

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, V.F., 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. Weninger	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, March 9

7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

7:00 pm Choir Practice - Library

Wednesday, March 11

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room

1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room

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

7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, March 12

7:00 pm Confirmation Session - Parish Dining Hall

Friday, March 13

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, March 14

9:00 am Clean the Church

3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, March 15

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER ALL MASSES

8:00 am Mass - RCIA First Scrutiny

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

6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK - 2nd Sunday in Lent

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Mark 9:2-10) Jesus is transfigured in front of Peter, James and John.

REFLECTION: Hold and remember this glimpse of the fullness of God's life in Jesus as we travel our spiritual journey from death to new life.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Why would our Messiah freely choose to suffer?

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, Ray Conti, Jr., Danny Jones, Mary Ferrell, Lou Polk 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. **To purchase tickets please call 752-2080 Ext. 124 or stop by the Parish Office.**



FRIDAYS IN LENT: 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. Remember, while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar, people must be present in the church.

BOY SCOUT FISH FRY: Join us every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) for a Fish Fry, sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop #452. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall and will include fried or baked fish, bread, cheese pizza, or shrimp, with your choice of macaroni & cheese, green beans, French fries, cole slaw or salad, drink and dessert. Price is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. **After dinner, attend the Way of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30 p.m. in Church.**



PARISH MISSION: Do you want peace in your life, joy in your heart, love in your family, faith in Jesus, power to do what seems impossible? Then you won't want to miss our parish mission: **"Healing Life's Hurts"**! You will want to attend the entire two evenings of the mission. It will bring you an experience of **NEW LIFE, HEALING, and WHOLENESS.** It will give you **SOMETHING** that you can give to others:

HOPE, HOPE IN GOD!

because **JESUS** really does make a difference. He is truly **ALIVE** and in our midst! The dates of the mission are March 25 & 26, at 7:00 pm each evening.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduate, **Natalie Welage**, who made **SECOND TERM - SECOND HONORS:** at Ursuline Academy.



Readings for: March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

March 12 – Confirmation Session #3

March 15 – 1st Scrutiny

March 18 – Rosary Prayer Service

March 18 – Mom's Monthly

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: Join us as we continue to meet on the third Wed. of the month at 6:30 pm in the church to pray the rosary for personal, family, parish, country and world concerns. See you **March 18** for another evening of prayer with Jesus and Mary and all those committed to praying the rosary for the conversion of hearts.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISH WOMEN: Are you feeling the need for more spiritual nurturing? Then we have an excellent opportunity for you! Come and join the support of other women as we discover together a greater depth to our spirituality during the upcoming new sessions in our MOM'S Monthly Program. On **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, please call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org. We look forward to seeing you all on March 18.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION: Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 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: Next meeting will be Sunday, March 8.

CCHD INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE FOR 2009: *Looking for:* A young person (18-30) of faith who would like to serve as an intern for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. Stipend is \$10 per hour, 13 hours per week Fall 2009 (12 weeks) & Spring 2010 (12 weeks). For more information or to receive an application, please contact Tony Stieritz, at 513-421-3131 ext. 2660 or tsieritz@catholiccincinnati.org.

Miscellaneous

THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES: invite you to help celebrate their 70th anniversary in the United States. **"Comboni Rhythms"** will be held on Sun, March 15, from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. A family event where "everyone is Irish!" -- it will feature a concert by the *Friendly Sons of St. Patrick*, a mini-festival with games, face painting, raffle and good food and drink! For more information, please contact Jeanie Stephens at 474-4997 or Stephens@combonimissionaries.org.

LENTEN VESPERS: (Evening Prayer) will be sung on Sunday, March 8, at 7:30 pm in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati. The service will include psalms, hymns and canticles. The Athenaeum Chorale will sing choral anthems for the Lenten season. The public is invited to attend.



"THE WAY OF LOVE" – Student and Families Stand Up for Life: Seventh LENTEN Pro life Rosary Walks...prayer changes hearts and minds. Come on the final 3 Sundays of LENT, March 22, 29, and April 5 (Palm Sunday), from 2-3 pm. Meet at Burnet Woods Bandstand (across from Good Sam) and proceed in penance around the block encompassing the abortion site on Jefferson Ave. For more information call 513-314-9121 or log on to www.TheWayofLove.org.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
March 1:	\$23,458.18	\$21,000.00
YTD:	\$568,008.46	\$570,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$1,991.54
683 Envelopes Returned Sunday March 1:		\$22,797.28
Loose Change March 1:		\$660.90
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Ash Wednesday		\$2,002.56
Debt Reduction		\$2,420.44
Vision 2000		\$942.50
Outstanding Debt:	\$913,216.65	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$558,433.74</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,471,650.39</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Total Expenses Paid week ending 2/28/09		\$3,208.27
Notable Expenses Paid:		
N/A		

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 14

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Larry Bush
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Patricia Rieck, Michelle Emerling, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Donald Weber, Chris Bell, Jenny Barnes
Servers – Megan Schaefer, Danielle Schaefer, Tedra Bush, Paige Noday, Maggie Mulloney
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Jane Pearce
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Diane Meisman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Patti McMullen, Barbara Comello, Patricia Tussey, Tony Ramundo, Pat Ramundo, Mary Opp, Michele Lamping
Servers – Jeff Casavant, Benjamin Schmidt, Sean McNamara, Garrett Guthrie, Logan Stultz
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Eva Grachek, Dan Casnellie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Catalina Handleton, Kathy Hornschemeier, Tony Schulte, Tim McGrath, Lori Casnellie, James Smith, Julie Smith
Servers – Benjamin Gallivan, Trevor Lynd, Samuel Bechtol, Sarah McGrath, Ethan Johnson
Greeters – Charlene Kiefer, Ray Neltner, Rachel Neltner
Ushers – Mike Hicks, Lee Knause, Joanne Buchanan, David Wynn

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Doreen Noble
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Mary Brock, Patricia Tekulve, Terrill Denton, Darlene Foltz, Carol Woerner, Chelsea Ritter, Gloria Saliceti
Servers – Adam Vickers, Jimmy Lindsey, Kiersten Scales, Abby Jones, Paige Jones
Greeters – Maureen Crowley, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 3/9
 8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 3/10
 8:30 am † Mary Ann Luckman/Terry & Kathy Brannen

WED. 3/11
 8:30 am † Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti

THUR. 3/12
 8:30 am † Pete Tekulve/The Tekulve Family

FRI. 3/13
 8:30 am † Joe McCarthy/Silvio & Corrine Iannelli

SAT. 3/14
 4:00 pm † Ed Fritz/The Fritz Family

SUN. 3/15
 8:00 am † Ralph Bedel/Ruth Kettman, CSJ
 10:00 am People of the Parish
 12:00 pm † Barry Mygatt/The Beattie Family

† = Deceased

Parish Information

DIAPER CAMPAIGN - The **Elizabeth Ministry** has teamed up with **A Caring Place** once again to collect baby supplies for young mothers, lower income families and single parents. Help the campaign by donating baby items such as: a **box of diapers** (sizes 3, 4, and 5 are most needed), a container of **baby wipes**, baby food/formula, and new or gently used baby clothes (in season only). Bins will be at the church entrances before and after mass on **March 14 and 15. Thank you for your ongoing support!!!**



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
 God calls us to share what we have to help others. How much we share is a sign of our love: when we love unconditionally, we share the same way. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an opportunity to show our love for the Lord by sharing our treasure to help neighbors near and far throughout the 19 counties of our Archdiocese. Please plan to participate on Appeal Weekend on March 14 & 15. Every registered parish family should receive a letter this week from Archbishop Pilarczyk. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes to St. Thomas More Parish next week or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Thank you!

STM EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION GROUP: On Wednesday, March 18, we will hold the initial meeting of the St. Thomas More Employment Transition Group. The purpose of the group is to provide support and networking to any members of the parish who have lost their jobs and are looking for gainful employment. The group will meet at More Martyr Hall (building at the church parking entrance off Glen Este-Withamsville Rd) from 7-9 pm. Please spread the word to any other parishioners who are looking for jobs and whom you think may benefit from fellowship and networking.

U.S. Census Bureau JOB OPPORTUNITIES

US Census Bureau will be hiring for part-time to 40 hrs a week from early 2009 to May 2010. Jobs include: Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Census Clerks and Enumerators. You may review a practice test at Google 2010 CENSUS PRACTICE TEST or for more detailed information go to www.2010censusjobs.gov. For test sites or questions please call 513-766-3040 or contact Bonnie White at www.WHITE@FUSE.Net. Pay scales can range from \$8.25 – \$19.50 per hour depending on the position.