

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 22

6:00 pm Decoration of Church for Christmas
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, December 23

6:00 pm Decoration of Church for Christmas
7:00 pm Choir - Library
SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday, December 24

NO 8:30 AM MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

3:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

12:00 pm Christmas Day Mass

SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 26

NO MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE OR ADORATION

SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 27

9:00 am Clean the Church

3:00 pm Confessions

FAMILY TALK - 4th Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Luke 1:26-38) Nothing is impossible for God.

REFLECTION: Mary's simple "yes" changed the world.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: How do you welcome God into your life?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died John Murphy. 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, Lena Aanderud, Dave Vogelgesang, Dan Jones, Verna Burnet 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.



Banns of Marriage

BANNS II: Brian Craft and Miranda Braun
January 3, 2009 at St. Thomas More



Parish Information

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.**



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.

JULYFEST JACKPOT: Don't forget to purchase your JulyFest Jackpot tickets. They are the gift that could keep on giving. Tickets are \$20 each. A maximum of 2,000 tickets will be sold. Every Monday, beginning on March 2, 2009 and continuing through February 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 November 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.**



Closed

St. Thomas More School will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

The Parish Office will be closed
Dec. 24 through Dec. 26.



Readings for: December 28 – The Holy Family

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 28 – NO PSR or RCIA/Y due to Christmas

Jan. 4 – Epiphany Party

Jan. 7 – Catholics Returning Home

Jan. 8 – Confirmation Session #1

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: There will be no PSR or RCIA/RCIY on Sunday, December 28. **PSR resumes on Sunday, January 4.**

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.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION: On January 8, at 7 pm in the Parish Dining Hall we will gather to begin our first preparation session with candidates and our parent facilitators. Remember to have the first two chapters of your "**Have Faith**" book read and discussed with your sponsor. Also your prayer journal is due that evening.

Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: *No Youth Meeting December 21 & 28.* Next meeting will be Sunday, January 4, 2009.

Merry Christmas!

Parish Events

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Mark your calendars!!! The Annual 8th 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 3rd annual **WinterFest** sponsored by the STM Boosters. From 11:00 am – 3:00 pm the gym becomes a carnival complete with games, raffles, food and FUN! Beginning at 5:00 pm, a lasagna dinner complete with salad, roll, dessert and drink will be served in the parish dining hall. At 6:00 pm, 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.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
December 14, 2008:	\$14,563.75	\$13,000.00
YTD thru Dec. 14:	\$362,889.19	\$373,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$10,110.81
516 Envelopes Returned Sunday Dec. 14:		\$13,790.60
Loose Change Dec. 14:		\$773.15
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Religious Retirement		\$3,407.88
Outstanding Debt:	\$933,216.66	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$547,033.72</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,480,250.38</u>	

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 12/15/08	\$48,229.00
Total Expenses Paid week ending 12/13/08	\$32,912.33
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Health Care Premiums – Dec.	\$18,722.19

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 27

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Duane Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Larry Bush, Chris Bell, Richard Schuler, Donald Weber, Jane Pearce, Dennis Lahey, Jenny Barnes
Servers – Emily Rivard, Paige Noday, Matt Mersman, Gabrielle Quesnell, Olivia Witt
Greeters – Gail Convery, Char Schworer, Jerry Edwards
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Gregory Snodgrass
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Vickie Ditchen, Charlotte Molitor, Patti McMullen, Dianna Kennedy, Patricia Rieck, Paul Brandt, William Fehn
Servers – Peter Conrady, Logan Stultz, Peter Brandt, Christopher Feist, Caroline Dugan
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Paul Guertin

10:00 am **Lectors** – Eva Grachek, Tom Kiefer
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Tammy Schneider, Charlene Kiefer, Margaret Pangburn, Jeff Burgess, Tim McGrath, Lori Casnellie, Dan Casnellie
Servers – Connor Nelson, John Meisman, Sarah Bouley, Trevor Lynd, Rachel McGrath
Greeters – Sandra Bishop, Ray Neltner, Rachel Neltner
Ushers – Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann, Joanne Buchanan, David Wynn

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Darline Foltz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Megan Farwick, Robyn Yates, Jeffrey Moore, Patricia Tekulve, Terrill Denton, Melissa Kellerman
Servers – Michael Mink, Becky Kellerman, Katie Feldkamp, Kiley Palmer, Anthony Luster
Greeters – Laurie Bagley, Julie Kiefer, Terrill Denton
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 12/22
 8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 12/23
 8:30 am † Ed Fritz/Mr. & Mrs. Paul Middendorf

WED. 12/24
 3:00 pm † Victor Candelaresi/STM Men's ATC Group
 5:00 pm † Michelle Smith/Mom & Dad

THUR. 12/25
 12:00 am People of the Parish
 8:00 am † Howard Diemler/Patricia Fieno
 10:00 am † John Braun/Mary Braun
 12:00 pm † Robert Seipelt/John & Elaine Osterling

SAT. 12/27
 4:00 pm † Anita Tinurelli/Margie & Jim Mayer

SUN. 12/28
 8:00 am † Theresa Szolek/Glenn & Rosey Hogan
 10:00 am † Mildred & John LaBanz/The Mulvey Family
 12:00 pm † John, Lydia & Raymond Naticchioni/Gloria Vaske & Family

† = Deceased

Thank You!

THANK YOU: Scott Diebel would like to thank the parishioners of St. Thomas More for their generosity in helping him complete his Eagle Scout service project, **Backpacks for the Homeless**. In all, 73 backpacks were filled and donated to the **James Saul's Homeless Shelter** right before Thanksgiving.

Thanks for helping make his project a success!

"Sincere thanks to all who have offered your prayers for Bud and me, over the past several months. We are both blessed to be recovering nicely, thanks to your prayers. You will be remembered in our prayers."
 Peg Pangburn

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduates who made **FIRST QUARTER – FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE HONORS** at Ursuline Academy: **Grace Hermanns** and **Melissa Clement**.



School News



STM OPEN HOUSE: Save this date...Thursday, January 29, will bring our annual Open House. Prospective new students and families are invited to see what our school offers during our classroom tours between 6-7 pm and then see a sample of our fine arts programs in the gym from 7-8. Student art work will be on display and our students from grades 4-8 will provide a musical interlude with instrumental and vocals. Don't miss it!

FATHER/DAUGHTER SNOW BALL: Join us for an enchanted evening set in a magical Winter Wonderland on Saturday, January 24, from 7-10:00 pm. Contact Julie Beattie at julietb@fuse.net or 753-3073 for more details.