

Growth Through Commitment in Christ



Church of ST. THOMAS MORE

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School Web Page: www.sttmschool.org

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

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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 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

11:30 am Chancellor's Club Luncheon - O'Charley's Eastgate
6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Choir - Library

Wednesday, February 4

9:30 am Bible Study - Parish Dining Hall
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, February 5

7:00 pm STMEC - Library
7:00 pm Elizabeth Ministry - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm CRHP Men
7:30 pm Men's Club - More Martyr Hall

Friday, February 6

8:30 am School Mass
10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, February 7

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall
8:00 am **WOMEN'S CRHP**
8:30 am Clean the Church
3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, February 8

WOMEN'S CRHP
8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall
9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room
10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Class Room 7 G
10:00 am Preschool PSR - Fr. Heider Hall
10:00 am RCIA/RCIY - Faith Formation Room
11:00 am Baptismal Prep Class
6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Mark 1:21-28) Even evil spirits obey the authority of the Lord.

REFLECTION: We live in an instant gratification culture. What we want, we want immediately. We confuse needs and wants.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Do you follow Jesus' teachings?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died Paul Guertin. 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, Dave Vogelgesang, Verna Burnet and Carol Huening. **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, Keith Deardorff 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. Every Monday, beginning on March 2, 2009 and continuing through Feb. 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 Nov. 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.**



ANNUAL WORLD CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: takes place on Saturday, February 14, after the 4:00 pm Mass in the Parish Dining Hall. All married couples of the parish are welcome. The cost for the evening is \$35.00 per couple (which needs to be paid in advance). This includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Vickie. Those who have celebrated their 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries in 2008 are complimentary. The guest speaker will be Deacon Bob Fey. Music will be provided by Joe Bryant, *back by popular demand*. If you are interested in joining us for an enjoyable evening, contact Kate at 753-2550 or kroelker@sttm.org by February 2, 2009.



THE CARING PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Thanks to all who are participating in *the Caring Place Baby Bottle Campaign*, sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministry. Due to your overwhelming and generous support, we have extended the deadline to return the bottles. Please return the bottles, filled or empty, by Sunday, February 15th. Place the bottles in the specially marked bins at the entrances to church. **Thank you again for your generous donations. God bless you!**

CONTRIBUTION LETTERS: have been mailed to those households that have contributed \$250 or more during 2008. This year only, the letters will include your donations to the Catholic Ministries Appeal made through the parish and reported to us, made directly to the diocese. Thank you for your generosity to St. Thomas More.

Readings for: February 8 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 7 & 8 – Women's CRHP

Feb. 12 – Confirmation Session #2

Feb. 18 – Monthly Prayer Service

Feb. 18 – Mom's Monthly

Feb. 19 – First Communion Prep Session

Feb. 21 & 22 – Men's CRHP

Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday

NEW! MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: join us on every third Wednesday of the month this year, as we pray the rosary for personal, parish, country and world concerns. Wednesday, Feb. 18 is the next prayer service. We look forward to you joining us in this monthly prayer.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION: On February 12, at 7 pm in the Parish Dining Hall we will gather for our second preparation session with candidates and our parent facilitators. Remember to have part two of your *"Have Faith"* book read and discussed with your sponsor. Also your lifelong journal is due that evening.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSION: On Thursday, February 19, at least one parent and each 2nd grader preparing for First Communion will meet in the parish dining hall for our first formation session beginning at 7 pm. 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.

SUNDAY CHILD CARE: Sunday Child Care is available for all children three years and under during the Sunday 10:00 am Mass, in the Kindergarten Room (Church Bldg). Please call the parish office to register your child or go to www.sttm.org and download the registration forms.

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



Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: No meeting Feb. 1. Next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 8.

Miscellaneous



COMBONI MISSIONARIES AUXILIARY: Will hold its bi-monthly rummage sale on Friday, February 6, from 9:00 am – 2:00 at the Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Rd. \$5.00 bag sale-large selection of Christmas items, clothing, toys and household items.

THIRTY PLUS CATHOLIC SINGLES: Valentine's Day Dance will be held Saturday February 14th, 8 pm – Midnight at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - St Joseph's Hall, 7820 Beechmont Avenue - Anderson Township. The cost is \$15 and includes snacks, soft drinks and beer. Music provided by a DJ. For questions: Call Jane @ 513-919-1382 or email thirtypluscs@catholicweb.com.



ST. ANDREW PARISH MISSION: Feb. 2–5. For more information call Barbara at 513-831-3353. Speaker will be Fr. Tom Allender, S.J.

Parish Stewardship

| | Actual | Budget |
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| January 25, 2009: | \$12,469.77 | \$13,000.00 |
| YTD: | \$483,911.55 | \$489,000.00 |
| YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> : | | \$5,088.45 |
| 478 Envelopes Returned Sunday Jan. 25: | | \$11,622.65 |
| Loose Change Jan. 25: | | \$847.12 |

OTHER COLLECTION:

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| Outstanding Debt: | \$926,549.99 |
| Unpaid Interest on Debt: | \$545,367.06 |
| Total Due Archdiocese: | <u>\$1,471,917.05</u> |

EXPENSES:

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| Payroll & Taxes Paid 1/30/09 | \$47,434.20 |
| Total Expenses Paid week ending 1/24/09 | \$14,188.86 |
| Notable Expenses Paid: | |
| Duke Energy | \$7,156.15 |
| Property Taxes | \$1,987.23 |
| School Alarm Service | \$789.26 |

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 7

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Patricia Rieck, Rose Fitzgerald, Lisa Miller, Larry Bush
Servers – Matt Mersman, Taylor Cunningham, Kiersten Scales, Marissa Miller, Maggie Mulloney
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, February 8

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Diane Meisman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Thomas Brannen, Dianna Kennedy, Charlotte Molitor, Vickie Ditchen, Paul Brandt, Michele Lamping, Barbara Comello
Servers – Caroline Dugan, Christopher Feist, Peter Brandt, Alex Willenbrink, Paul Conrady
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin, Helen Fehn
Ushers – Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Tom Kiefer, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Gregory Snodgrass, Jeff Burgess, Penny Barton, Lori Casnellie, Dan Casnellie, Larry Robben, Tim McGrath
Servers – Lacey O’Connell, Ethan Johnson, Sarah McGrath, Samuel Bechtol, Trevor Lynd
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Lynn Austin, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan, Christopher Pairan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Patricia Tekulve, Richard Schuler
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Terrill Denton, Melissa Kellerman, Chelsea Ritter, Mary Brock, Megan Farwick, Bill Crawford, Susan Crawford
Servers – Matthew Welage, Katie Feldkamp, Ashley Taylor, Ryan Winkler, Megan Desrosiers
Greeters – Laurie Bagley, Terrill Denton, Julie Kiefer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

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*Thank you to everyone who came or participated in Ladies Night Out. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time. The money raised helps the 8th grade students fund their trip to Washington.*

**Mass Intentions**

**MON. 2/2**  
 8:30 am Communion Service

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**TUES. 2/3**  
 8:30 am † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

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**WED. 2/4**  
 8:30 am † Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti

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**THUR. 2/5**  
 8:30 am † Ed Schellhaas/Ann Gebhart

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**FRI. 2/6**  
 8:30 am † Debra Parker/Diane Meisman

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**SAT. 2/7**  
 8:30 am † Ann Kaucher/The Staggenborg Family

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**SUN. 2/8**  
 8:00 am † Lillian Gosney/CRHP Women Team # 7  
 10:00 am † George McCabe/The McCabe Family  
 12:00 pm People of the Parish

† = Deceased

**Right to Life**



**FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA):** For those interested, there is a website (<http://www.fightfoca.com/>) where you can go and sign an online petition against the so-called “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) which would eliminate every restriction on abortion nationwide. *NOTE:* Politicians do look at these petitions, especially when the numbers are large!

**Parish Information Continued**



**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, February 8, at 11:00 am. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.

**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, February 3**. 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, February 3, at 11:30 am for lunch at O’Charley’s Restaurant located in Eastgate. Please call the parish office at 753-2541 to let us know you will be joining us.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Tuesday, February 3, is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will be given after the 8:30 am Mass.

For centuries, it has been a tradition for Catholics to have their throats blessed on the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint against throat ailments, who healed a boy with a fishbone stuck in his throat.

