



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

Monday, February 4th

2:00 pm Science Fair – Parish Dining Hall
7:00 pm Booster Meeting - Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm SVDP – Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, February 5th

11:30 am Chancellor's Club Luncheon – McKenna's Restaurant
7:00 pm PTO Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall

Wednesday, February 6th

ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 am School Mass
9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room
12:15 pm Mass
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room
5:30 pm Simple Supper – Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm Mass

NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 7th

7:00 pm Catholic Matters – Conference Room B
7:00 pm Choir – Library
7:00 pm Men's CRHP – Fr. Wack Library
7:00 pm Elizabeth Ministry – Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Men's Club – Faith Formation Room

Friday, February 8th

9:00 am School Mass
10:00 am Adoration & Exposition – Church
5:00 pm Boy Scout Fish Fry – Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Benediction – Church

Saturday, February 9th

9:00 am Clean Church
2:00 pm K of C Free Throw - Gym
3:00 pm Confessions – Church
5:30 pm World Marriage Celebration – Parish Dining Hall

Sunday, February 10th

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
1:00 pm Rite of Sending Luncheon – Parish Dining Hall
6:00 pm Youth Ministry – More Martyr Hall

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died: Mary Helen Chandler, Victor Candelaresi and Ralph Bedel. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Mary Dodson, Joyce 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 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 753-2550 no later than February 4, 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.



THE CHANCELLOR'S CLUB: will be meeting on February 5th, at 11:30 am for lunch at McKenna's Restaurant located at the Holiday Inn in Eastgate. Please call the parish office at 752-2080 to let us

know you are coming.

SIMPLE SUPPER: Join us as we come together as a faith community and begin the Lenten season with a Simple Supper. A meal of soup and bread will be served at 5:30 pm in the Parish Dining Hall on Wed., Feb. 6th.



Readings for: February 10th – 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb 6 – Ash Wednesday and Simple Supper

Feb 10 – RCIA Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

Feb 16 - 17 – Men's CRHP

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!

RCIA'S NEXT PHASE "RITE of SENDING and ELECTION": On Sunday, February 10th, our RCIA candidates (those previously baptized) and catechumens (those not baptized) will be celebrating the Rite of Sending at the noon mass and then going downtown to the Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election. At the noon mass our parish assembly expresses its prayerful support and love before all are sent to the Archbishop. Then at the cathedral all will celebrate the ritual whereby the Archbishop hears the affirmation of the godparents and assembly calls the catechumens by name and declares them ready for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. From now until the Vigil, the catechumens are called the "Elect."

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION #2: On February 19th, our confirmation candidates will be reflecting on the mystery of the Trinity and the gift of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray for our young people that they may believe more fully in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and that they may be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.

STTM WEBSITE: Having a child in prison would be one of any mother's worst nightmares, but even prison cannot break the bonds of motherly love. Mary of Nazareth had a son who became a prisoner and also a victim of capital punishment. As we approach the disciplines of Lent and try to live the Beatitudes, remember that the men and women in prison are all children of some mother somewhere, living or dead. Maybe they have no one to advocate for them. If you feel moved to do something about those imprisoned unjustly all over the world, visit our newest link on our website. Go to <http://www.stm.org/adultfaith.htm> click on "Visiting the Prisoners" and you will be linked to a variety of resources to help you.

FAMILY QUOTE OF THE WEEK: There are many prayerful and penitential things that one can do for Lent, but have you ever considered trying not to complain - about your kids, your spouse, your boss, your neighbor, your enemy, the weather. It won't cost you anything; not even time. It's just a matter of switching off a negative thought.

Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Meeting cancelled 2/3/08 due to the SuperBowl. Instead they will meet at Beechmont Rollerarena from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm for an open skate. Call Mrs. Brennan @ 753-2551 or email for a permission slip!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduates who made SECOND QUARTER – SECOND HONORS at Mt. Notre Dame High school: **Chaelon Brennan and Bethany Perry.**



Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
January 27, 2008:	\$11,425.48	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$478,135.76	\$471,500.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$6,635.76
458 Envelopes Returned Sunday Jan 27:		\$10,641.15
Loose Change January 27:		\$784.33
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:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 1/31/08	\$44,506.19
Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 1/26/08:	\$16,051.82
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Duke Energy	\$6,036.50
Maintenance Supplies	\$1,090.89

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 9

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Verdin, Janet Tate
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon John Convery, Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Jenny Barnes, Richard Schuler, Lisa Miller, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley
Servers – Marissa Miller, Brian Roberts, Emily Osterling, Katherine Kelly, Danielle Piening
Greeters – Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry Edwards, Jane Pearce
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, February 10

8:00 am **Lectors** – Janelle Jessie, Jerry Philpot
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Michael Thomas, Barbara Comello, Dianna Kennedy, Patti McMullen, Vickie Ditchen, Patricia Tussey, Gregory Senior, Kathy Senior
Servers – Benjamin Schmidt, Caroline Dugan, Christopher Feist, Paul Conrady, Jeff Casavant
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Dan Casnellie, Connie Stricker
Eucharistic Ministers – Ann Kamphaus, Catalina Handleton, Lori Casnellie, Ray Neltner, Estelle Wolfe, Miranda Burgess, Charlene Kiefer, Penny Barton
Servers – Kiley Palmer, Connor Nelson, Paxton Knight, Leah Bartel, Sarah McGrath
Greeters – Darlene Foltz, Rob Pairan, David Kiefer
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Joanne Buchanan, Lee Knause, Lynn Austin

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Doreen Noble, Barbara Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Michael Thomas, Chaelon Brennan, Karen Trautmann, Patricia Tekulve, Robyn Yates, Mary Brock, Carol Woerner, Nick Schneider
Servers – Taylor Cunningham, Abby Simpson, Michael Mink, Tyler Vickers
Greeters – Julie Kiefer, Dee Archer, Sarah Nimmo
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions & Presiders

MON. 2/4

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 2/5

8:30 am † Joseph & Lena Dahlheimer/Helen Chirco

WED. 2/6

8:30 am † Pamela Rettinger/Sharon & Bill Strickland

12:15 pm † John Braun/John Burke

7:30 pm † Lillian Gosney/Gene & Kathy

THUR. 2/7

8:30 am Special Intentions for the Riportella Family/Ann Gebhart

FRI. 2/8

9:00 am † John Stern/Pangburn Family

SAT. 2/9

4:00 pm † Mom & Dad/Karen Perry

SUN. 2/10

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † George McCabe/McCabe Family

12:00 pm † Pete Tekulve/Tekulve Family

† = 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. **There are sign-up sheets in the main vestibule of the church** for those who wish to spend an hour 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 return all bottles, filled or empty, to the back of Church, if you have not already done so.** Thank you!

SUNDAY OFFICE HOURS: The **Parish Office** will now be open on Sunday. The hours will be 9 am until 12 Noon. The office will be staffed by Leslie Molitor.

STM School Information

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



Is February 6th - Please remember it is a day of Fast and Abstinence.