

◀ THE WEEK AHEAD ▶

12/19	7:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul – Conf. Rm. D
12/20	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Children’s Choir – Library Choir - Library
12/21	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study – Faith Formation Contemporary Group – Church Bible Study – Library
12/22	7:00 pm	Bingo – Dining Hall
12/23	10:00 am	Adoration – Church
12/25		NO YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY TALK:

- **Gospel Focus** on Luke 1:26-38: Anything is not impossible for God.
- **Reflection:** Mary’s simple “yes” to the angel Gabriel changed the world forever.
- **At Home for Discussion:** In what ways can you say “yes” to God?



Holiday Liturgy Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24th
3:00 PM & 5:00 PM
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

NEW YEAR’S EVE

Saturday, December 31st
4:30 PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY

Sunday, January 1st
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Prayer Intentions

† *Please remember in your prayers....*

Those who have died, especially Donald Calhoun.

Those who are ill and have asked for our prayers: Elaine Osterling, 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.

Those who are serving in the Armed Forces: Kristy Grachek and Adam Wenstrup.

Readings for: December 25th – Nativity of the Lord (B)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Faith Formation

ATTENTION PSR PARENTS: If we need to cancel PSR on Sunday mornings during this winter season due to snow or ice, we will notify “School Watch” and you can find that report on the following channels: Channel 12, 700 WLW-AM, 55 WKRC-AM, WEBN 102.7 FM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM. It will also be listed on their website: www.wkrc.com. Also, please note that there will be no PSR classes held on December 25th and January 1st due to the holidays.

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.

CRHP RENEWAL WEEKENDS: All men and women of the parish are invited to join us for a weekend renewal – Christ Renews His Parish 2006 weekend dates are set and preparation has begun for an energizing weekend of prayer, sharing and renewal. The men’s weekend will be held **January 28th & 29th**, and the women’s weekend will be held **February 18th & 19th**. If you have been thinking about doing a CRHP weekend, now is the time. Women’s CRHP has been moved to just once a year, so if you miss your chance in February, you’ll have to wait an entire year for a Spirit filled weekend of love and fellowship. Call now to register! Men’s – Jim Conrady at 943-1433; Women’s – Susan Harpring at 474-5441. Brochures with more information are available in the information center by the grotto entrance of the church. If you have any questions or would like to make a reservation, you may also call the Parish Office.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION: On January 8th all PSR classes will resume. After the 10:00 Mass, the preschoolers invite all interested parishioners to join them in the Parish Dining Hall for an Epiphany Celebration in honor of Jesus’ birthday. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served. Also every year we traditionally have asked for anyone interested to bring a birthday gift for Jesus to be given to the little babies in need within our own parish. Anything extra will go to *A Caring Place*. They are in need of the following items: New or gently used baby and children’s clothes (size 0 up to 4x), baby blankets, crib sheets, wipes, formula, and baby food. Elizabeth Ministry is sponsoring this annual event.

Youth Ministry Update



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH OF THE PARISH:

Have you been dreaming of a wonderful opportunity to gather with you high school friends to **ski**? Call the Youth Office (752-2080 Ext. 38) and register for what we hope will be our annual high school trip to Winterplace, West Virginia February 3-5. Tickets for the trip will cost \$225 and include two nights accommodations, lunch on Saturday and breakfast both mornings, concert tickets to see **Audio Adrenaline** perform Saturday night and the bus. Lessons are a separate fee and there are other snow options available. Call the youth office for more information or checkout the parish web page. Initial deposit of \$100 is due January 3rd, 2006.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
December 11, 2005	\$ 13,272.18	\$13,000.00
Year to Date:	\$305,480.99	\$330,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i>		-\$24,519.01
457 Envelopes Returned:		\$12,831.18
Loose Change:		\$441.00
Immaculate Conception		\$1,243.32
Religious Retirement		\$4,942.40
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:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 12/15/05:	\$40,586.48
Total Expenses Paid week ending 12/10/05:	\$21,704.19
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Health Care Premium – Dec.	\$13,430.14
Contract Teachers	\$4,384.00
Snow/Ice – Parking Lot	\$1,237.50

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

2006 envelopes and calendars remain outside of Fr. Wack Library (under the church) if you still need to pick them up.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 24th (sign-ups in back of church)

Sunday, December 25th

- 8:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Tim McGrath, Charlotte Molitor, Penny Barton, Patricia Rieck, Barbara Comello, Tony & Pat Ramundo
Servers – Cody Neff, Maureen Fehn, Maggie Fehn, Megan Farwick
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul/Joe Guertin, George Hofmann, Bob Guenther
-
- 10:00 am **Lectors** – Tim Drozda, Tom Kiefer
Eucharistic Ministers – Cindy Robinson, Estelle Wolfe, Jessica Powers, Karen Perry, Ashley Neltner, Ray Neltner, Charlene Kiefer
Servers – Travis Gallivan, David Kiefer, Brian Keefe, Frankie Hartman
Greeters – Ray Neltner, Sandra Bishop, Carol Farwick
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Mike Hicks, Ed Lorentz, David Wynn
-
- 12:00 pm **Lectors** – Ann Tekulve, Jacqueline Moore
Eucharistic Ministers – Carol Woerner, Terry Rutherford, Andrea Rutherford, Thomas Brannen, James O'Donnell, Karen Trautmann, Mary Brock
Servers – Michael Nimmo, Abby Simpson, Austin Shaffer, Jessica Murphy
Greeters – Julie Kiefer, Darline Foltz, Dee Archer
Ushers – Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington, Frank Brunet

Mass Intentions & Presiders

MON. 12/19

8:30 am Helen Chirco

TUES. 12/20

8:30 am †Warren Gelter

WED. 12/21

8:30 am Carol Fisher/Bob & Sandy

THURS. 12/22

8:30 am †Ricky Molitor/Mom

FRI. 12/23

9:00 am Jack Page

SAT. 12/24

3:00 pm † Robert Lamping/Bob & Mary Anne Kaiser

Fr. Paul Donohue

5:00 pm † Michelle Renee Smith/Mom & Dad

Fr. Ed Smith

Midnight † Eugene Johnson, Sr./Paul & Ann Herschairer

Fr. Bill Wagner

SUN. 12/25

8:00 am People of the Parish

Fr. Ed Smith

10:00 am † Susan Louallen/Bill & Mary Braun

Fr. Bill Wagner

12:00 pm † Dick Iannitti/Angela Iannitti

Fr. Bill Wagner

† = Deceased

Parish Events/Projects

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**.

BINGO UPDATE: The only week in December that Bingo will NOT be held is December 29th. Bingo will be held on December 22nd although it was not included on the parish calendar. **Bingo Bakers are still needed!** Our Bingo players LOVE desserts, so we are looking for bakers!! If you are able to donate baked goods once a month, once a week or whatever your schedule allows, we would love to have them. Amy Dugan has graciously agreed to coordinate this effort for us. You may contact Amy at timdugan@fuse.net or by calling **513/678-1447** to volunteer. Our thanks in advance.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you celebrated or are going to celebrate a 25th, 40th or 50th 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 11th.

Miscellaneous

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Give your marriage the gift that will keep on giving – some quality time on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next dates for this enrichment is January 27-29 and February 17-19. For reservations or information call: Chuck & Carolyn **937/848-2731**.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB: The 31st weekly winner of \$100.00 is Gene Blom, Winning No. 111.