



# 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
<b>PARISH OFFICE FAX</b>	753-2542
<b>FINANCE OFFICE FAX</b>	753-2552
<b>SCHOOL OFFICE</b>	753-2540
<b>SCHOOL OFFICE FAX</b>	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](mailto:kroelker@sttm.org).

*We warmly welcome new members to our parish family. Please call the Parish Office or register online at [www.sttm.org](http://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 11th

7:00 pm JulyFest Meeting - Library

### Tuesday, February 12th

7:00 pm PTO Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall  
7:00 pm Contemporary Group – Church  
7:00 pm Women's CRHP - Library

### Wednesday, February 13th

9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room  
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room  
3:00 pm Parent Teacher Conferences  
7:00 pm Market Day Pick Up – Parish Dining Hall  
**7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Library**

### Thursday, February 14th

7:00 pm Choir – Library  
7:00 pm Catholic Matters – Conference Room B

### Friday, February 15th

9:00 am School Mass  
10:00 am Adoration & Exposition – Church  
5:00 pm Boy Scout Fish Fry – Parish Dining Hall  
6:00 pm Rosary Makers – More Martyr Hall  
7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Benediction – Church

### Saturday, February 16th

#### MEN'S CRHP WEEKEND

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

### Sunday, February 17th

#### MEN'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 – Library  
10:00 am RCIA – Faith Formation Room  
10:00 am RCIY – Fr. Wack Library

## FAMILY TALK – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**GOSPEL FOCUS:** (Matthew 4:1-11) We should spend time preparing ourselves for the resurrection of our Lord.

**REFLECTION:** During Lent, we should become more aware of our strengths and weaknesses.

**AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION:** What will you do to prepare for Easter?

## 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, 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

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.



**FISH FRY:** Join us every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) for a Fish Fry, sponsored by the Boy Scouts. Dinners will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall and will include a fish sandwich (baked or fried), French fries, cole slaw, salad, drink and dessert. Afterwards attend Way of the Cross and Exposition at 7:30 pm in the Church.

## Parish Information

**ENERGY CONSERVATION EFFORTS:** Parishioners and guests using the parish facilities after school hours are asked to turn off classroom lights and bathroom lights. Surge protectors, switches that are taped in position or that are marked not to turn off should not be touched. While we do our best to conserve energy, certain systems need to run 24/7 for peak efficiency. In the past weeks we've had several items turned off that have resulted in service calls. For example, someone turned off the heat in the gym, which resulted in all thermostats and fans being shut down. That resulted in a \$300.00 service charge! Two surge strips powering the Heider computer lab were turned off. When a surge strip powering a wireless network is switched off it results in lost instructional time while we troubleshoot, and sometimes a charge for tech services. Porters and maintenance staff take care of turning off other systems and items as needed.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING REP:** A representative from the bulletin company will be at the parish in the next week or two to renew bulletin advertising contracts and to solicit for new advertising. If you would like to advertise and speak to our rep, please call 752-2080 and leave a message at extension 137.



**PARKING ISSUE:** We are having an increasing problem with parking in our lots for non-parish sponsored events. If you are attending an event off parish property, please do not park in our lot. Our insurance does not cover non-parish events. Our parking lots must be available for our parishioners to attend Mass, weddings, funerals as well as our own parish and school events. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Readings for: February 17<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)**

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4a  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

## Faith Formation

### UPCOMING DATES:

**Feb 16 - 17** – Men's CRHP  
**Feb 19** – Confirmation Prep Session #2  
**Feb 20** – MOMS Monthly  
**Feb 24** – RCIA 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny  
**Feb 26** – First Communion Prep Gathering #1  
**March 1** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny at 4:00 Mass  
**March 7** – Way of the Cross focusing on the Gift of Children Born and Unborn

**CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION #2:** On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREP SESSION #1:** On Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7pm in the Parish Dining Hall all first communicants in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and at least one parent will be meeting to go over the upcoming preparation for first communion. Clearly, one of the responsibilities of our faith is to pass it on to the next generation. As parents we have an even greater obligation to be the primary teachers of religion to our children. Creating a Catholic home is the best way to pass on our faith. At our meeting we will be discussing how to help our children grow in their understanding of the real presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist, a central mystery of our faith.

### PRAYERS FOR RCIA NEEDED AND APPRECIATED NOW:

Please pray for our candidates for full communion and elects throughout all of Lent as they continue to deepen their understanding of and their commitment to Christ and his Church. They begin today the third phase of the RCIA process which is called Purification and Enlightenment, a six week long spiritual retreat. In these next few weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil, they will be experiencing ways in which to build on their relationship to Christ and their relationship to our Catholic community.

**MOMS MONTHLY:** Reminder that we will be meeting Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the Faith Formation Office at 7pm. We will be discussing chapters 3 and 4 of Matthew's Gospel. Remember to bring your Bibles and your Study Notebook.

**FAMILY QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Not everything a child resists need be avoided. The challenge is to know when to compromise and when to hold fast." (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*) Just because your child complains or pesters you to let him or her do something or buy something doesn't mean you have to cave. Remember, you are the parent. Be strong.

## Youth Ministry

**ROC Youth Meetings:** next meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** To the following STM School graduate who made SECOND QUARTER – SECOND HONORS at Archbishop Moeller High school: **Brendan Walsh**.



**SCORES & HIGHLIGHTS:** You can check out how our parish teams are doing in league play. Check out the scores on our parish web site at <http://www.sttm.org/stmcardinals.htm>. Our teams are doing a terrific job this year!

### Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
February 3, 2008:	\$21,711.95	\$18,700.00
YTD:	\$499,847.71	\$490,200.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$9,647.71
609 Envelopes Returned Sunday Feb. 3:		\$20,955.80
Loose Change February 3:		\$756.15
Debt Reduction:		\$1,841.00
Vision 2000		\$1,027.50

#### OTHER COLLECTION:

Outstanding Debt:	\$999,883.36
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$494,935.32</u>
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,494,818.68</u>

#### EXPENSES:

Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 2/2/08:	\$23,817.00
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Debt Interest Payment	\$8,500.00
2008 Collection Envelopes	\$4,513.48
Natural Gas Heating	\$3,123.58
Contract Teachers	\$2,283.00

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

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, February 16

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Duane Bradley, Nancy Bokenkotter  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Jenny Barnes, Michelle Emerling, Chris Bell, Donald Weber, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley  
**Servers** – Paige Noday, Danielle Schaefer, Heather Denison, Daniel Guerrette, Tedra Bush  
**Greeters** – Emily Bradley, Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

#### Sunday, February 17

8:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Mary Lou Mulvey  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon Michael Thomas, Charlotte Molitor, Michele Lamping, Patricia Rieck, William Fehn, Thomas Brannen, Paul Brandt, Mary Opp  
**Servers** – David Fehn, Peter Brandt, Peter Conrady, Michael Bouley, Justin Farwick  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Lisa Hartman, Eva Grachek  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon John Convery, Tom Kiefer, Margaret Pangburn, Larry Robben, Jeff Burgess, Tony Schulte, Karen Klysz, Kathleen Hornschemeier  
**Servers** – Anthony Luster, Brett Blaha, Tatenda Mandizha, Holly Ortalano, Tanner Cardone  
**Greeters** – Laurie Bagley, Rachel Neltner, Ray Neltner  
**Ushers** – Joe Thumann, David Wynn, Ed Lorentz, Mike Hicks

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Victoria Aicholtz  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon John Convery, Melissa Kellerman, Melissa Beverly, Robyn Yates, Patricia Tekulve, Darline Foltz, Susan Crawford, Bill Crawford  
**Servers** – Ryan Henning, Ryan Winkler, Lacey O'Connell, Austin Shaffer, Abby Jones  
**Greeters** – Julie Kiefer, Rosemary Weimer, Maureen Crowley  
**Ushers** – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

### Mass Intentions & Presiders

<b>MON. 2/11</b>	
8:30 am	Communion Service
<b>TUES. 2/12</b>	
8:30 am	Deacon John Convery/Answer the Call
<b>WED. 2/13</b>	
8:30 am †	Sister Ignatious S.M./Anonymous
<b>THUR. 2/14</b>	
8:30 am †	Helen Chirco/Lucille Wenstrup & Jackie Dietrich
<b>FRI. 2/15</b>	
9:00 am †	Oakley Stewart/Betty
<b>SAT. 2/16</b>	
4:00 pm †	Joseph Gatio/Thomas & Marci Whalen
<b>SUN. 2/17</b>	
8:00 am †	Poor Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society
10:00 am	People of the Parish
12:00 pm †	Austin Collins/Frank & Margaret Molenda

† = Deceased

### Miscellaneous

**THE JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK:** a day of reflection and insight with presentations by five Benedictine Sisters, Saturday, February 23, 9:30 am-3:00 pm at St. Walburg Monastery, 2500 Amsterdam Rd., Villa Hills, KY 41017. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. To register, please call Sr. Justina Franxman at 859-331-6324 or email her at [jfranxmanosb@yahoo.com](mailto:jfranxmanosb@yahoo.com) by Feb. 15.

**TAJCI:** An evening you won't forget - Wednesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm at Our Lady of the Visitation. Share the power and the passion – "I Thirst" – The Crucifixion Story. For more information go to [ldobelieve.com](http://ldobelieve.com) - TATIANA.

**THE JESUITS: Come and See** – a weekend for men 18-35 years old who are interested in learning more about the life, spirituality and work of Jesuit priests and brothers, and exploring the possibility of a vocation. February 15-17 in Cincinnati. For more information, please contact Fr. John Ferone, S.J., Assistant Director of Vocations. Email [feronesj@cinci.rr.com](mailto:feronesj@cinci.rr.com) or call 513-569-4584.

**CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE:** of the St. Martin Deanery will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 18, 2008. They will discuss updates on the 2007 Farm Bill and do some follow up on efforts to link local food producers with consumers. The meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Arnheim at 7:00 pm. For further information, contact Mr. Pat Hornschemeier at 937-378-4769 (day) or 937-378-4560 (evening).

### Lent



**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.



REMEMBER, FRIDAYS DURING LENT ARE  
DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.