

Growth Through Commitment in Christ



Church of ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 9:00 am

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 Saturday, Sunday and Holy Days

PARISH OFFICE 752-2080

PARISH STAFF

Fr. William C. Wagner, Pastor	753-2553
Deacon Jerry Cain	753-2545
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, Margaret Osinski	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 Minister, Diane Brennan	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

School Office, Dee Archer 753-2540

Administrative Asst., Rhonda Roberts 753-2540

PSR (Parish School of Religion):

Religious education for public school students. Classes held on Sundays – Nursery 10-11:00 am; Pre-School 10-11 am; Grades 1-8 8:30-9:45 am; Youth Ministry 6-8 pm. Call 753-2550 for more information and to register.

Want to be Catholic? Call Becky Ready, DRE at 753-2548 to find out about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Youth).

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: 753-2550

Marriage: Call Deacon Jerry Cain 753-2545
6 months prior to wedding date

Anointing of the Sick: 753-2553

Communion to the Sick: 753-2549

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Friday by Noon (9 Days Prior)

Submit to Kate Roelker at kroelker@sttm.org.

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.

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."

THE *Week* AHEAD

Monday, January 7th

7:00 pm Booster Meeting – Parish Dining Room
7:30 pm SVDP – Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, January 8th

7:00 pm Confirmation Parent Leaders – Conference Room B & C
7:00 pm Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall

Wednesday, January 9th

9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room
7:00 pm Women's CRHP – Faith Formation Room

NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 10th

1:15 pm Pastoral Staff Meeting – Fr. Wack Library
7:00 pm Choir – Library
7:30 pm Men's CRHP – Fr. Wack Library

Friday, January 11th

9:00 am School Mass - Church
10:00 am Adoration – Church

Saturday, January 12th

9:00 am CRHP Morning of Reflection – Parish Dining Room
9:00 am Clean Church
3:00 pm Confessions – Church
6:00 pm Crop 'Til You Drop – Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Father Daughter Dance – Parish Dining Room

Sunday, January 13th

7:00 am Knights of Columbus – Parish Dining Room
8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8
9:30 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room
10:00 am PSR Pre-School – Fr. Heider Hall
10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Library
10:00 am RCIA – Faith Formation Room
10:00 am RCIY – Fr. Wack Library
11:00 am Baptism Prep Class – Class Room 7
6:00 pm Youth Ministry – More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – *The Epiphany of the Lord*

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Matthew 2:1-12) The Magi come to give homage to the King.

REFLECTION: On this feast we see Jesus as Messiah coming to bring salvation to all people.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: What is one of the best ways I can show Jesus to others?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died: Kathleen Cushman and Clay Taylor. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Tim Hornschemeier, Mary Dodson, Anne and Caty Farwick, Julie Dahlheimer, Henry D'Andrea, Paul Fritsch, Betty Fritsch, Peggy Payer, Uldean Cieri, Mary Rettig, Lucille Wenstrup, Megan Cash, Rose Marie Ogle, David Habig Sr., Romilda McCarty, Lois Ritter, Howard Diemler, Diane Knause, Rhea Cermak, Robert Fischer, Angela Cookson, Dolores McKinney, Christopher Kosciuk, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, and Tex Meranda. Those who are serving in the Armed Forces: Michael Hucker Jr., Dale Manning, Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Jonathon Stewart, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun and Adam Wenstrup.



Banns of Marriage

BANNS II: Markus Hall and Kimberly Howard
January 19, 2008



Parish Events

NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Jan. 9th - will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Fr. Bill will give a recap of everything already covered in the gospel of John.



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 13th, at 11:00 am in Class Room 7. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.



FEST 2008: will be held on Saturday, January 19th beginning at 11:00 a.m. The day will include carnival games for the children from 11:00-3:00 pm in the gym, followed by a Lasagna dinner beginning at 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm in the Parish Dining Hall. The St. Thomas More Casino will be open from 6:00 p.m. until midnight offering Blackjack, Let it Ride, Texas Hold Em, and other various poker games. We will also have a Texas Hold Em tournament that will begin at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to purchase your chance to win \$1,000 CASH—to obtain tickets which are \$1 each or 6/\$5 please call 513-520-9773 or see your favorite STM student athlete. All proceeds from this event will be used by the STM Boosters to pay off the remaining debt on the gym floor.



LADIES NIGHT OUT: Save the date of January 25, 2008 for the annual St. Thomas More Ladies Night Out. Once again this event benefits our eighth grade class Washington trip. We will be offering food, fun, games, and pampering. Reservation forms are available...for more information please call Kim Rastani (752-0919)

Readings for: January 13th – Baptism of the Lord (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan 8 – Confirmation Leader Training Session

Jan 12 – CRHP teams Day of Recollection with Fr. Walsh

Jan 16 – MOMS Monthly

Jan 22 – Confirmation Teams Session #1

Epiphany Celebration: Join us for a special program put on by our preschoolers after the 10 am Mass today in the Parish Dining Room.

CALLING ALL WOMEN: All moms and interested women of faith come join our Mom's Monthly beginning Wednesday, January 16, at 7pm in the Faith Formation Room. The Mom's Monthly group will be starting a new study on the book of Matthew. Matthew contains an extensive account of Jesus' teachings and as such is considered the most authentic and fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion. If you are interested in joining us and would like to order the materials, call Becky at 753-2548 or email bready@sttm.org.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION: On January 22 at 7pm in the Parish Dining Hall we will gather to begin our first preparation session. As the confirmandi begin their preparation for Confirmation, they will look more closely at their unique gifts and how important they are as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. All confirmandi and team parent leaders are needed this evening.

Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Jan. 6th, 13th and 27th. **NO** Meeting Jan. 20th due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend.

CROP 'TIL YOU DROP: Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm in Heider Hall. See Bulletin insert for more information.

Miscellaneous

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE: Financial Aid for Catholic Students – Thomas More College is pleased to offer two financial awards for Catholic high school students:

- **Catholic Covenant:** A \$7,000 award for students who are members of a Catholic parish and attend a public school or are home-schooled.
- **Parochial Promise:** A \$10,000 award for Catholic students who attend a Catholic high school.

For more information, call 859-344-3319 or email financial-aid@thomasmore.edu.

EPIPHANY VESPERS & CAROL CONCERT: will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati on Sunday, January 6 at 7:30 pm. The carol concert will feature carols for choir and harp from Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* and Ferko's *A Festival of Carols* sung by the Athenaeum Chorale. Admission is free. All are welcome!

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS THRU THE DIOCESE: There was a recent article in the paper regarding the Archdiocese electronic giving program. Although their program is state of the art, the costs to use their program are very high compared to ours. Plus, we do not get your donations transferred to us for over 30 days. If you wish to contribute electronically, visit our parish web site at http://www.sttm.org/stewardship.html#Why_Should_I_Contribute_Electronically or call the Finance Office at 753-2543 for more information.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
December 23, 2007:	\$13,360.77	\$13,000.00
Christmas 2007:	\$41,366.98	\$28,600.00
YTD Thru Dec 25:	\$405,797.60	\$400,800.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$4,997.60
438 Envelopes Returned Sunday Dec 23:		\$12,507.32
513 Envelopes Returned Christmas:		38,207.80
Loose Change December 23:		\$853.45
Loose Change Christmas:		\$3,159.18
Christmas Flowers – Grand Total		\$2,692.06

OTHER COLLECTION:

Outstanding Debt:	\$1,013,383.37
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$498,268.64
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,511,652.01</u>

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 12/31/07:		\$44,275.51
Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 12/29/07:		\$52,356.88
<u>Notable Expenses Paid:</u>	Diocese Assessment-1/2	\$39,402.48
Duke Energy:		\$6,112.76
Snow, Ice, Grounds Maintenance		\$1,150.00
Fire Extinguisher Inspection & Update		\$439.25
Christmas Flowers		\$510.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 12

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Verdin, Larry Bush
Eucharistic Ministers – Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Jane Pearce, Donald Weber, Dennis Lahey, Jenny Barnes, Duane Bradley, Teresa Bradley
Servers – Abby Simpson, Katherine Kelly, Emily Osterling, Tedra Bush, Brian Roberts
Greeters – Hannah Schoolfield, Gail Convery, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, January 13

8:00 am **Lectors** – Diane Meisman, Nelson Seip
Eucharistic Ministers – Patti McMullen, Timothy Hornschemeier, Michele Lamping, William Fehn, Sam Ivers, Thomas Brannen, Vickie Ditchen, Genevieve Ivers
Servers – Joe Schoettelkotte, Daniel Schoettelkotte, Benjamin Schmidt, Christopher Feist, Caroline Dugan
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon John Convery, Catalina Handleton, Patricia Lindsey, Cindy Robinson, Ann Kamphaus, Penny Barton, Garry Burke, Larry Robben
Servers – Michelle Mersman, Daniel Guerrette, Tatenda Mandizha, Tanner Cardone, Holly Ortalano,
Greeters – Rachel Neltner, Ray Neltner, David Kiefer
Ushers – Lynn Austin, Joanne Buchanan, Joe Thumann, Lee Knause

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Barbara Hammond, Jacqueline Moore
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon John Convery, Karen Trautmann, Melissa Kellerman, Richard Schuler, Patricia Tekulve, Robyn Yates, Carol Woerner, Mary Brock
Servers – Taylor Cunningham, Natalie Welage, Tyler Vickers, Michael Mink, Brett Blaha
Greeters – Laurie Bagley, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions & Presiders

MON. 1/7	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 1/8	8:30 am	† Marion Hilgefert/Frances Lehman
WED. 1/9	8:30 am	† Helen Chirco/Sandy
THUR. 1/10	8:30 am	Deacon Michael Thomas/Rose Gruening
FRI. 1/11	9:00 am	Deacon John Convery/Rose Gruening
SAT. 1/12	4:00 pm	† Ed Fritz/Jack & Joan Evans Fr. Wagner
SUN. 1/13	8:00 am	† Betty Sheldon/Nina Smith Fr. Wagner
	10:00 am	† Marian Condo/John & Marlene Vennemeyer Fr. O'Cinnsealaigh
	12:00 pm	People of the Parish Fr. O'Cinnsealaigh

† = Deceased

Parish Information

Mark these dates on your calendar:

CRHP MORNING OF RENEWAL: with Father Jim Walsh on Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9:00 am until noon. For more information call Deacon Michael Thomas at 753-2549.



February 2 & 3, 2008 - "**Walk With Me**" Christ Renews His Parish Women's Weekend. For more information call Lisa Nelson 752-3986 or Kate Moss 943-1618.

February 16 & 17, 2008 - Christ Renews His Parish Men's Weekend. For more information call Deacon Michael Thomas 753-2549 or Tom Somerville 947-0325.

Thank-you for a record collection this Christmas. The parish appreciates everyone's generosity! God has blessed our parish!



2008 Envelope Sets: If you have not already done so, please take time to pick up your 2008 boxed envelope set outside the Fr. Wack Library underneath the front of the church.

SUNDAY CHILD CARE: If you are interested in your child participating in our Sunday Child Care during the 10 AM Mass, please fill out a registration form found in the vestibule, in the parish office, in the Faith Formation Room, or online at www.sttm.org.

SEWING MINISTRY: will meet on 1/17/08 from 6-8 pm in More Martyr Hall – all levels of sewing ability are welcome and wanted. No tools required!!



ROSARYMAKERS: will meet on 1/18/08 from 6-8 pm in More Martyr Hall. All ages are invited!!