

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 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 John Convery 753-2568
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

Tuesday, January 29th

7:00 pm Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall

Wednesday, January 30th

9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room
5:00 pm Feed the Hungry – Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm Bible Study – Conference Room C

Thursday, January 31st

6:30 pm School Open House – Parish Dining Hall
7:00 pm Choir – Library
7:30 pm Dad's Ministry – Faith Formation Room

Friday, February 1st

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

Saturday, February 2nd

WOMEN'S CRHP WEEKEND

7:00 am Answer the Call – More Martyr Hall
9:00 am Clean Church
3:00 pm Confessions – Church

Sunday, February 3rd

WOMEN'S CRHP WEEKEND

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 – Classroom 7**
10:00 am RCIA – Faith Formation Room
10:00 am RCY – Fr. Wack Library
6:00 pm Youth Ministry – More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Matthew 4:12-23) We are called to reform our lives and follow Christ as disciples.

REFLECTION: We do not like to follow an unknown path and yet this is what Jesus asks of us.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: How quickly do we respond when Jesus calls us to come after him?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Mary Dodson, 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, Nick Braun and Adam Wenstrup.



Parish Events

Mark these dates on your calendar:



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.



WORLD CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: It's time again for our annual World Celebration of Marriage. This event takes place on Saturday, February 9th with a special blessing at the 4:00 pm mass followed by dinner and dancing in the Parish Dining Room. All married couples of the parish are welcome. The cost for the evening is \$25.00 per couple (which needs to be paid in advance). This includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Vickie. Those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries are complimentary. The guest speaker will be Deacon John Convery. If you are interested in joining us for an enjoyable evening, contact Kate at 752-2550 by January 28, 2008.

CATHOLIC MATTERS WORKSHOP: Do you wish you knew more about your faith so you could be a better witness to others? Do you feel that you want to read and reflect more on your faith, but with all the information out there, you don't quite know where to begin? If you answered yes to these questions and would like to do something special this lent, perhaps you may like to join our Catholic Matters sessions. We will be once again offering a series on the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. If you are interested in joining us, just come to Conference Room B at 7:00 pm starting on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Welcome Home!



Danny Braun has returned home safely from Iraq. We thank him and all those serving in our military for their selfless acts! Please remember to keep our military in your prayers!

Readings for: February 3rd – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb 6 – Ash Wednesday and Simple Supper
Feb 10 – RCIA Rite of Sending and Rite of Election
Feb 19 – Confirmation Prep Session #2
Feb 20 – MOMS Monthly
Feb 24 – RCIA 1st Scrutiny
Feb 26 – First Communion Prep Gathering #1

LIFELONG LEARNING AT OUR FINGERTIPS: There are some new and different CD's in our new CD rack in the vestibule. The suggested donation is \$3.00 for one or \$5.00 for two. You can listen to CD's at your own convenience, at home in your family room, on your MP3 player or in the car. It's a great way to increase your understanding of Catholic truths. So, stop by the vestibule and take a look!

STTM WEBSITE: Chaos comes in many shapes: a messy house, an impossible schedule, a car full of hungry, grouchy family members. You can pray for the grace that allows you to dig deep for strength to rise above chaos and you can also go to a popular website for great suggestions on how to manage your household while keeping a sense of humor. Go to our website at <http://www.sttm.org/adultfaith.htm>, click on to "Chaos in the Family" and you will be linked to a variety of resources to help you.

FAMILY QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Simplifying one's life is not only about reducing expenditures, but also about getting rid of clutter in order to pay attention to what's really important. Are the long hours you work to buy things for your children worth the time stolen from your relationship?

Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Next meeting Jan. 27th. **NO** Meeting Jan. 20th due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend.

Miscellaneous



ST. BERNADETTE MARDI GRAS: Saturday, February 16, 2008 in St. Bernadette's Gym. Cajun Dinner served from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Music and Dancing from 8:00 pm – 1:00 am. Event includes Dinner, Dancing, Mask, Beads, Beer and Pop. For Reservations or questions please call 943-0890 or 553-1995.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES AUXILIARY: Will hold its bi-monthly rummage sale on Friday, February 1st from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm; at the Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Rd. \$5.00 bag sale - large selection of clothing, toys and household items.



STM School Information

STM SCHOOL: New student enrollment for 2008-2009 has begun. Tours are available on Thursdays during January and February at 8:30 a.m. Please call 753-2540 for an appointment.

Thursday, January 31st from 6:30 - 8:00 pm an **Open House** for all interested students and parents as well as current STM families will be sponsored by the school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: is January 27th through February 1st.



Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
January 20, 2008:	\$12,084.72	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$466,710.28	\$458,500.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$8,210.28
462 Envelopes Returned Sunday Jan 20:		\$11,221.55
Loose Change January 20:		\$863.47
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Outstanding Debt:	\$1,006,716.70	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$496,601.98	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,503,318.68</u>	

EXPENSES:

Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 1/19/08:	\$14,361.77
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Property Taxes	\$1,710.21
Snow & Ice Removal	\$730.00
Acre Tests	\$371.40
Contract Teachers	\$2,695.00

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 2

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Sam Geonetta, Ginny Rottinghaus
Eucharistic Ministers – Jenny Barnes, Jane Pearce, Dennis Lahey, Donald Weber, Chris Bell, Patricia Rieck, Michelle Emerling, Rose Fitzgerald
Servers – Nicole Piening, Joy Neltner, Megan Schaefer, Ashley Taylor, Kara Burns
Greeters – Sylvia Guthrie, Gail Convery, Hannah Schoolfield
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, February 3

8:00 am **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Nelson Seip
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Michael Thomas, Timothy Hornschemeier, Gregory Snodgrass, Tony Ramundo, Pat Ramundo, Diane Meisman, Sam Ivers, Genevieve Ivers
Servers – Daniel Schoettelkotte, Joe Schoettelkotte, Haley Stultz, Logan Stultz, Garrett Guthrie
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Jeff Burgess, Charles Randolph
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon John Convery, Tammy Schneider, Garry Burke, Tim McGrath, Larry Robben, Patricia Lindsey, James Smith, Julie Smith
Servers – Travis Gallivan, Benjamin Gallivan, Kyle Scales, David Kiefer, Justin McCall
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Mike Hicks, Ed Lorentz, David Wynn

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Frank Molenda, Margaret Molenda
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon John Convery, Terrill Denton, Melissa Kellerman, Gloria Saliceti, Paul Brandt, Melissa Beverly, Bill Crawford, Susan Crawford
Servers – Nicholas Rutherford, Stacy Howell, Michele Cabel, Michael Callahan, Becky Kellerman
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer, Terrill Denton
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions & Presiders

MON. 1/28

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 1/29

8:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society

WED. 1/30

8:30 am Deacon Michael Thomas/Answer The Call

THUR. 1/31

8:30 am † Alice Abney/Sandy

FRI. 2/1

9:00 am † Cecil Pariseau/The Brennans

SAT. 2/2

4:00 pm † Laverne Faulkner/Julie & Jim Smith

SUN. 2/3

8:00 am Jeannette & Lewis Allen/Carole Hinton

10:00 am † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

12:00 pm People of the Parish

† = Deceased

Parish Information

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY THIS LENT: This year on all the Fridays of Lent, we will be extending Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:30 pm. At which time we will pray the Stations of the Cross and end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning this weekend there will be a **sign-up sheet in the main vestibule of the church** for those who wish to spend an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, throughout the day, on the Fridays of Lent. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Michael at 753-2549.

2007 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS: The contribution letters have been mailed to those who donated at least \$250.00 to the parish during 2007. In order to deduct contributions to the parish on your income taxes, the IRS now requires a letter from the church, a canceled check or electronic statement denoting the specific contribution. The contribution totals listed on your letter only include your free-will contributions and do not include school tuition, Mass stipends, fees for programs, or other similar transactions when something is received in exchange for your payment. Those transactions are not deductible.



A CARING PLACE & THE ELIZABETH MINISTRY: would like to thank all those who participated in the **ACP Baby Bottle Campaign**. Please remember to fill the bottles with loose change and return them to the back of church, or your child's PSR classroom if you have not already done so. **Please return all bottles, filled or empty.** Thank you!

SUNDAY OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be open on Sunday mornings beginning January 27th. The hours will be 9 AM until 12 Noon. This will allow service to those parishioners who are unable to visit the office during the week. This opening will apply only during the school year. The office will be closed on Sundays on key holidays like Christmas break, Easter, and during the summer months. The office will be staffed by Leslie Molitor.



CELL PHONES: Please turn **OFF** cell phones when attending Mass. We have discovered they interfere with the Sound System even when they are set to "vibrate only." If you are waiting for an emergency call or because of your work, then please sit in the center of the church away from all speakers. Thank you.