

Growth Through Commitment in Christ

Church of

ST. THOMAS MORE



800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245
513-752-2080 e-mail: stm@sttm.org

Parish website: www.sttm.org
School Web Page: www.sttmschool.org

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday 8:30 am Communion Service
Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am Mass

HOLY DAYS

8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 7:30 pm
(except Christmas & New Year)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-3:40 pm and by appointment

Office Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holy Days

Parish Office 752-2080

PARISH STAFF

Fr. William C. Wagner, V.F., Pastor	753-2553
Deacon Michael Thomas	753-2549
Deacon John Convery	753-2568
Deacon Fred Haas	753-2569
DRE, Becky Ready	753-2548
Business Manager, Mike Gennett	753-2543
Secretaries: Donna Buchheit	753-2541
Kate Roelker	753-2550
Gym/Multi-Purpose Building	753-2555
Maintenance: John Osterling	753-2544
Dave McCarthy	752-2080 Ext. 134
Music Director, Terry V. Wenninger	753-2546
Parish Hall/Kitchen, Vickie Ditchen	753-2558
Prayer Requests	752-2080 Ext. 133
Sacristy	753-2556
St. Vincent de Paul	753-2561
Youth Ministry Office	753-2551

PARISH OFFICE FAX 753-2542

FINANCE OFFICE FAX 753-2552

SCHOOL OFFICE 753-2540

SCHOOL OFFICE FAX 753-2554

Principal, Peg Fischer 753-2540

Administrative Assistant, Marsha Barnes 753-2540

School Office, Dee Archer 753-2540

OUR *Mission*

"We at St. Thomas More are a family of Christians led by the Holy Spirit in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We devote ourselves to sharing our faith, strengthening family bonds and growing in love. We commit ourselves to each other through prayer and action."

PSR (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION)

Religious education classes for public school students are held on Sundays ~ Pre-School 10:00 - 11:00 am; Grades 1 thru 8, 8:30 - 9:45 am. Sunday Child Care available from 10:00 - 11:00 am (registration form can be found on our website). Please call 753-2550 for more information on how to register for PSR or Sunday Child Care. Youth Ministry questions or for more information email youthministry@sttm.org.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Call Becky Ready, DRE (Director of Religious Education) at 753-2548 to find out about our RCIA/RCIY (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Youth) Programs.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ To schedule a baptism please call 753-2550. Requirements for Baptism can be found on the parish website listed under Sacraments.

Marriage ~ Please call Deacon John Convery at 753-2568, 6 months prior to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick ~ Please call 753-2553

Communion to the Sick ~ Please call 753-2549

For a sacramental emergency requiring a priest, please call 752-2080 Ext. 116. Please leave your name, telephone number and a brief description of the emergency.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Friday by Noon (9 days prior)
Submit to Kate Roelker at kroelker@sttm.org or call 753-2550 for more information.

We warmly welcome new members to our parish family. Please call the Parish Office or register online at www.sttm.org. If leaving the parish or moving, please notify the Parish Office of your change of address.



are those who have died and those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Uldean Cieri Joyce Dahlheimer,

Mary Rettig, Lucille Wenstrup, Megan Cash, Rose Marie Ogle, Lois Ritter, Diane Knause, Robert Fischer, Rita Iding, Ann Indovina, Jean Doogan, Verna Burnet, Lou Polk, Rose Lasita, Michael Bader, Peter Donald Iannitti, Michael Minton, Harry Schoettelkotte, Leigh Lyons, Vicky Kohl, Rose Brumfield, Thelma Ziegler, Mary Basler, Rita Smith, Ted Kirk, Ruth Caruso, Linda Suedhof, Evelyn Gumbert, Sarah Marshall, Nick Finn, Gerard Johnson, Tony Bartel, Hans Schnuderl, Rex Freihofer, Graydon Rief, Carol Torbeck, Len Heiselman, Ruth McGrath, Pauline Young, Stacey Thiel, Tom Sheldon, Donna Glaser, Michelle Rayburn and family.

Names of those requesting prayers will be published in the bulletin for three months and then removed. If prayers are required longer than three months, you will need to call the parish office (753-2550) to request them for another three months. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, December 30

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 31

8:30 am MASS ~ No ADORATION
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 1

10:00 AM Mass - Feast of Mary the Mother of God
4:00 PM Mass - Vigil of the Epiphany
NO CONFESSIONS



Sunday, January 2

8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm Epiphany Masses
11:00 am Personal Prayer Request - Fr. Wack Library
11:00 am Pregnancy Blessing - Church



and those from our parish who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**: Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovech, Randy Damron, Keith Deardorff, Ryan Robinson, Joe Driscoll, Paul Bellonby II, Rob Keller, Michael Bradford, Andrew Schloemer, Andrew Grachek, Zachary Stultz and Joe Conrady.

LAST CHANCE



2011 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES
If you have not already picked up your 2011 contribution envelopes, they are available outside the Fr.

Wack Library just below the southeast entrance of the church.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

PSR and The Elizabeth Ministry invite you to celebrate Jesus' Baptism on Sunday, January 9. **Coffee and Donuts will be served after all Masses.** Our PSR students invite you to watch their performance commemorating the beginning of His public ministry. Watch them as they take us through His three year journey to His earthly end and our eternal salvation. Gifts for Jesus are welcome, to be donated to **A Caring Place Pregnancy Crisis Center**. Suggested gifts are formula, diapers, wipes, baby food, grocery and gas gift cars.



Monthly Community Mass is celebrated every First Wednesday of the month at Comboni Mission Center in the chapel at 4:00 pm. Next Mass scheduled is January 5.

Feed the Poor

Monthly Food Collection



January's food collection will be donated to SVDP

Please place donations in the tubs marked "Feed the Poor" located at all the church entrances.

We appreciate all donations of non-perishable food!

Food donations may be dropped off at anytime during the month of January.

Thank you for your support!

PARISH STEWARD-



Due to the early deadline set by Diocesan Publications because of the Christmas holiday, the December 19 stewardship totals will not be available until next week's bulletin (1/2). We apologize for the inconvenience.

**REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH IN YOUR WILL!**

INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

Were you raised Catholic but do not or seldom come to church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from your Church?

Would you like to know more about the Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

If you are a Catholic who has been away from church, this is your invitation to come home. No matter what you do or how far away you go, you can always come home. Just as the prodigal son was welcomed back after his waywardness, we are always welcomed back to Christ's loving hearth. In our journey through life, Christ is there to support our need to explore new experiences and provide a resting place for our hearts and souls. People leave the Church for many reasons. Some leave because of boredom, indifference, ignorance and misunderstanding of the basic beliefs of the Church, anger and hurt—real or perceived—caused by representatives of the Church, anger at God, and a variety of other reasons. Whatever your reason, the first step back is often the most difficult. If you are interested in joining us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 until 11:00 am on January 16, 23 and 30 for three sessions of informal listening and an update of the Catholic faith, please email bready@sttm.org or call her at 513-753-2548.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE MASS

Saturday, January 1, 2011 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 am. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Developing Baby

"I had a dream today!"

Month 4

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies. His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle he is!

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

is asking for help in cooking hot meals for 40 people at the **Clermont County Homeless Shelter**. They can use meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, desserts, drinks, etc. The next meal will be on Tuesday **January 4**. All donations are to be dropped off by 4:00 pm at St. Thomas More west side parking lot. If you can help, please contact Charlene Kiefer at 752-0134.



Readings for January 2 – The Epiphany

First Reading: Sirach 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

MONTHLY PREGNANCY BLESSING

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for the health of the mom and baby as you await the arrival of your child (ren). Adoptive parents are also invited. This special blessing takes place in the Marian Chapel, on **Sunday, January 2**, immediately following the 10:00 am Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

MON 12/27

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES 12/28

8:30 am † Pat Wallace/Jean Doogan

WED 12/29

8:30 am † Betty, Wilbur & Paul Fritsch/The Girls

THURS 12/30

8:30 am † Jean Randolph/Dominic Randolph

FRI 12/31

8:30 am † Ricky Molitor/Mom

SAT 1/1

10:00 am † Nico Capurro/Catin Handleton

4:00 pm † Bernard Sheehan/Betty Wheeler

SUN 1/2

8:00 am † Viola Conrady/Nancy & Joe Guertin

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † Roy Herman/Carole Hinton

† = Deceased

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

If you are anticipating having your child initiated into our Catholic community through the Sacrament of Baptism, you will need to have participated in a baptismal preparation program. Our next scheduled baptismal preparation class will be held on Sunday, January 9, at 11:00 am in the Music Room. Please call the parish office to register ~ 753-2550.



For a Night of Food, Drinks, Music,
Fun and Pampering

All Proceeds benefit St
Thomas More's 8th Grade
trip to Washington DC

Friday, January 28
7:00 pm until Midnight

For more information please see our website
www.sttm.org under fundraisers or contact
Kim Rastani at 752-0919 or trastani@fuse.net

LITURGICAL MINIS-

Saturday, January 1 4:00 pm

Lectors ~ Janet Tate, Larry bush

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Deacon, Charles Rottinghaus, Michelle Emerling, Chris Bell, Lisa Miller, Donald Weber, Dennis Lahey, Jenny Barnes

Servers ~ Tedra Bush, Maria Steinmetz, Marissa Miller, Nathan Rivard, Emily Rivard

Greeters ~ Jane Pearce, Char Schworer, Jerry Edwards

Ushers ~ Jerry Edwards, Paul Guthrie, Gene Johnson

Sunday, January 2 8:00 am

Lectors ~ Janelle Jessie, Nancy Bokenkotter

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Deacon, Dianna Kennedy, Pattie McMullen, Genevieve Ivers, Vickie Ditchen, Paul Brandt, Gregory Senior, Kathy Senior

Servers ~ Thomas Casavant, Jeff Casavant, Adrian Ell, Paul Conrady, Peter Conrady

Greeters ~ Nancy Guertin, Helen Fehn

Ushers ~ Wes Carroll, Bob Guenther, Bill Imbus, Kevin Bauman

Sunday, January 2 10:00 am

Lectors ~ Jeff Mulvey, Charles Randolph

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Deacon, Tammy Schneider, Stephanie Landrum, Tim McGrath, James Smith, Karen Klysz, Garry Burke, Patricia Tussey

Servers ~ Sydney Alfieri, Mitch Gentile, Madison Gentile, Jack Schoose, Charles Scott

Greeters ~ Ray Neltner, Darline Foltz, Laurie Bagley

Ushers ~ Lee Knause, Lynn Austin, David Wynn, Joanne Buchanan

Sunday, January 2 12:00 pm

Lectors ~ Patricia Tekulve, Doreen Noble

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Deacon, Jacqueline Moore, Karen Trautmann, Thomas Brannen, Terrill Denton, Jeffrey Moore, Gloria Saliceti, Megan Farwick

Servers ~ Michael White, Sarah White, Matt Ketchum, David Winkler, Jacob Treinen

Greeters ~ Maureen Crowley, Dee Archer, Rosemary Weimer

Ushers ~ Tom Finn, Bill Luehrmann, Charlie Tekulve

WINTERFEST CROP

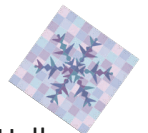
Date: Saturday, January 8, 2011

Time: Noon - 9:00 pm

Place: St. Thomas More ~ Parish Dining Hall

Cost: \$25 by January 6, 2011

For registration form go to www.sttm.org under Youth Ministry



FAITH FORMATION

IN CASE OF SNOW AND ICE ~ NOTE: If we should cancel PSR due to inclement weather, we will call "School Watch" and that will be reported on channel 12, 700 WLW-AM, 55KRC-AM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM and also channels 5 and 9. It will also be listed on their websites: www.wkrc.com and www.wlwt.com and www.wcpo.com.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION ~ On Thursday, January 13, the second graders will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please be in church in your assigned pew before 7:00 pm. Bring prayer books, rosaries, etc. to help maintain a silent and reverent atmosphere. A reception will follow with food, drinks and a special surprise.

YOUTH MINISTRY ~ There will be no youth ministry tonight (12-26) or next Sunday night (1-2). Regular meetings will resume in the new year on January 9, 2011. High school students- remember that separate permission forms are needed for social events and service projects outside of regular meetings. Go to

UPCOMING FORMATION DATES

Jan 13 - First Reconciliation Celebration

Jan 16 - Inviting Catholics Home Session

STM's website under youth ministry to get a copy. If you haven't joined youth ministry yet and would like to, just go to www.sttm.org download a registration form and come to our regular meetings.

January 8, 2011, is the "Winterfest Crop" Fundraiser for our youth ministry. Please encourage friends and family to spend the day working on scrapbooks. For \$25, each person receives six feet of work space, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages, as well as company and entertainment. Lisa Robison, a Creative Memories consultant, will be there to help out. If you can work one of the shifts, please contact Mrs. Stricker at conniestricker@gmail.com.

