

Growth Through Commitment in Christ



# Church of ST. THOMAS MORE

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## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am  
Friday 11:00 am\*

\*8:30 am June – August

### HOLY DAYS

8:30 am, 11:30 am, 7:30 pm  
(except Christmas & New Year)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15 – 4:00 pm and by appointment

## Office Information

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holy Days

PARISH OFFICE 513/752-2080 + 1 + Ext.

PARISH OFFICE FAX 513/753-2542

PARISH STAFF	Ext.
Fr. William C. Wagner, Pastor	15
Deacon, Jerry Cain	25
DRE, Becky Ready	54
Pastoral Associate, Michael Thomas	27
Business Manager, Mike Gennett	13
Secretaries: Leslie Molitor	10
Diane McMullin	14
Gym/Multi-Purpose Building	20
Maintenance: John Osterling	21
David McCarthy	21
Music Director, Margaret Osinski	26
Parish Hall/Kitchen, Vickie Ditchen	18
Prayer Requests	33
Sacristy	19
St. Vincent de Paul	11
Youth Minister, Diane Brennan	38

SCHOOL OFFICE 513/753-2540

SCHOOL OFFICE FAX 513/753-2554

Principal, Peg Fischer	23
School Office, Sandy Mygatt	22
Administrative Asst., Rhonda Roberts	24

### 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 Parish Office Ext. 14 for more information and to register.

### RCIA/RCIY (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Youth):

Call Becky Ready, DRE, Ext. 54 if you are interested in becoming Catholic.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday by Noon  
Submit to Leslie Molitor at [lmolitor@sttm.org](mailto:lmolitor@sttm.org).

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Call Ext. 14  
**Marriage:** Call Deacon Jerry Cain Ext. 25  
6 months prior to wedding date.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Call Parish Office  
**Communion to the Sick:** Call Parish Office

*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, November 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference Room D

### Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 pm Social Justice Committee Library  
7:00 pm Choir Church

### Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### SCHOOL CLOSED

9:30 am Bible Study Faith Formation  
7:00 pm Contemporary Music Group Church

### Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Mass *Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

### Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

#### PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

No Mass

### Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Rosary Church

### Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

No PSR, RCIA/Y or Youth Ministry

### FAMILY TALK:

- **Gospel Focus** on Matthew 25:31-46: Those who look after the least of God's people will be given eternal life.
- **Reflection:** To accept Jesus Christ as our king, we must recognize ourselves as His subjects.
- **At Home for Discussion:** How are you docile and humble to the will of Jesus?

*St. Thomas More Parish was founded  
in November 65 years ago.*

*May we continue to serve Christ and His  
Community as we have since 1940.*

**Faith Formation**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

November 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparation Meeting for First Reconciliation  
November 30<sup>th</sup> – MOMS Monthly  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Celebration  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Welcome Mass

**KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS LEFT THE CHURCH?**

St. Thomas More will offer a six-week series entitled “**Catholics Returning Home**” beginning Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the Faith Formation Room at 7 pm. 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, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Becky at **752-2080 Ext. 54**.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Second Graders and at least one parent will be meeting in the Parish Dining Hall on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7 pm to 8:15 pm for our second preparation meeting. Fr. Bill will be discussing the procedure for receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. Mark your calendars for this informative evening. All are expected to attend.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE:** The Rite of Acceptance on November 20<sup>th</sup> marks the public movement of the adults and youth in RCIA from the inquiry stage to the catechumenate. The hope and focus during this period is that the conversion and faith of the candidates will become strong. Please pray for them as we move forward in the coming months reflecting on how to live as disciples of Jesus.

**Prayer Intentions**

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and have asked for our prayers: Sean Diebel, Joey Ritter, Rose Marie Ogle, Patti Fenker, Michelle Rayburn, Gertrude Murphy, David Habig, Sr., Mildred Hicks, Norma Zoz, Tom Middendorf, Emma Helphenstine, Romilda McCarty, Lois Ritter, Rose Krimmer, Howard Diemler, Diane Knause and Eileen Lang.

**If you go into the hospital, please call the Parish Office – the hospitals do not notify us! –**



Please also keep in your prayers Kristy Grachek, Adam Wenstrup and all those serving in the Armed Forces.

† Please remember in your prayers all who have died, especially the families of our parishioners, Lawrence Jacobs, Sr. and John Cieri who died recently.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB:** The 27<sup>th</sup> weekly winner of \$100.00 is Fred Broerman, Winning No. 51.

**Readings for: November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)**  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

**Advent Giving Tree**

It’s time for the annual Giving Tree Collection. Ornament tags will be available at all the Masses the weekends of November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> along with Scrip order forms at the main entrance of the church. Each tag will list a specific item to be given to individuals and families who live in the Greater Cincinnati area. Please return these gifts with the tag attached the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. This year’s giving tree will assist:

- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul Society** – gas and grocery cards through Scrip;
- ◆ **A Caring Place** – baby needs, clothing, diapers, etc.;
- ◆ **Joseph House** – underwear, socks, and bed sheets;
- ◆ **St. Leo Parish** (Cincinnati) – household items for the poor in their parish.

As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas please remember those among us who need help with some basic human needs. Thank you for your support in this effort.

**Miscellaneous**

**LITTLE LAMBS NURSERY:** We offer a great service for one, two and three year olds. For those not familiar, one through three year olds are welcome to stay in the Kindergarten Room during the 10:00 Mass while their parents are at Mass. The children are taken care of by qualified volunteers and parental participation is required on a rotating basis. If you would like to find out more, call Lisa Nelson at **752-3986**, or Diane in the Parish Office at **752-2080 Ext. 14**.

**BENGALS BLANKET RAFFLE:** *The Elizabeth Ministry* is raffling off a Bengals Blanket donated by the Sewing Ministry. This toasty, fleece blanket is **roaring** to keep you warm at the game or in your home. (You’ll also need it this winter to keep heating costs down!!!). Buy your raffle ticket(s) for just \$1 after *all* Masses the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be randomly drawn after the noon Mass, November 20<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Dining Hall. All proceeds will benefit the Elizabeth Ministry, to be prayerfully used for memorial items given during minister visits and prayer services, replenishing the Blessing Bouquet prayer cards, resources for our Lending Library, and other expenses. Good luck to all who participate in the raffle!!!  
Visit us online at <http://sttm.org/index.html> under ministries.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHURCH?** Want to start Lay Ministry Formation? Registration is now taking place for winter quarter classes at The Athenaeum of Ohio. Electives include: Ministry to Young Adults; Lay Presiding; Introduction to Canon Law; Servant Leadership (online class); New Testament; Church History; courses are available for graduate credit or audit. Non Degree Courses include: Old Testament and Pastoral Communication. For more information call **231-1200**.

**Parish Stewardship**

	Actual	Budget
November 13, 2005	\$ 12,162.91	\$13,000.00
Year to Date:	\$250,939.33	\$275,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i>		-\$24,060.67
412 Envelopes Returned:		\$11,375.00
Loose Change:		\$787.91
Outstanding Debt:	\$1,173,382.45	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$ 363,846.52</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,537,228.97</u>	

**EXPENSES:**

Payroll & Taxes Paid week ending 11/15/05	\$40,674.76
Total Expenses Paid week ending 11/12/05	\$20,332.09
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Health Care Premium – Nov.	\$13,338.94

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

**Revised Debt Number** – The Archdiocese has transferred an old unpaid High School Equalization bill from the 1960's and 1970's to our parish debt. The decades old unpaid amount is \$55,000. The annual interest due on our debt now stands at \$82,136.00 in addition to the \$1,537,228.97 debt and interest we owe from our building expansion. More will be said about this in the near future.

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 pm **Lectors** – Larry Bush, Ginny Rottinghaus  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Dennis Lahey, Jenny Barnes, Donald Weber, Deacon Jerry Cain, Melissa Kellerman, Charles Rottinghaus, Kelly Lyons  
**Servers** – Tyler Vickers, Heather Denison, Amanda Piening, Natalie Iannelli  
**Greeters** – Hannah Schoolfield, Gail Convery  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Ralph Bedel, Mary Lou Mulvey  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Tim McGrath, Charlotte Molitor, Penny Barton, Patricia Tussey, Deacon Jerry Cain, Michele Lamping, Patricia Rieck  
**Servers** – Andrew Lamping, Cody Neff, Justin Farwick, Zachary Stultz  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Paul/Joe Guertin, George Hofmann, Bob Guethner

10:00 am **Lectors** – Miranda Burgess, Jeff Burgess  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Ray Neltner, Ashley Neltner, Karen Perry, Jessica Powers, Tom & Charlene Kiefer, Estelle Wolfe  
**Servers** – Justin McCall, Jacob Powers, Heath Russell, Hannah Russell  
**Greeters** – Carol Farwick, Jane Pearce, Sandra Bishop  
**Ushers** – Joe Thumann, Mike Hicks, Ed Lorentz, David Wynn

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Ann Tekulve, Caty Farwick  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Gloria Saliceti, Jacqueline Moore, Terrill Denton, Bill & Susan Crawford, Karen Klysz, Vickie Ditchen  
**Servers** – Ryan Henning, Emily Fritz, Michael Harrington, Chaelon Brennan  
**Greeters** – Maureen Crowley, Darline Foltz, Julie Kiefer  
**Ushers** – Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington, Frank Brunet

**Mass Intentions & Presiders**

**MON. 11/21**  
8:30 am Robert Bambrick/Diana Reeve

**TUES. 11/22**  
8:30 am †Lawrence Jacobs, Sr./Cindy & Sherry

**WED. 11/23**  
8:30 am Belinda Williams/Dad & Sandy

**THURS. 11/24**  
10:00 am Tom & Marcia Whalen/Whalen Children

**SAT. 11/26**  
4:30 pm † Fr. Leo J. Walter, M.M./Mary Fran Walter  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**

**SUN. 11/27**  
8:00 am People of the Parish  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**  
10:00 am † John Brennan/Rita & Family  
**Fr. Paul Donahue**  
12:00 pm † Charlie Doll/Woerner Family  
**Fr. Paul Donahue**

† = Deceased

**Parish Events**

**ENVELOPE/PHOTO DIRECTORY PICK UP:** Come join us after all Masses this weekend in the Parish Dining Hall to pick up your Parish Photo Directory, 2006 envelopes and calendars. If you can't make it, you may pick up your photo directory at the Parish Office during normal business hours (9:00 am – 4:00 pm). Additional copies are available for \$10.00 each. Your envelopes may be picked up beginning Monday under the church outside the Fr. Wack Library.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**FOOD COLLECTION:** At the Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 24<sup>th</sup>, donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted. Suggested items are: peanut butter/jelly, cereal, canned beef stew, chicken and dumplings, spaghetti or pasta sauce, spaghetti, ravioli, etc. Paper goods are not needed at this time.

**DONATIONS:** The Thanksgiving Day collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

***We really appreciate your support and generosity!***

**Music Ministry**

**CONTEMPORARY GROUP:** The Contemporary Music Group is still looking for a couple of musicians. We are in need of both an adult soprano and alto singer. We also continue to search for a bass player. If you are a musician who enjoys singing and playing music published within the last 15 years, and you would like to share your talent with the parish community, you are encouraged to talk to Bill Hofbauer after the noon Mass on Sunday. Being a member of the Contemporary Music Group requires a continuing dedication of personal time for rehearsals and Mass participation. The group practices in the choir loft most Wednesday evenings from 7 until 9 pm.