

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](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

### Tuesday, February 24

6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall  
7:00 pm Choir Practice - Library  
7:00 pm Social Justice - Fr. Wack Library

### Wednesday, February 25

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**8:30 am School Mass**  
9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room  
**12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Mass**  
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room  
**5:30 pm Simple Supper - Parish Dining Hall**  
**7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass**  
**No Evening Bible Study**

### Thursday, February 26

7:00 pm CRHP Women's Evening of Discipleship - Church  
7:30 pm Dad's Group - Library

### Friday, February 27

8:30 am School Mass  
10:00 am Adoration  
5:00 pm Fish Fry - Parish Dining Hall  
7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Benediction - Church

### Saturday, February 28

9:00 am Clean the Church  
3:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Crop 'Til You Drop - Parish Dining Hall

### Sunday, March 1

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 - Faith Formation Room  
**12:00 pm RCIA Rite of Sending**  
1:00 pm Rite of Sending Luncheon - Parish Dining Hall  
**3:30 pm Rite of Election at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral**  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

## **FAMILY TALK - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**GOSPEL FOCUS:** (Mark 2: 1-12) Jesus heals the soul as well as the body.

**REFLECTION:** It is faith that gives us the courage to stand before God.

**AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION:** What actions of Jesus astound you the most?

## 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, 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

**MISSPRINT IN 2/15/09 BULLETIN:** The Saturday, February 21, 4:00 pm Mass was for the intention of **Joseph Doogan** from the Seipelt Family.

**JULYFEST JACKPOT:** Don't forget to purchase your JulyFest Jackpot tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. Weekly drawings begin March 2, 2009. To purchase tickets please call 752-2080 Ext. 124 or stop by the Parish Office. **PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE JULYFEST GRAND RAFFLE.**



## Lent

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and a day of fast and abstinence (no meat). Mass times are: 8:30 am (school Mass), 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm.

**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. 25<sup>th</sup>.



**FRIDAYS IN LENT:** Beginning February 27, the First Friday in Lent, there will be **Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 8:30 am Mass until 7:30 pm at which time we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** and close with **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**. Sign up sheets for adoration are in the main vestibule of Church for those who wish to sign up. You do not have to sign up for every Friday. As you may recall from last year when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar people must be present in the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for both personal and family prayer.

**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 fried or baked fish, bread, cheese pizza or shrimp, with your choice of Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw or Salad, Drink and Dessert. Price is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. **Afterwards attend Way of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30 pm in the Church.**



**Readings for: March 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

## Faith Formation

### UPCOMING DATES:

**Feb. 25** – Ash Wednesday

**March 1** – Rite of Sending/Election

**March 12** – Confirmation Session #3

**March 15** – 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny

**March 18** – Rosary Prayer Service

**March 18** – Mom's Monthly

**MOMS MONTHLY:** Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 pm our Moms Monthly Group will be starting another study and this time we are turning to a series by Matthew Kelly. It is called *Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose*. To find out more about Matthew Kelly, go to <http://www.matthewkelly.org>. If you are interested in joining us for this new study either call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at [bready@sttm.org](mailto:bready@sttm.org). We look forward to seeing you all on March 18.

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

## Youth Ministry

**ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: No meeting Sunday February 22.**

Next meeting will be Sunday, March 1.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** To the following STM School graduates from St. Xavier High School who made **FIRST QUARTER – FIRST HONORS: Michael Harrington, Christopher Howitt and Harrison Lott** and **FIRST QUARTER – SECOND HONORS: Gregory Kelly.**



## Parish Events



**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, March 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.

**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, March 8, at 11:00 am in Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.



**THE CHANCELLOR'S CLUB:** will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 11:30 am for lunch at Red Lobster on Ohio Pike. Please call the parish office at 753-2541 to let us know you are coming.

## Miscellaneous

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. In 2009, the women of Papua, New Guinea prepared the service and chose the theme, "In Christ, there are many members, yet one body." **The World Day of Prayer** service will be held at the **Guardian Angels Parish Center** in Mt. Washington on **Friday, March 6**. Registration is at 9:30 am and the service begins at 10:00 am. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend this spirit-filled service.

### Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
February 15, 2009:	\$12,003.27	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$532,630.61	\$536,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$3,369.39
483 Envelopes Returned Sunday Feb 15:		\$11,217.22
Loose Change Feb 15:		\$786.05

**OTHER COLLECTION:**

Outstanding Debt:	\$919,883.32
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$560,100.40</u>
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,479,983.72</u>

**EXPENSES:**

Total Expenses Paid week ending 2/13/09	\$30,803.64
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Health Care Premium - Feb.	\$18,268.19
Ohio Unemployment Insurance Quarterly	\$951.81

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

### Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, February 28**

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Ginny Rottinghaus  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Jane Pearce, Dennis Lahey, Donald Weber, Larry Bush, Michelle Emerling, Jenny Barnes  
**Servers** – Matt Mersman, Jessica Flake, Daniel Guerrette, Joy Neltner, Megan Schaefer  
**Greeters** – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Jane Pearce  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Barbara Comello  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Pat Ramundo, Tony Ramundo, Michele Lamping, Patti McMullen, Mary Opp, Sam Ivers, Genevieve Ivers  
**Servers** – Sean McNamara, Benjamin Schmidt, Jeff Casavant, Peter Conrady, Paul Conrady  
**Greeters** – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Joe Guertin

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10:00 am **Lectors** – Eva Grachek, Charles Randolph  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Margaret Pangburn, Patricia Tussey, Estelle Wolfe, Larry Robben, Tom Kiefer, Penny Barton, Ray Neltner  
**Servers** – David Fehn, Michael Mink, Jennifer Foltz, Leah Bartel, Max Bartel  
**Greeters** – Staderman Family  
**Ushers** – Mike Hicks, David Wynn, Joanne Buchanan, Lee Knause

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12:00 pm **Lectors** – Doreen Noble, Mary Lou Mulvey  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Jim O'Donnell, Terrill Denton, Gloria Saliceti, Jacqueline Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Susan Crawford, Bill Crawford  
**Servers** – Katie Farr, Brett Blaha, Erin Ketchum, Matt Ketchum  
**Greeters** – Maureen Crowley, Julie Kiefer, Terrill Denton  
**Ushers** – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

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**PILGRIMAGE TO PERU:** June 13-25 Pilgrimage to Peru, Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. Learn about the ancient Inca religion, modern Catholicism in Peru, evolution and the work of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. on faith and evolution. For more information Call Brennan Hill @ 474 1564 or email [hillb@xavier.edu](mailto:hillb@xavier.edu).

### Mass Intentions

**MON. 2/23**  
 8:30 am Communion Service

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**TUES. 2/24**  
 8:30 am † Bernice Wilmers/John Burke

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**WED. 2/25**  
 8:30 am † Julian & Faye Kess  
 12:15 pm † Albert Ritter/The Pangburn Family  
 7:30 pm † Robert & Ada Steinmetz/Linda Day

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**THUR. 2/26**  
 8:30 am † Howard Diemler/Catherine Barton

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**FRI. 2/27**  
 8:30 am † Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad

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**SAT. 2/28**  
 4:00 pm People of Parish

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**SUN. 3/1**  
 8:00 am † Howard E. Diemler/Pauline Diemler  
 10:00 am † Gioan Kim Duong D. CAO/BA Nguyen H. Phong  
 12:00 pm † Robert Sieg/The Sieg Family

† = Deceased

### Thank You!



**Joseph House for Homeless Veterans**  
 We don't leave our wounded behind!



Rev. William C. Wagner,

1/10/09

*Thanks so much for your congregation including the Joseph House in their charitable giving at Christmas.*

*Please pass along our deep appreciation to those who made the gifting possible.*

*Sincerely,  
 Bill Malone*

**A CARING PLACE ~ PREGNANCY HELP CENTER ~ 2/10/09**

*Dear Students of STM 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes and STM PSR 8<sup>th</sup> grade class:*

*Words simply cannot express the gratitude within our hearts for the generous gift of \$245.25 you recently raised for the ministry of **A Caring Place** through our **Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign**. We are amazed by your generosity and praise God for your caring hearts.*

*Please know the 130+ young women, young men, families and babies we serve each month at the center will be blessed by your kindness.*

*In Christ's Love,  
 Shawna Dunn & Everyone at ACP*

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**THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** would like to thank all parishioners who have helped cook meals in 2008 for the **Homeless Shelter**. Your generosity was overwhelming! Serving is the life of a Christian and you are truly Christ-like!

