

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, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Choir - Library
7:00 pm Parish Advent Reconciliation w/St. Veronica at St. Veronica

Wednesday, December 3

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 Bible Study - Conference Room C
7:30 pm Men's CRHP - Library

Thursday, December 4

7:00 pm 1st Reconciliation - Church
7:00 pm Elizabeth Ministry - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Men's Club - More Martyr Hall

Friday, December 5

8:30 am School Mass
10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, December 6

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall
9:00 am Clean the Church
3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, December 7

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
6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – 1st Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Mark 13:33-37) Be on guard for the coming of the Lord.

REFLECTION: As a people we are the pliable material constantly being shaped and formed into one.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: How do you plan to “stay awake” for Jesus’ coming?

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, Peg Pangburn, Dave Vogelgesang, Dan Jones and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovch, Randy Damron and Adam Wenstrup.



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ADVENT GIVING TREE PROJECT: Please be sure to pick up an ornament tag from one of the three Giving Trees located at the three entrances to Church. Unwrapped gifts with tags attached need to be returned by the weekend of Dec. 13 and 14.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT: Will be available for purchase the month December in the parish office during office hours or see Deacon John Convery. **A donation of \$10 is requested. Funds will be used for the STM Scholarship Fund.**



DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE – We have received a second defibrillator donated by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. It is now located in the gym lobby. Our first defibrillator has been moved to the bottom of the church & school east entrance. A cabinet has been donated by NKH Life Safety here in Union Township. **Please note these two locations in the event either unit is needed.** This move now allows for access of a defibrillator in the church when the undercroft of the church is locked and is also closer to Heider Hall. Big thanks to Perry Gerome of the Union Township Fire Department for all his hard work and training in making this possible.

BOOSTERS: The **Booster Informational Meeting** that was scheduled for Wed., Nov. 19, to discuss a sports partnership with St. Veronica School, will be held after the General Meeting on **Monday, Dec. 1, at 7:00 pm**, in the parish dining room. This meeting will be to discuss a sports partnership with St. Veronica, which will give the students of each school a chance to play sports at the other school when that sport is not offered at their school.



PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION WITH ST. VERONICA: will be held at St. Veronica on Tuesday, December 2, at 7:00 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION: will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 4.

ATTENTION LECTORS: Please be sure to pick up your new workbooks (Year B) in the sacristy!



Readings for: December 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 4 – 1st Reconciliation Celebration

Dec. 21 & 28 – **NO PSR or RCIA/Y** due to Christmas Holiday

Jan. 4 – Epiphany Party

Jan. 8 – Confirmation Session #1

UPCOMING RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION: On **Thursday, December 4**, all 2nd grade children in the school and PSR will be celebrating and receiving their first sacrament of reconciliation. The service begins at 7pm in the church with a reception to follow in the parish dining room. If you have any questions, call or email Becky at 753-2548 or bready@sttm.org.

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: No meeting Sunday, Nov. 30. Next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 7**.

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SECOND COLLECTION: this Sunday, will be for the work of our **SVPD Society**. Please be generous, as the requests for assistance, due to the state of the economy, has doubled. **May God bless you all!!**

THE CHANCELLOR'S CLUB: will be gathering for their Christmas Luncheon this year on Tuesday, December 9. We will be traveling to Moyer Vineyards Winery and Restaurant in Manchester Ohio. We would like to carpool and leave St. Thomas More at 10:30 am. Please call the parish office at 753-2541 or 753-2550 to let us know you are coming and if you are able to drive.



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, December 2**. 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please be sure to sign up if you are able to minister for the **Immaculate Conception Holy Day**, Dec. 8, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm, Masses.



MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: *Holy Day of obligation* – Monday, December 8 – 8:30 am (all school Mass), 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm.

2009 ENVELOPE SETS: If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2009 boxed envelope set outside the Fr. Wack Library, underneath the front of the Church.



CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduate who made **FIRST QUARTER – SECOND HONORS** at Moeller High School: **Brendan Walsh**.

Parish Stewardship



Due to the early deadline set by Diocesan Publications because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Nov. 23rd stewardship totals will not be available until next week's bulletin (12/7). Sorry for the inconvenience.

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 6

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Sam Geonetta, Duane Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michelle Emerling, Rose Fitzgerald, Jenny Barnes, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Donald Weber, Chris Bell
Servers – Danielle Schaefer, Megan Schaefer, Daniel Guerrette, Jessica Flake, Jena Molitor
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jane Pearce, Jerry Edwards
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Comello, Jerry Philpot
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Pat Ramundo, Michele Lamping, Thomas Brannen, Tony Ramundo, Paul Brandt, Genevieve Ivers, Sam Ivers
Servers – Paul Conrady, Jeff Casavant, Benjamin Schmidt, Christopher Feist, Peter Brandt
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Bob Guenther, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Paul Guertin

10:00 am **Lectors** – Dan Casnellie, Eva Grachek
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Gregory Snodgrass, Lori Casnellie, Tom Kiefer, Estelle Wolfe, James Smith, Tammy Schneider, Margaret Pangburn
Servers – Samuel Bechtol, Kyle Cardone, Tanner Cardone, Leah Bartel, Max Bartel
Greeters – David Kiefer Charlene Kiefer, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan
Ushers – Lee Knause, Mike Hicks, David Wynn, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Doreen Noble
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Robyn Yates, Megan Farwick, Jim O'Donnell, Gloria Saliceti, Mary Brock, Terrill Denton
Servers – Michele Cabel, Abby Simpson, Ryan Winkler, Brett Blaha, Sarah Lindsey
Greeters – Maureen Crowley, Terrill Denton, Julie Kiefer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Miscellaneous



COMBONI MISSIONARIES AUXILIARY: Will hold its bi-monthly rummage sale on Friday, December 5, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 am - noon at the Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Rd. \$5.00 bag sale-large selection of Christmas items, clothing, toys and household items.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: will be held on Sun. Dec. 7, at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary (6616 Beechmont Ave.) The annual service includes the reading of seven scripture Lessons with Advent Carols sung by the **Athenaeum Chorale & Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Schola Cantorum.** Admission is free. Doors to the chapel open at 7pm.

Mass Intentions

MON. 12/1
8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 12/2
8:30 am † Robert Riefenberger/Ann Gebhart

WED. 12/3
8:30 am † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

THUR. 12/4
8:30 am † Theresa Szolek/Glenn & Rosey Hogan

FRI. 12/5
8:30 am † Ed Fritz/The Welage Family

SAT. 12/6
4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUN. 12/7
8:00 am † John & Mildred LaBanz/Rose Grueninger
10:00 am † Virginia Emmrich/Carole Hinton
12:00 pm † John Braun/Mary Braun

† = Deceased

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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, December 14, at 11:00 am in Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.



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.



ST. NICHOLAS: Bishop of Myra in Lycia; died 6 December, 345 or 352. Though he is one of the most popular saints in the Greek as well as the Latin Church, there is scarcely anything historically certain about him except that he was Bishop of Myra in the fourth century.

Some of the main points in his legend are as follows: He was born at Parara, a city of Lycia in Asia Minor; in his youth he made a pilgrimage to Egypt and Palestine; shortly after his return he became Bishop of Myra.

Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercessions, he is also known as Saint **Nicholas the Wonderworker.** He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, and is now commonly identified with Santa Claus. Nicholas was never officially canonized; his reputation simply evolved among the faithful, as was the custom in his time. In 1087 Italian merchants stole his body at Myra, bringing it to Bari in Italy. For this reason, he is also known as Saint **Nicholas of Bari.** *His Feast Day is December 6.*