



# 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

### Monday, December 8

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

#### THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 am All School Mass  
12:15 pm Holy Day Mass  
7:30 pm Holy Day Mass

### Tuesday, December 9

10:30 am Chancellor's Club - Everyone meet at STM for trip to Moyer Vineyard  
7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall  
7:00 pm Choir - Library

### Wednesday, December 10

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

### Friday, December 12

8:30 am School Mass  
10:00 am Adoration

### Saturday, December 13

9:00 am Clean the Church  
9:30 am Women's CRHP  
3:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner (8th Grade Fundraiser) - Parish Dining Hall

### Sunday, December 14

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  
**Little Elves Pick Up** (After 10 & 12 Masses) - Parish Dining Hall  
1:00 pm ServSafe Alcohol Class - Fr. Heider Hall  
5:00 pm Youth Ministry Retreat - Church  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Cookie Exchange - Parish Dining Hall

## FAMILY TALK - 2nd Sunday of Advent

**GOSPEL FOCUS:** (Mark 1:1-8) Heed John the Baptist's message to be sorry for our sins and to be baptized.

**REFLECTION:** We are people called to hear the glad tidings that God is present in our lives.

**AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION:** How do you know that God is present in your life?

## 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.



## Parish Information



**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 of 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.**



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



**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 graduates, attending McNicholas High School, who made FIRST QUARTER – DEAN'S LIST Jeffrey Archer, Amanda Bradley, Sarah Buchheit, Robert Kuhlman, Rachel Neltner, Michael Nimmo, Sarah Nimmo, Jennifer Ruhe, Jennifer Severyn, Patricia Walsh, Brittany Zumach and Jamie Zumach; FIRST QUARTER – FIRST HONORS Hannah Aicholtz, Emily Bradley, Tara Bramble, James Deighen, Kelsey Grau and Chelsea Ritter; FIRST QUARTER – SECOND HONORS Lucas Bartel, Jesse Bramble, Brian Burke, John Casnellie, Paul Conrady, Heather Denison, Adam Farwick, Maureen Fehn, Payne Fisher, Jennifer Foltz, Nicholas Frazier, Emily Fritz, Dylan Gerding, Michael Glaser, Erin Goosman, Alexander Gumbert, Maxwell Harmon, Daniel Hermanns, John (Brad) Kearney, Christopher Linneman, Jessica Murphy, Dakota Neff, Joshua Oester, Carmen Ostermann, Theodore Ostermann, Amanda Piening, Jillian Ruhe, Justin Schenz, Lauren Schenz, Lindsay Shepherd, Michael Staderman, Haley Stultz, Joseph Tekulve, Jacob Tetrault, Hannah Wilson and Hayley Wilson.



## Faith Formation

### UPCOMING DATES:

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

**Jan. 4 – Epiphany Party**

**Jan. 8 – Confirmation Session #1**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:** There will be no PSR or RCIA/RCIY on Sundays, December 21 and 28. Enjoy your Christmas holiday with family and friends! And remind everyone that Jesus is the reason for the season!

**EPIPHANY CELEBRATION:** Celebrate the Epiphany with a fellowship in the Parish Dining Hall after all masses, January 4. Coffee and donuts will be served. Just as the Three Kings came bearing gifts for our "new king" on this special day, you are invited to bring a gift for the "new baby". After the 10 am mass, the preschoolers from PSR, their families, and the Elizabeth Ministers will come together to celebrate and join in a special activity. All "baby" gifts will be donated to A Caring Place. They are especially thankful for: New or Gently used maternity clothes; New or Gently used Baby and Children's clothes (size 0 up to 4x); New or Gently used baby blankets and crib sheet as well as wipes, formula, and baby food.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.wkrc.com) and [www.wlwt.com](http://www.wlwt.com).

## Youth Ministry

**ROC YOUTH MINISTRY:** Next meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 7.

Sunday, Dec. 14, **Youth Ministry Retreat** will begin at 5:00 pm in the church followed by the **Cookie Exchange** in the Parish Dining Hall at 6:00 pm.



## Parish Events



**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.



**MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF 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**.

**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.



### Readings for: December 14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
November 23, 2008:	\$12,025.87	\$13,000.00
November 30, 2008	\$10,987.47	\$13,000.00
YTD thru Nov. 30:	\$325,722.09	\$339,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget:</i>		\$13,277.91
471 Envelopes Returned Sunday Nov. 23:		\$10,959.82
463 Envelopes Returned Sunday Nov. 30:		\$10,345.26
Loose Change Nov. 23:		\$1,066.05
Loose Change Nov. 30:		\$614.56
<b>OTHER COLLECTION:</b>		
Campaign for Human Development Nov. 23:		\$1,248.40
St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Day Nov. 27:		\$536.83
St. Vincent de Paul 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Nov. 30:		\$3,486.85
Outstanding Debt:	\$939,883.33	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$548,700.38	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,488,583.71</u>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Payroll & Taxes Paid 11/28/08		\$47,864.70
Total Expenses Paid 2 weeks ending 11/29/08		\$19,395.38
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Maintenance Supplies		\$1,409.88
Contract Teachers		\$1,595.00

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

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, December 13

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Ginny Rottinghaus  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Jane Pearce, Dennis Lahey, Donald Weber, Jenny Barnes, Richard Schuler, Lisa Miller, Patricia Rieck  
**Servers** – Taylor Cunningham, Kiersten Scales, Maggie Mulloney, Joy Neltner, Katherine Kelly  
**Greeters** – Gail Convery, Char Schworer, Jerry Edwards  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

#### Sunday, December 14

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Nelson Seip  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Charlotte Molitor, Vickie Ditchen, Dianna Kennedy, Diane Meisman, Patti McMullen Mary Opp, Michele Lamping  
**Servers** – Logan Stultz, David Fehn, Peter Conrady, Sean McNamara, Lauren Lamping  
**Greeters** – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Sylvia Guthrie  
**Ushers** – Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Paul Guertin

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10:00 am **Lectors** – Lisa Hartman, Charles Randolph  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Patricia Lindsey, Garry Burke, Larry Robben, Karen Klysz, Tony Schulte, James Smith, Julie Smith  
**Servers** – Benjamin Gallivan, Hannah Taylor, Tatenda Mandizha, David Kiefer, Paxton Knight  
**Greeters** – Laurie Bagley, Sandra Bishop, Ray Neltner  
**Ushers** – Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann, Rob Pairan, Christopher Pairan, Shelby Pairan

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12:00 pm **Lectors** – Patricia Tekulve, Victoria Aicholtz  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Terrill Denton, Robyn Yates, Melissa Kellerman, Chelsea Ritter, Jacqueline Moore, Jeffrey Moore  
**Servers** – Katie Farr, Megan Desrosiers, Steven Schimpf, Paige Jones, Abby Jones  
**Greeters** – Dee Archer, Darline Foltz, Rosemary Weimer  
**Ushers** – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

### Mass Intentions

**MON. 12/8**  
**8:30 am** † Mary Rosenfelder/Virginia Vornberger  
**12:15 pm** † Margaret Buerk/Bonnie Buerk & Kathy Forrester  
**7:30 pm** † Ralph Bedel/Vic. Genny, Alex & Sam Ivers

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**TUES. 12/9**  
**8:30 am** † Betty Morris/Your Loving Sister

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**WED. 12/10**  
**8:30 am** † Ed Fritz/John Burke, Sr.

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**THUR. 12/11**  
**8:30 am** † Poor Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society

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**FRI. 12/12**  
**8:30 am** † Pete Tekulve/The Tekulve Family

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**SAT. 12/13**  
**4:00 pm** † John Sporay/Paul, Sylvia & Garrett Guthrie

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**SUN. 12/14**  
**8:00 am** † Adam Broerman/Denny & Jan Sutter  
**10:00 am** People of the Parish  
**12:00 pm** † Margaret Kellerman/Nancy Edmonds

† = Deceased

### Parish Information

#### SERVSAFE ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM:

We will be hosting a **ServSafe Alcohol** certification class on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1:00 p.m. in Fr. Heider Hall. If you are planning to work the beer booth, sell beer tickets at JulyFest or WinterFest you will need to take this class in order to work those areas in 2009. The class will take about 1 hour. To register, please call 752-2080 Ext. 124.



**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Mark your calendars!!! The Annual 8<sup>th</sup> 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 for holiday giving; \$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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. a lasagna dinner complete with salad, roll, dessert and drink will be served in the parish dining hall. At 6:00 p.m. the St. Thomas More Casino complete with Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, 7 Card Stud, Let it Ride, Money Wheel and Split the Pot will open.



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.

**WISH LIST:** *Christmas suggestions by novelist Oren Arnold*

**To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance.**  
**To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service.**  
**To all, charity. To every child, a good example.**  
**To yourself, respect.**



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**