

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 Friday 8:30 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, January 5

6:30 pm Booster General Meeting - Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, January 6

11:30 am Chancellor's Club Luncheon - O'Charley's Eastgate
7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Choir - Library

Wednesday, January 7

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
No Evening Bible Study

Thursday, January 8

7:00 pm Confirmation Session - Parish Dining Hall
7:00 pm STMEC - Art Room
7:30 pm Men's CRHP

Friday, January 9

8:30 am School Mass
10:00 am Adoration
7:00 pm LADIES NIGHT OUT

Saturday, January 10

9:00 am Clean the Church
9:30 am Women's CRHP
3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, January 11

8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall
9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room
10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Library
10:00 am Preschool PSR - Fr. Heider Hall
10:00 am RCIA/RCIY
11:00 am Baptismal Prep Class - Conference Room B
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: In Jesus, God reveals the plan for all people.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Is it difficult to follow Jesus daily?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, 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, Linda Reed, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Connie Dufresne, Rita Iding, Robin Vestring, Ann Indovina, Nick Uremovich, Nick Kellerman, Tex Meranda, Jerry Barnes, Janet Myrick, Jean Doogan, Courtney Langenbahn, Dorothy Brokamp, Lena Aanderud, Dave Vogelgesang, Dan Jones and Verna Burnet. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovech, Randy Damron, Adam Wenstrup and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps.



Parish Information

JULYFEST JACKPOT: Don't forget to purchase your JulyFest Jackpot tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. A maximum of 2,000 tickets will be sold. Every Monday, beginning on March 2, 2009 and continuing through February 28, 2010, 5 tickets will be drawn; each winning ticket will be awarded a prize amount of \$40. On the first Monday of each month an additional ticket will be drawn for a \$250 prize. On June 22, 2009 and November 22, 2009 there will be an additional drawing for \$1,000. If all 2,000 tickets are NOT sold, the prizes will be proportionately reduced. To purchase tickets please call 752-2080 Ext. 124. **PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE JULYFEST GRAND RAFFLE.**



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 11, 2009 at 11:00 am** in Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.

NEW! MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: beginning on Wednesday, January 21, you are invited to join us at 6:30pm in the church as we pray the rosary monthly for personal, parish, country and world concerns. To pray the rosary means nothing else than to find a way to be with Jesus and Mary. When we are linked with them by such meetings, then we can claim the joy of victory over death and sin. We look forward to many joining us on this **third Wednesday every month of the New Year.** By joining together in prayer monthly, we are assured of “doing the right thing” individually and as a community as well as progressing leaps and bounds in our spiritual lives.



DID YOU KNOW? The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are prayed after the week day morning Mass or Communion Service.

Readings for: January 11 – Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Second Reading: John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan. 7 – Catholics Returning Home

Jan. 8 – Confirmation Session #1

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: St. Thomas More will offer a three-week series entitled “**Catholics Returning Home**” beginning Wednesday, January 7, at 7 pm in the Faith Formation Room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church and would like to return, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Becky Ready at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION: On Thursday, January 8, at 7 pm in the Parish Dining Hall, we will gather to begin our first preparation session with candidates and our parent facilitators. Remember to have the first two chapters of your “**Have Faith**” book read and discussed with your sponsor. Also your prayer journal is due that evening.

IN CASE OF SNOW AND ICE: NOTE: If we should cancel PSR due to inclement weather, we will call “**School Watch**” and that will be reported on channel 12, 700 WLW-AM, 55KRC-AM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM and also channel 5. It will also be listed on their websites: www.wkrc.com and www.wlwt.com.



Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: Next meeting will be Sun., Jan. 4, 2009.

Parish Events

LADIES NIGHT OUT: LADIES NIGHT OUT: The Annual 8th Grade **Ladies Night Out** is January 9, 2009 from 7 pm - 12 am. Drinks, food, music and fun! Gift Certificates for Ladies Night Out are available; \$20 prepaid or \$25 at the door. For more information call Janie Powers - 753-0953, Susan Kamphaus - 943-1667 or Michele Lamping - 752-6502. For reservations call Mindy Blaha at 752-7014.



WINTERFEST 2009: Be sure to join us on Saturday, January 17 for the 3rd annual **WinterFest** sponsored by the STM Boosters. From 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. the gym becomes a carnival complete with games, raffles, food and FUN! Beginning at 5:00 p.m. we will be serving a lasagna dinner complete with salad, roll, dessert and drink in the parish dining hall. At 6:00 p.m. we will open the St. Thomas More Casino, complete with Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, 7 Card Stud, Let it Ride, Money Wheel and Split the Pot.

We are also holding a raffle for the grand prize of \$1,000. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 and may be purchased from your favorite STM Cardinal or by calling 513-752-2080 Ext. 124.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION: is asking for help in cooking hot meals for 20 people at the **Clermont County Homeless Shelter**, the first Tuesday of every month. They can use meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, desserts, drinks, etc. The next meal will be on **Tuesday, January 6.** All donations are to be dropped off by 4:00 pm at St. Thomas More west side parking lot. If you can help, please contact Charlene at 752-0134.



THE CHANCELLOR'S CLUB: will be meeting on Tuesday, January 6, at 11:30 am for lunch at **O'Charley's** restaurant in Eastgate. Please call the parish office at 753-2541 to let us know you are coming.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
December 21, 2008:	\$17,249.24	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$380,138.43	\$386,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$5,861.57
470 Envelopes Returned Sunday Dec. 21:		\$16,447.17
Loose Change Dec. 21:		\$802.07
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Outstanding Debt:	\$933,216.66	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$547,033.72</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,480,250.38</u>	

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 12/31/08	\$47,043.04
Total Expenses Paid week ending 12/20/08	\$57,745.10
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Archdiocese Assessment - 6 months	\$40,813.26
Duke Energy	\$7,107.11

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 10

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Duane Bradley, Larry Bush
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Donald Weber, Theresa Bradley, Dennis Lahey, Jenny Barnes, Patricia Rieck, Michelle Emerling, Lisa Miller
Servers – Tedra Bush, Katie Farr, Joy Neltner, Maggie Mulloney, Marissa Miller
Greeters – Jerry Edwards, Gail Convery, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Comello, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Paul Brandt, Gregory Snodgrass, Dianna Kennedy, Charlotte Molitor, Vickie Ditchen, Patti McMullen, Patricia Tussey
Servers – Caroline Dugan, Christopher Feist, Logan Stultz, Peter Conrady, Garrett Guthrie
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Paul Guertin

10:00 am **Lectors** – Eva Grachek, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Cindy Robinson, Kathy Hornschemeier, Penny Barton, Catalina Handleton, Tony Schulte, James Smith, Julie Smith
Servers – David Fehn, Brett Blaha, Tanner Cardone, Kyle Cardone, David Kiefer
Greeters – Sandra Bishop, Christopher Pairan, David Kiefer
Ushers – Joanne Buchanan, Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Richard Schuler, Victoria Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Patricia Tekulve, Darline Foltz, Carol Woerner, Chelsea Ritter, Megan Farwick, Bill Crawford, Susan Crawford
Servers – Steven Schimpf, Megan Desrosiers, Kiersten Scales, Taylor Cunningham, Ryan Winkler
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Laurie Bagley, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 1/5

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 1/6

8:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory/ Mary McCabe

WED. 1/7

8:30 am † Ronnie Berger

THUR. 1/8

8:30 am † Matt Maupin & Family/Gloria Vaske & Family

FRI. 1/9

8:30 am † Mike Halloran/Donna & Kate

SAT. 1/10

4:00 pm † Dwight Long/Jerry & Mary Klems

SUN. 1/11

8:00 am Jean & Joe † Doogan 58th Wedding Anniv/Kathleen & Joseph

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † David Saliceti/Sandy Singer

† = Deceased

School News



STM OPEN HOUSE: Save this date...Thursday, January 29, will bring our annual Open House. Prospective new students and families are invited to see what our school offers during our classroom tours between 6-7 pm and then see a sample of our fine arts programs in the gym from 7-8 pm. Student art work will be on display and our students from grades 4-8 will provide a musical interlude with instrumental and vocals. Don't miss it!

FATHER/DAUGHTER SNOW BALL: Join us for an enchanted evening set in a magical Winter Wonderland on Saturday, January 24, from 7-10:00 pm. Contact Julie Beattie at julietb@fuse.net or 753-3073 for more details.



Miscellaneous

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides opportunities for **retired men and women to share their skills, talents and wisdom in direct service to the materially poor.**

IVC is seeking volunteers in the Greater Cincinnati area. **IVC volunteers live at home and work in local social service agencies two days a week, 10 months a year.**

Members can volunteer as:

- Counselors** for the Hispanic Community
- Tutors** in Inner-City Schools
- Employment counselors** in community centers
- Emergency intake officers** for community centers
- Counselors** for Refugees
- Literacy teachers** in community centers
- Patient medication assistants** in health care centers
- Aides** for persons dealing with mental health issues

For more information please contact **Cincinnati IVC Director, Sam Schloemer**, at 513-608-5551 or sschloemer@ivcusa.org. Visit the IVC website at IVC@ivcusa.org.



"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"