly Offering (9 Envelopes) …….. $62.00
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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Sunday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
Daylight Savings Time ends
National Vocations Awareness Week begins
Monday, November 2 ALL SOULS' DAY
3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Tuesday, November 3 NO SCHOOL OR PSR
5:00 AM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Wednesday, November 4
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall
Thursday, November 5
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM Cheerleading Practice - Gym
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
Friday, November 6
World Community Day
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM PTU (Set Up) - Gym
Saturday, November 7
Utopia Rental
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PTU Event - Gym
Rosary before Mass
All Souls' Service during 4:30pm Mass
Sunday, November 8
Stewardship Sunday
Rosary before Masses
9:00 - 11:30 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

SUNDAY'S HYMNS 11/1/2026

Processional: #718 For All The Saints
Offertory: #473 Prayer of St. Francis
Communion: #466 We are the Light of the World
Closing: #604 Sing With All the Saint in Glory

MARRIAGE BANNS

III - Alia Brandenburg & Alexander Previts (STM)

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Jerry Cirino
St. Albert the Great, North Royalton
Propaedeutic Immersion Borromeo

Please keep Jeremy and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! Today we look at the passing of the covenant from Abraham to Isaac. After finding a suitable wife, Isaac learns patience and perseverance in prayer.

Genesis 24 recounts Abraham sending his most trusted servant back to his ancestral homeland to find a worthy bride for Isaac. Abraham is adamant that his son must not marry a Canaanite woman, ensuring that the holy lineage remains uncompromised by pagan idolatry. Arriving at a local well, the servant turns immediately to prayer, asking God for a clear sign of virtue and hospitality. Rebekah appears without delay, drawing water not only for the weary traveler but also for his ten thirsty camels. Recognizing the clear hand of divine providence, her family gives their consent, and Rebekah courageously leaves her homeland behind to meet and marry Isaac in Canaan. Genesis 25 then records Abraham's final days, his peaceful death at the age of 175, and his burial alongside Sarah in the cave of Machpelah. The narrative quickly shifts focus to Isaac and Rebekah, who endure twenty long years of painful childlessness before God answers their persistent prayers with twin boys, Esau and Jacob. The chapter draws to a sobering close when Esau, returning famished from the fields, foolishly trades his sacred birthright to his brother Jacob for a single bowl of red lentil stew.

Before we draw our spiritual lessons, we must keep a few salient points in mind. First, Abraham's servant initiates his search not with human cleverness or manipulation, but with direct prayer, demonstrating total reliance on God's guidance. Second, Rebekah's simple and decisive response—*"I will go"*—reveals a remarkable act of free will and trust in stepping into an unknown future. Third, Esau's tragic trade exposes a heart entirely consumed by immediate physical gratification rather than eternal covenant blessings.

From these stories we gain profound insight into God's unfolding plan of salvation. Abraham's servant traveling to gather a pure bride for the beloved son points directly to the Holy Spirit gathering the Church as the Bride of Christ. The Church is a pilgrim people that is always on the way as she announces the Good News. Likewise, Rebekah's willing *"yes"* prefigures the Blessed Virgin Mary's Fiat at the Annunciation. Furthermore, Isaac and Rebekah's patient perseverance through two decades of infertility shows us the transformative power of trusting prayer. Finally, Esau serves as a stern warning against exchanging our divine inheritance for fleeting worldly comfort.

When hardship or tempting shortcuts arise, we often give way to anxiety and rush ahead of God. Genesis 24 and 25 remind us that God's providence is always active behind the scenes. May we learn to seek Him in prayer, answer His call with courage, and treasure our heavenly calling above all else.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

NEXT WEEKEND: CALLED TO FLOURISH WEEKEND

Bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend

Next weekend is ***Called to Flourish Weekend*** at our parish. In addition to thanking the parish staff, volunteers, and lay leaders who have worked tirelessly over the past few months to make this campaign a success, **we ask all families to return their completed pledge card at Mass. Every gift counts!**

Total Gift	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
$15,000	$250	$55	$8
$10,000	$166	$37	$5
$6,000	$100	$23	$3
$3,600	$60	$14	$2
$2,400	$40	$9	$1

Gifts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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: $270,703

Last updated 10/28/26.

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, 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, Pope Leo XIV, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Glenna Price, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Kenneth Rutti, 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.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The book will be displayed on the altar throughout the month of November. You are invited to inscribe within the book names of any and all deceased loved ones.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Suzanne Zaranko, Bill Ritter, Patricia Foerster, Rosemary Van Drei, Karen Plank, and Alice Grzep. God grant them eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Phyllis Zindroski and Paulette McGann.

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

"Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create."

St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639),
Religious Brother, Feast Day: November 3
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. 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.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

If you forgot your baby bottle, you can bring them next week or turn them into the rectory.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE
November 7/8

MASS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Sheryl Finohr Nick Louloudis Jill Parks Marilu Slimak	Tim Lozar Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Emma Wright	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Bonnie Kaznoch Jennifer Mladineo Nathan Noga Terri Sozio	Jennifer Mladineo Michael Sommers	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Fr. John Schneider
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Sue Poole Linda Rafferty Joanne Uhl	Patty Riegling	Gypsi Hamm	Fr. Don Snyder

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and welcome Maisie Grace Hunt who was baptized on October 24th. God bless you!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of October - Eliezer & Ana Rodriguez.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Kindergarten at St. Thomas More has been adjusting well to the new classroom and routines! We are practicing how to write our name neatly on the lines. In addition, we are learning how to read and decode high frequency words. We are able to explain what an author and illustrator does! We love drawing to express ourselves.

In math, we have been working on how to sort items and how to write numbers up to 5.

In religion, Kindergarten has learned about how Jesus welcomes each of us everyday. We understand that although we may not see Jesus with our eyes, he is always with us. We have also been watching Mass in our classroom on Friday mornings in preparation to join the rest of the school soon!

Kindergarten students have learned about different symbols of the United States!

Miss Widenmeyer - Kindergarten

ST. THOMAS MORE - PTU

Join us on Saturday, November 7th from 10am to 1pm in the gym for a fun afternoon or ornament painting and Christmas cheer! Bring your Christmas creativity and enjoy decorating your very own ornament! All supplies will be provided. The cost is $12 per person, which includes brunch and one ornament. Additional ornaments are available for $8 each. Please submit payment by Friday, November 6th. Cash/check (payable to STM PTU or pay online at https://buy.stripe.com/3c128q8mVdWj1GocfHcfK0a

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.**

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

We will collect food for the City of Brooklyn Food Pantry, which will serve the needy in our area, from November 1st through November 15th. Please bring items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. They are also in need of peanut butter and cereal. Donations can be dropped off in the old baptistry room (Gathering Room). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

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. Renée is a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister and has served in the Diocese of Cleveland for 25 years. She has worked in Bereavement Ministry at St. Ann, Communion of Saints, and SS. Robert & William Parishes and is currently on the staff at St. Joan of Arc Parish. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to all those who attended our Fifth Annual Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to the volunteers and those who participated in the competition. There were many great dishes, but the prizes went to: (1) Sue Poole (2) Emily Henderson and (3) Terri Cottos.

ROSARY

Next weekend, November 7th & 8th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary a half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

WOMEN'S GUILD

Women's Guild November meeting is on Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall. Our Thanksgiving presentation will be given by Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND. Appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served. New members are always welcomed!

ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you or someone you know **who lives within the parish area** is in need of assistance, please contact the rectory. The deadline to register is **November 29th**. Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we will only be taking information for people in the parish area.

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 the Proper Use of Wealth - Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

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."