

◀ THE WEEK AHEAD ▶

11/28	6:30 pm	Education Committee – Library
11/29	4:00 pm	Children’s Choir - Church
	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Reconciliation Gathering – Dining Hall Choir - Church
11/30	9:30 am	Bible Study – Faith Formation
	7:00 pm	MOMS Monthly – Faith Formation
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Group – Church
	7:30 pm	Bible Study – Library
12/1	7:00 pm	Bingo – Dining Hall
	7:00 pm	Men’s CRHP – Faith Formation
12/2	10:00 am	Adoration – Church
12/3	9:00 am	Parents’ Day Out – Dining Hall
12/4	1:15 pm	Pre-Baptism Class – Conf. Rm. C
	2:00 pm	Anointing of Sick Mass – Church
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry – MMA&B

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

December 6th – 1st Reconciliation Celebration
December 11th – Confirmation Welcome Mass

KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS LEFT THE CHURCH?

St. Thomas More will offer a six-week series entitled “Catholics Returning Home” beginning Tuesday, January 10th in the Faith Formation Room at 7 pm. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Becky at 752-2080 Ext. 54.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Second Graders and at least one parent will be meeting in the Parish Dining Hall on Tuesday, November 29th, from 7 pm to 8:15 pm for our second preparation meeting. Fr. Bill will be discussing the procedure for receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. Mark your calendars for this informative evening. All are expected to attend.

Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and have asked for our prayers: Sean Diebel, Joey Ritter, Rose Marie Ogle, Patti Fenker, Michelle Rayburn, Gertrude Murphy, David Habig, Sr., Mildred Hicks, Norma Zoz, Tom Middendorf, Emma Helphenstine, Romilda McCarty, Lois Ritter, Rose Krimmer, Howard Diemler, Diane Knause and Eileen Lang. **If you go into the hospital, please call the Parish Office – the hospitals do not notify us!** Please also keep in your prayers Kristy Grachek, Adam Wenstrup and all those serving in the Armed Forces.

DECEMBER PRE-BAPTISM CLASS has been moved from December 11th to Sunday, December 4th at 1:15 pm in Conference Room C.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB: The 28th weekly winner of \$100.00 is G. C. Dorsch & Rose A. Lasita, Winning No. 222.

Readings for: December 4th – 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Energy Savings Plan

There has been a lot of news lately about the costs of heating with natural gas this winter. We plan to be very proactive regarding this issue since most of our buildings use natural gas. Without a plan, it could cost us an additional \$40,000 this winter. We will reduce the heat in our facilities when they are not in use especially over long holiday weekends when school is closed. The church is our biggest user of energy. The church temperature this winter will be set at 55 degrees beginning on Sunday afternoons and until early Friday mornings starting this week. Daily Mass will be continue to be held at 8:30 AM. Please dress warmly! The church will be heated as in the past on Fridays through Sunday afternoon. **Our Friday school Mass will be moved beginning this Friday, December 2, from 11:00 AM until 9:00 AM. Adoration will also move to Fridays beginning this week from 10:00 AM until 3:30 PM** instead of on Thursdays. Of course the church heat may be raised on occasion to accommodate a funeral and for Christmas. We will also look at our meeting schedule every week and adjust accordingly. We hope everyone will accept these changes in the spirit of doing our part to save energy costs. This plan will remain in effect until the weather has warmed up in early spring.

Advent Giving Trees

It’s time for the annual Giving Tree Collection. Ornament tags are now available on the Christmas trees at the main and east entrances of the church at all the Masses this weekend and next weekend. Each tag will list a specific item to be given to individuals and families who live in the Greater Cincinnati area. Please return these gifts with the tag attached the weekend of December 10th & 11th. This year’s giving trees will assist:

- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul Society** – gas and grocery cards through Scrip;
- ◆ **A Caring Place** – baby clothing, baby supplies, diapers;
- ◆ **Joseph House** – underwear, t shirts, socks, and twin bed sheets;
- ◆ **St. Leo Parish** (Cincinnati) – we’ve just learned that they are in need of personal items for the elderly. As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas please remember those among us who need help with some basic human needs. Thank you for your support in this effort.

Miscellaneous

ATTENTION LECTORS: Please make sure to pick up your 2006 Lector Workbooks in the sacristy.

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: We all have things that come up that sometimes prevent us from being at our scheduled liturgy. If that should happen it would be appreciated if you would find someone to take your assignment. This would eliminate the burden on the worship coordinator of scrambling to find someone to fill in at the last minute. Thanks for your help.

PARENTS’ DAY OUT: Give yourself some time away from the kids and help the 8th Grade Girl Scouts Troop raise money for their 2006 trip to Savannah, Georgia. They would love the opportunity to look after your children and give them a good time on Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the dining hall. Call Theresa Bradley 732-1966 for reservations or for more information.

LITTLE LAMBS NURSERY: We offer a great service for one, two and three year olds during the 10:00 Mass. If you would like to find out more, call Lisa Nelson at 752-3986, or Diane in the Parish Office at 752-2080 Ext. 14.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
November 20, 2005	\$ 11,778.86	\$13,000.00
Year to Date:	\$262,718.19	\$288,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i>		-\$25,281.81
442 Envelopes Returned:		\$11,244.50
Loose Change:		\$534.36
Campaign for Human Development		\$881.75
Outstanding Debt:	\$1,173,382.45	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$ 384,053.52	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,557,435.97</u>	

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid week ending 11/30/05	\$39,402.88
Total Expenses Paid week ending 11/19/05	\$10,692.21
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Cinergy	\$4,378.96

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 3rd

4:30 pm **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Mary Verdin
Eucharistic Ministers – Jenny Barnes, Dennis Lahey, Duane & Theresa Bradley, Tommy Russell, John Evans, Rose Fitzgerald
Servers – Emily Osterling, Nicole Piening, Jamie Zumach, Brittany Zumach
Greeters – Hannah Schoolfield, Gail Convery
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, December 4th

8:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Comello, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Mary Opp, Dianne Kennedy, Gregory & Kathy Senior, William Fehn, Tony & Pat Ramundo
Servers – Daniel Schoettelkotte, Katie Feldkamp, Jacob Tetrault, Peter Conrady
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Christine Ruzsa
Ushers – Paul/Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Tim Drozda, Erin Phelps
Eucharistic Ministers – Cindy Robinson, Dan & Lori Casnellie, Garry Burke, Larry Robben, Jane Pearce, Patricia Lindsey
Servers – Sarah Buchheit, Andrew Clement, Matt Foltz, Jennifer Foltz
Greeters – David Kiefer, Ray Neltner, Rob Pairan
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Lee Knause, Lynn Austin, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Victoria Aicholtz, Richard Schuler
Eucharistic Ministers – Patricia Tekulve, Mary Brock, Rose Randolph, Jessica Thompson, Karen Trautmann, James O'Donnell, Thomas Brannen
Servers – Nicholas Rutherford, Sarah Lindsey, Alex Gumbert, Brian Roberts
Greeters – Bill & Rosemary Weimer, Dee Archer
Ushers – Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington, Charlie Tekulve

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION: Innervisions Religious Books is sponsoring an Advent Day of Reflection and Prayer presented by Jeanne Hunt at the Comboni Mission Center on Wednesday, December 7th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00 (includes lunch). For reservations, call Innervisions Religious Books by December 2nd at **474-5972**.

Mass Intentions & Presiders

MON. 11/28
 8:30 am Sandy Singer/Bobby, Belinda & Joshua

TUES. 11/29
 8:30 am †Rosemary Reifenberger/Jean Hunter

WED. 11/30
 8:30 am † Dick Vaske/Gloria Vaske & Family

THURS. 12/1
 8:30 am † Ada Steinmetz/Charlie & Pat Tekulve

FRI. 12/2
 9:00 am † Pete Tekulve/Tekulve Family

SAT. 12/3
 4:30 pm Rose Lasita/Helen Chirco
Fr. Paul Donahue

SUN. 12/4
 8:00 am People of the Parish
Fr. Paul Donahue

10:00 am † Robert Lamping/John Burke
Fr. Bill Wagner

12:00 pm Julie Kiefer/Mom, Dad & David
Fr. Bill Wagner

2:00 pm **Anointing Mass**
 Offered for the Sick of the Parish

† = Deceased

Parish Events

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK: On Sunday afternoon, December 4th at 2:00 pm we will celebrate a communal anointing of the sick during Mass. Anyone who is very elderly, gravely ill, soon to undergo significant surgery or are experiencing failing health may be anointed at this Mass. Please arrive ten minutes early, if possible, so everyone can be properly seated. It is appropriate that parishioners who are not being anointed attend this Mass. They may join their prayers to the community and commend the sick person to the Lord. Transportation will be provided for those unable to drive themselves. Call Michael Thomas at **752-2080 Ext. 27** if you wish to be anointed.

ENVELOPE/PHOTO DIRECTORY PICK UP: If you have not picked up your 2006 envelopes or photo directory, you may pick up your photo directory at the Parish Office during business hours (9:00 am – 4:00 pm). Additional copies are available at \$10 each. Your envelopes may be picked up under the church outside the Fr. Wack Library.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE will take place on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm.

Note of Thanks

The 8th Grade Class would like to thank all those parishioners who took part in the Pancake Breakfast – your support is much appreciated! A special thanks to our parishioners, Mike & Gloria Noday, for donating the breakfast condiments from their McDonald's.

The Elizabeth Ministry would like to thank all those who took part in the raffle of the Bengal's blanket and those who helped with the raffle. A special thanks to the Sewing Ministry for donating the blanket and pillow. Congratulations to Jerry & Susan Harpring who were the winners of the raffle!

