

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
Sunday (Sept. thru May) 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Closed Saturday 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, Terry V. Wenninger	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, April 14

7:00 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

7:00 pm Confirmation Session - Parish Dining Hall

Wednesday, April 16

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room

1:30 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room

3:00 pm Martial Arts - Gym

7:00 pm Market Day Pick UP - Parish Dining Hall

7:00 pm MOMs Monthly - Faith Formation Room

7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm Catholic Matters - Conference Room B

Friday, April 18

9:00 am School Mass - Church

10:00 am Adoration

6:00 pm Rosary Makers - More Martyr Hall

Saturday, April 19

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall

9:00 am Clean Church

9:00 am Crop Til' You Drop - Parish Dining Hall

3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, April 20

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

11:00 am RCIA Mystagogy - Faith Formation Room

6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – 4th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 10:1-10) The Lord is our protector and guide.

REFLECTION: Jesus calls us to receive life in all its fullness.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: As a family, when do you experience life in all its fullness?

**"I AM THE GATE
FOR THE SHEEP"**

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died Robert Seiplt. 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, Diane Knause, Rhea Cermak, Robert Fischer, Angela Cookson, Dolores McKinney, Christopher Kosciuk, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Bud Pangburn, Connie Dufresne 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.



Banns of Marriage



BANNS II: Craig Wright and Melissa Swarts
April 26, 2008 at St. Thomas More Church



Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Meetings, April 13, 20 & 27 will be the regular ROC meetings.

- ❖ Sewing Ministry **canceled** for Thursday, April 17, due to Matt Maher concert at IHM.
- ❖ Rosarymakers will meet on April 18 from 6-8pm in MMH. All ages are invited. New project this month.
- ❖ Hard to believe, but Super 8 and Bible Camp signups for Summer 2008, kick off next week. Information should be in your child's packets. If you need more info please call the youth office at 753-2551.

MATT MAHER – to perform at IHM on Thursday, April 17, at 7 pm, all STM youth invited. Free will donations will be accepted.

CROP 'TIL YOU DROP: fundraising scrapbook event will be on Saturday, April 19, from 9am-3pm. All guests will be \$25.00 at the door.

Miscellaneous

"GIFT OF SIGHT" PROGRAM: (SEM) is sponsoring a used eyeglass collection to help the Gift of Sight program which. Since 1988 they have provided free eye care and glasses to more than 4 million people around the world. You can help by bringing in your old eyeglasses and placing them in the box provided in the vestibule. Thanks for your help! It means so much to so many! If you have any questions, call Jody Bridges, 752-6569.

WHO IS THE HEART OF YOUR HOME: We invite you to join us for an **Afternoon Gathering** to hear about the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the **Enthronement of His Sacred Heart** in your home. All are welcome to spend from 3:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday April 27, at IHM Parish in Heritage Hall, to learn of Jesus' promise to "bless every place in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored." Simple steps will be offered to help you enthrone your home. Receive a complete packet of materials for \$10.00. To RSVP, call Kathy Brannen at 752-7196 at your earliest conveniences or by Fri. April 18, 2008.

Readings for: April 20th – 5th Sunday of Easter (A)

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

April 15 – Confirmation Session #4

April 16 – Mom's Monthly

April 26 – First Communion Retreat

April 27 – Catechist End of the Year Brunch

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): Children involved in our PSR program receive knowledge of the faith, experience the liturgy and sacraments. **It is our hope that you will register your children for PSR so that they can grow in their relationship with Christ and our Church.** We are asking that **all registrations be completed by Sunday, April 27th.** This is crucial in order for us to plan for adequate materials and teachers in the fall. **Forms can be found in the back of church and online at www.sttm.org.** If you have any questions, call Becky at 753-2548 or Kate at 753-2550.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION #4: On Tuesday, April 15, our confirmation candidates will be reflecting on the role of the Holy Spirit in the growth of their conscience, the call to be reconcilers and how the Eucharist changes us. Pray that they may be strengthened to become a sign and witness of God's presence and love to all they meet.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: On Saturday, April 26, we will be having our First Communion Retreat! As we prepare for our retreat day, reflect on what you hope the Eucharist will nourish in your child. Please plan on being in the parish dining hall by 8:30 am. We have five exciting stations for parent and child to experience, followed by a wonderful lunch and concluding with a talk from Fr. Bill. We look forward to sharing this unique day with you.

STM BOOK CLUB: We invite you to join our St. Thomas More Book Club on Wednesdays from 1:30 till 3:00 as we embark upon a journey to understand contemplative and centering prayer more effectively. Centering prayer is a movement from the Holy Spirit guiding us into receptive prayer meant to enrich, not to exclude other forms of prayer. We will be using a series of DVD's titled: *Divine Love: The Heart of the Christian Spiritual Journey* with Fr. Thomas Keating, a Trappist Monk. To complement our understanding we will also be reading a book titled: *Apparitions of Modern Saints* by Patricia Treece. So, if you would like to join us as we undertake this spiritual discipline to foster our relationship with God, please call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

Parish Events



JULYFEST 2008: *If you haven't picked up your Grand Raffle tickets, you can find them in the alcove by the east doors of church, please be sure to pick them up by April 13, to ease our postage cost.*

To volunteer, please call 752-2080 ext. 302. Please leave your name, phone number, and email address. JulyFest's Volunteer Chair, **Gwen Farwick**, works on this in the evening, so phone calls are made only on weekends. Emails are the preferred communication where possible. You may also contact Gwen at STMJulyFestVolunteerChair@fuse.net. Watch here for more information as the website becomes active for online registry.



DID YOU KNOW? The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are said everyday after morning mass or Communion Service.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
April 6, 2008:	\$22,880.76	\$18,700.00
YTD:	\$639,103.90	\$627,600.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$11,503.90
661 Envelopes Returned Sunday April 6:		\$22,106.73
Loose Change April 6:		\$774.03
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Debt Reduction		\$1,794.51
Vision 2000		\$1,163.00
Outstanding Debt:	\$986,550.02	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$509,450.00	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,496,000.02</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Notable Expenses Paid 4/5/08:		\$37,850.98
Pension Fund Qtrly		\$10,978.69
Debt & Interest payment		\$8,333.33
Contract Teachers		\$3,124.00
Altar Supplies		\$711.30
Natural Gas – Heating		\$5,489.35

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 19

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Ginny Rottinghaus
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michelle Emerling, Chris Bell, Donald Weber, Jenny Barnes, Larry Bush, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley
Servers – Jennifer Ruhe, Nicole Piening, Amanda Bradley, Kara Burns, Katherine Kelly
Greeters – Hannah Schoolfield, Sylvia Guthrie, Emily Bradley
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, April 20

8:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Barbara Comello
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Thomas Brannen, Timothy Hornschemeier, William Fehn, Mary Opp, Charlotte Molitor, Kathy Senior, Gregory Senior
Servers – Justin Farwick, Joe Schoettelkotte, Daniel Schoettelkotte, Haley Stultz, Logan Stultz
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Connie Stricker, Tom Kiefer
Eucharistic Ministers – Karen Klysz, Miranda Burgess, Tammy Schneider, Penny Barton, Tony Schulte, Larry Robben, Ray Neltner, Estelle Wolfe
Servers – Andrew Clement, Samuel Bechtol, Michael Mink, Paxton Knight, Connor Nelson
Greeters – Charlene Kiefer, Ray Neltner, Rachel Neltner
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Joanne Buchanan, Lynn Austin, Lee Knause

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Richard Schuler, Jacqueline Moore
Eucharistic Ministers – Melissa Kellerman, Jim O'Donnell, Darline Foltz, Paul Brandt, Mary Brock, Robyn Yates, Bill Crawford, Susan Crawford
Servers – Becky Kellerman, Stacy Howell, Kiley Palmer, Sarah Lindsey, Jimmy Lindsey
Greeters – Julie Kiefer, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions

MON. 4/14	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 4/15	8:30 am	† Marion Hilgefert/Jim Hilgefert
WED. 4/16	8:30 am	† Bernie Fieno/Joe & Jeanne Burkart
THUR. 4/17	8:30 am	† Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti
FRI. 4/18	9:00 am	† Margaret Kellerman/Kathy & E.J.
SAT. 4/19	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
SUN. 4/20	8:00 am	† Pamela Rettinger/Dennis Iannitti Family
	10:00 am	† Janek Sprangler/Sylvia Guthrie
	12:00 pm	† Mary Lee Burbage/The Trimmell Family

† = Deceased

Parish Information

STM PTO SCRIP PROGRAM INFORMATION: Weekly or bi-weekly Scrip updates and order requests can be sent to you via email. Please send your email address to Lori Knight at Lknight126@aol.com. This is a great way for parishioners to participate in the Scrip program. If you do not have internet access, you can call Lori Knight at 753-0178 with your order. Payment and pick-up/delivery arrangements will be made on an individual basis via email or phone. Paper order forms are still available on the bulletin boards outside of Church. Most weekends, Scrips inventory are available for purchase after the Saturday 4 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses in the Church vestibule.

A list of Scrip vendors is available at www.shopwithscrip.com. Local vendors who are not listed on the web site include: McDonald's (\$5), Skyline (\$5, \$10, \$20), El Coyote (\$25), Tim's Jewelry (any denomination available) and Bigg's (\$50). New vendors added this year include: Uno's (\$25), Great Clips (\$25), and Wal-Mart/Sam's (\$25, \$100, \$250).

PTO funds several school-related items: bus transportation for field trips, fine arts events, library purchases, community building events, teacher general expenses, scholarships, etc. The 2007 - 2008 PTO Board has also pledged \$250 to be given to the parish financial aid fund as well as \$1,000 to go towards the parish debt.

Thank you for your support!!!



MASS INTENTIONS: Each year we receive almost twice as many requests for Mass intentions than the number of Masses available to be celebrated at our parish. We can only schedule a limited number of Masses per year for a particular intention. We will continue to take all your Mass intention requests at the parish office, but some will be sent to the missions. Mass intentions for the "living" will also be transferred to the missions along with the stipend, with the exception of a Wedding Anniversary Mass. Missionary Orders, such as the Comboni Missionaries, rely very heavily on Mass intentions sent to them by the parishes. These are very important to priests serving in Third World countries. We will try to schedule all Mass intentions already received as requested. As an alternative to a Mass intention, please consider making a donation to the parish in memory of the person...perhaps to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or for the cost of a parish hymnal (\$15) with a donor bookplate affixed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.