

◀ THE WEEK AHEAD ▶

12/5	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Parish Reconciliation – Church St. Vincent de Paul – Conf. Rm. D
12/6	7:00 pm	First Reconciliation - Church
12/7	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Men’s CRHP (SASEAS) – Fr. Wack Library Market Day Pick-up – Dining Hall Contemporary Group – Church Bible Study – Library
12/8	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:30 pm 8:30 pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Sewing Ministry – MMA&B Bingo – Dining Hall Choir – Church Worship Commission – Faith Formation
12/9	10:00 am	Adoration – Church
12/10	7:00 am	Rosary - Church
12/11	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Confirmandi Rite of Welcome - Church Youth Ministry – MMA&B

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is this Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8:30 am, 11:30 am and 7:30 pm.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Please share in the care of our elderly religious by giving generously to the collection this coming weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Faith Formation**

**KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS LEFT THE CHURCH?**

St. Thomas More will offer a six-week series entitled “**Catholics Returning Home**” beginning Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** All second graders and their parents will be attending our first reconciliation service on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the church. A reception will follow in the Parish Dining Hall.

**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 and Diane Knause. Please also keep in your prayers Kristy Grachek, Adam Wenstrup and all those serving in the Armed Forces.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB:** The 29<sup>th</sup> weekly winner of \$100.00 is Mr. & Mrs. William Zoz, Winning No. 214.

**Readings for: December 11<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Advent Giving Trees**

Thanks to our many giving and generous parishioners, the giving trees were almost depleted of tags by the 10:00 am Mass. Plenty more tags have been hung and please consider picking up one or more from the Christmas trees at the main and east entrances of the church. 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 next weekend but no later than the noon Mass on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. This year’s giving trees will assist **St. Vincent de Paul Society, A Caring Place, Joseph House, and St. Leo Parish**. 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. We really appreciate your support in this effort.

**Miscellaneous**

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Our parish recently received the following thank you note from Matthew 25:Ministries:

*“We would like to thank you for your recent donation. Thanks to your help of that of many U.S. hospitals, businesses and individuals, we have shipped over 1.8 million pounds of donated humanitarian supplies to the hurricane affected areas of the south. These donated supplies are bringing hope and relieving the suffering of those caught in the grips of these natural disasters. Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of countless people...”*

**DIGITAL PHOTO:** If you did not participate in the Parish Photo Directory, we would like to have a digital photograph of your family for our files. If you have a new family photo taken this holiday season or have a recent one on hand, please e-mail us a jpeg file of your photo to [photo@sttm.org](mailto:photo@sttm.org).

**2006 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE:** The School Education Committee is accepting nominations for the 2006 St. Thomas More School Distinguished Graduate. Each year, we recognize a graduate whose life has shown the qualities of integrity, courage, and devotion to family. These are the virtues most commonly associated with our namesake, St. Thomas More. Nominees must have graduated from our school more than ten years ago. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please contact the school office at **753-2540** or send an e-mail to [principal@sttm.org](mailto:principal@sttm.org) by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PROFESSIONALS NEEDED:** St. Thomas More School is looking for working and retired business owners, executives and professionals willing to share their wisdom, expertise and lessons learned. We are compiling a list of parishioners with experience in: **ADVERTISING & PROMOTION, GRAPHIC ARTS & DESIGN, MARKETING, PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY AND WEB SITE CRITIQUE & REVIEW**. We would like to use these volunteers as consultants for projects that we work on throughout the year. The time commitment would be minimal, but the expert assistance you can lend us would be invaluable. If you have an hour or two to give, please contact Peg Fischer at **753-2540**. Thank you for helping us to make our school the best it can be for our children! May God bless you.

**BOOSTERS MEETING:** The December Boosters Meeting will be held Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> instead of Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall. Please join us!

**Parish Stewardship**

	Actual	Budget
November 27, 2005	\$ 11,247.21	\$13,000.00
Year to Date:	\$273,965.40	\$301,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i>		-\$27,034.60
404 Envelopes Returned:		\$10,509.50
Loose Change:		\$737.71
Thanksgiving – St. Vincent de Paul		\$423.12
Outstanding Debt:	\$1,173,382.45	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$ 384,053.52</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,557,435.97</u>	

**EXPENSES:**

Total Expenses Paid week ending 11/26/05 \$2,687.98

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

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Lectors** – Janet Tate, Sam Geonetta  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Jenny Barnes, Patricia Rieck, Charles & Ginny Rottinghaus, Larry Bush, Melissa Kellerman, Donald Weber  
**Servers** – Heather Denison, Haley Wilson, Justin Mulloney, Kevin Johnson  
**Greeters** – David Kiefer, Hannah Schoolfield, Gail Convery  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nelson Seip, Diane Meisman  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Penny Barton, Charlotte Molitor, Tim McGrath, Gregory Snodgrass, Lisa Miller, Charles Randolph, Deacon Jerry Cain  
**Servers** – Joe Schoettlekotte, David Fehn, Paul Conrady, Jeff Casavant  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Paul/Joe Guertin, George Hofmann, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Lisa Hartman, Connie Stricker  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Kathleen Hornschemeier, Catalina Handleton, Tammy Schneider, Margie Keck, Margaret Pangburn, Tony Schulte, Deacon Jerry Cain  
**Servers** – Rebecca Wolfe, Michael Wolfe, Evan Quesnell, Kyle Scales  
**Greeters** – Staderman Family  
**Ushers** – Joe Thumann, David Wynn, Ed Lorentz, Mike Hicks

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Barbara Gerding  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Darline Foltz, Kelly Lyons, Andrea Rutherford, Terry Rutherford, Elizabeth Tekulve, Margaret Fangman, Paul Brandt  
**Servers** – Chaelon Brennan, Chelsea Ritter, Alison Rebelo, Peter Brandt  
**Greeters** – Dee Archer, Carol Woerner, Laurie Bagley  
**Ushers** – Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington, Frank Brunet

**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. Lectors: please make sure to pick up your 2006 workbooks in the sacristy if you have not already done so.

**Mass Intentions & Presiders**

**MON. 12/5**  
8:30 am † Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad

**TUES. 12/6**  
8:30 am Steven Kress/Don & Marian Markland

**WED. 12/7**  
8:30 am † Rosemary Reifenberger/Jean Hunter

**THURS. 12/8**  
8:30 am Catherine Barton/Sandy  
11:30 am † John, Lydia & Raymond/Gloria Vaske Family  
7:30 pm † Gest Megrue/Jerry & Scott Henderson

**FRI. 12/9**  
9:00 am † Charlie Doll/Karen Klysz & Family

**SAT. 12/10**  
4:30 pm † Deceased Relatives of Carol & Edmund Henriques  
**Fr. Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh**

**SUN. 12/11**  
8:00 am People of the Parish  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**  
10:00 am † Eugene Johnson, Sr./Brent & Pat Morris  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**  
12:00 pm † Lawrence Jacobs, Sr./Paul & Rose Guertin & Family  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**

† = Deceased

**Parish Events/Projects**

**JULYFEST:** We are in the process of planning for JulyFest 2006 and we still are in need of the following area chairs: Bid-N-Buy, Grand Raffle and Grounds. To find out more information on any of the above please call either Rhonda/Jeff Roberts **257-9261** or Dave McCarthy **252-8134**. Many thanks to Paula Makore for stepping forward as our Midway Chair.

**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.

**CHANCELLOR’S CLUB LUNCH** will be at Olive Garden on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Please call the Parish Office if you plan on attending.

**STM COOKBOOK:** Coming soon....the first *STM Elizabeth Ministry Family Favorites Cookbook!!!!* Share your favorite recipes with your STM family, to be included in this tasty collection. The cookbook is planned for a springtime delivery. Proceeds will go towards the Elizabeth Ministry and the STM School Library. Please share your recipes by placing them in the “Recipe Collection Box” in the back of church. Recipes can also be emailed to [elizabethministry@sttm.org](mailto:elizabethministry@sttm.org). Please help make this exciting cookbook a success! Submit your entries now through December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Maria Pour at **943-7263**.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you celebrated or are going to celebrate a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the year 2005, please call Diane McMullin in the Parish Office at **752-2080 Ext. 14** so that you can be honored at the World Marriage Celebration on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.