

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 29

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, December 30

SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday, December 31

NO 8:30 AM MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

SCHOOL CLOSED

5:00 pm Mary the Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am Mary the Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, Day Mass

Friday, January 2

SCHOOL CLOSED

10:00 am Adoration
6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, January 3

7:00 am Answer the Call
9:00 am Clean the Church
3:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm Wedding

Sunday, January 4

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 Epiphany Celebration - Parish Dining Hall
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Retreat - Church

FAMILY TALK - The Holy Family

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Luke 2:22-40) Jesus was once a child, a member of a family.

REFLECTION: Through Jesus we are to reach the glory of eternal life, but we are asked to follow him on earth.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: What do you do to show that you follow Jesus?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died Brian Patrick Wilhoit. 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 and Verna Burnet. **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 and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps.



Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

- Jan. 4 – PSR RESUMES
- Jan. 4 – Epiphany Party
- Jan. 7 – Catholics Returning Home
- Jan. 8 – Confirmation Session #1

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION: Celebrate the Epiphany with a fellowship in the Parish Dining Hall after the 10 am Mass, on 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.

Banns of Marriage

BANNS III: 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.**

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.**



Youth Ministry

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

Parish Events

LADIES NIGHT OUT: The Annual 8th Grade Ladies Night Out is January 9, 2009 from 7 pm - 12 am. 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: Join us on Saturday, January 17 for the 3rd annual WinterFest sponsored by the STM Boosters. From 11 am-3 pm, the gym becomes a carnival. At 5 pm, a lasagna dinner will be served in the parish dining hall. The St. Thomas More Casino will open at 6 pm. For more information please call 513-752-2080 Ext. 124.



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, January 6**. 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.

Closed

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

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, January 1.



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, **January 11, 2009 at 11:00 am** in Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.

Readings for: January 4 – Epiphany of the Lord

- First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
- Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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The Feast of Mary the Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are: Wed. Dec. 31, 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass and Thurs. Jan. 1, 10:00 am - Holy Day Mass.
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Parish Stewardship



Due to the early deadline set by Diocesan Publications because of the Christmas season, the December 21st stewardship totals will not be available until next week's bulletin (1/4/09). Sorry for the inconvenience.

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 3

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Ginny Rottinghaus, Janet Tate
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Jenny Barnes, Lisa Miller, Rose Fitzgerald, Donald Weber, Chris Bell
Servers – Jena Molitor, Jessica Flake, Daniel Guerrette, Megan Schaefer, Danielle Schaefer
Greeters – Jerry Edwards, Gail Convery, Jane Pearce
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nelson Seip, Diane Meisman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Pat Ramundo, Tony Ramundo, Thomas Brannen, Michele Lamping, Mary Opp, Sam Ivers, Genevieve Ivers
Servers – Alex Willenbrink, Paul Conrady, Jeff Casavant, Benjamin Schmidt, Sean McNamara
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Gary Burke, Patricia Lindsey, Karen Klysz, Larry Robben, James Smith, Estelle Wolfe, Tim McGrath
Servers – Leah Bartel, Samuel Bechtol, Sarah McGrath, Andrew Clement, Ethan Johnson
Greeters – Ray Neltner, Charlene Kiefer, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan
Ushers – Joanne Buchanan, David Wynn, Mike Hicks, Lee Knause

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Doreen Noble, Barbara Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Robyn Yates, Jim O'Donnell, Karen Trautmann, Jacqueline Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Gloria Saliceti, Mary Brock
Servers – Michele Cabell, Sarah White, Lacey O'Connell, Matt Ketchum, Erin Ketchum
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Maureen Crowley, Dee Archer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

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.

Mass Intentions

MON. 12/29
8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 12/30
8:30 am † Margaret Kellerman/Jim & Bette Ranson

WED. 12/31
5:00 pm † Betty Morris/William A. Rademacher

THUR. 1/1
10:00 am † Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti

FRI. 1/2
8:30 am † Teddy Dieter/Ann Gebhart

SAT. 1/3
4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUN. 1/4
8:00 am † Virginia Maphet/Madeline & Hank
10:00 am † Tom Lane/Dianna & Eugene Kennedy
12:00 pm † Maude Ellen Boggess/Your Friends at NCE

† = Deceased

Happy New Year!

DEACON JOHN'S SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS



- Insist that all family members share one meal a week together without the television
- Incorporate a daily time for shared prayer with all family members present, even if it is just saying grace before meals
- Plan to attend Mass together weekly or more frequently
- Hang religious pictures, a crucifix or place statues in your homes to witness to visitors that you are a family of faith
- Read the bulletin faithfully to be connected with what's going on in our community
- Consider asking our Pastor or one of the deacons to visit and bless your home
- Make a commitment to learn more about your faith by attending a Bible Study, an Adult Faith Formation Program, take a course at the Athenaeum or a local university or start reading the Bible, spiritual books or Catholic magazine a few minutes each day – Children don't learn their faith by holy osmosis – they need adults who know and live their faith to help them make sense out of their pile of faith puzzle pieces and apply them to their lives
- Get involved with Christ Renews His Parish Men or Women Retreats or form your own small faith community that could meet once a month for shared prayer; learning about your faith and friendship
- Celebrate the anniversaries of each family member's sacramental dates – the dates each family member received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage or Holy Orders



NEW! MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: beginning on Wednesday, January 21, you are invited to join us at 6:30pm in the church as we pray the rosary monthly for personal, parish, country and world concerns. To pray the rosary means nothing else than to find a way to be with Jesus and Mary. When we are linked with them by such meetings, then we can claim the joy of victory over death and sin. We look forward to many joining us on this **third Wednesday every month of the New Year**. By joining together in prayer monthly, we are assured of "doing the right thing" individually and as a community as well as progressing leaps and bounds in our spiritual lives.

