

◀ THE WEEK AHEAD ▶

12/12	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Parish Council - Library Boosters – Dining Hall St. Vincent de Paul – Conf. Rm. D
12/13	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Children’s Choir – Library Choir - Library
12/14	9:30 am 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study – Faith Formation Christmas Musical - Gym Feed the Hungry – Kitchen Christmas Musical - Gym Contemporary Group – Church Elizabeth Ministry – Fr. Wack Library Bible Study – Library
12/15	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men’s CRHP – Faith Formation Bingo – Dining Hall
12/16	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Adoration – Church Rosary Makers – MMA&B
12/17	7:00 am	Rosary - Church
12/18		NO YOUTH MINISTRY

**Faith Formation**

**ATTENTION PSR PARENTS:** If we need to cancel PSR on Sunday mornings during this winter season due to snow or ice, we will notify “School Watch” and you can find that report on the following channels: Channel 12, 700 WLW-AM, 55 WKRC-AM, WEBN 102.7 FM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM. It will also be listed on their website: [www.wkrc.com](http://www.wkrc.com). Also, please note that there will be no PSR classes held on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> due to the holidays.

**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**.

**CRHP RENEWAL WEEKENDS:** Attention men and women of the parish – Christ Renews His Parish 2006 weekend dates are set and preparation has begun for this energizing weekend of prayer, sharing and renewal. The men’s weekend will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, and the women’s weekend will be held February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have been thinking about doing a CRHP weekend, now is the time. Women’s CRHP has been moved to just once a year, so if you miss your chance in February, you’ll have to wait an entire year for a Spirit filled weekend of love and fellowship. Call now to register! Men’s – Jim Conrady at **943-1433**; Women’s – Susan Harpring at **474.5441**. Brochures with more information are available in the information center by the grotto entrance of the church. If you have any questions or would like to make a reservation, you may also call the Parish Office.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB:** The 30<sup>th</sup> weekly winner of \$100.00 is John R. Ewers, Sr., Winning No. 15.

<b>Readings for: December 18<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)</b>	
<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Romans 16:25-27</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 1:26-38</b>

**Miscellaneous**

**DIGITAL PHOTO:** If you did not participate in the Parish Photo Directory, we would like to have a digital photograph of your family for our files. If you have a new family photo taken this holiday season or have a recent one on hand, please e-mail us a jpeg file of your photo to [photo@sttm.org](mailto:photo@sttm.org).

**2006 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE:** The School Education Committee is accepting nominations for the 2006 St. Thomas More School Distinguished Graduate. Each year, we recognize a graduate whose life has shown the qualities of integrity, courage, and devotion to family. These are the virtues most commonly associated with our namesake, St. Thomas More. Nominees must have graduated from our school more than ten years ago. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please contact the school office at **753-2540** or send an e-mail to [principal@sttm.org](mailto:principal@sttm.org) by **December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**BOOSTERS MEETING:** The December Boosters Meeting will be held Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall. Please join us!

**COMBONI MISSIONARIES NATIVITY DISPLAY:** Leave December’s turmoil behind and immerse yourself in the sacred meaning of Christmas by visiting Comboni’s animated nativity display. Open 6-9 pm through December 30<sup>th</sup> (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas). Admission is free, but you may bring canned goods for the needy.

**Parish Events/Projects**

**DECEMBER BINGO:** The only week in December that Bingo will NOT be held is December 29<sup>th</sup>. Bingo will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> although it was not included on the parish calendar.

**STM COOKBOOK: WIN A FREE COOKBOOK!!!** The Elizabeth Ministry is creating the *STM Family Favorites Cookbook*. Enter your favorite recipe(s) and you will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a free cookbook of recipes from your STM family. A free cookbook will be drawn for every 100 recipes submitted. Proceeds from the cookbook sales will go towards the Elizabeth Ministry and the STM School Library. Please share your recipes by placing them in the “Recipe Collection Boxes” by the entrances of church. Recipes can also be emailed to [elizabethministry@sttm.org](mailto:elizabethministry@sttm.org). Please help make this exciting cookbook a success! Submit your entries now through December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Maria Pour at **943-7263**.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you celebrated or are going to celebrate a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the year 2005, please call Diane McMullin in the Parish Office at **752-2080 Ext. 14** so that you can be honored at the World Marriage Celebration on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer Intentions**

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and have asked for our prayers: Elaine Osterling, 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 and Diane Knause. Please also keep in your prayers Kristy Grachek, Adam Wenstrup and all those serving in the Armed Forces.

**Parish Stewardship**

	Actual	Budget
December 4, 2005	\$ 17,000.09	\$16,000.00
Year to Date:	\$290,965.49	\$317,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i>		-\$26,034.51
475 Envelopes Returned:		\$16,592.10
Loose Change:		\$407.99
Debt Reduction		\$1,619.65
Vision 2000		\$891.50
Outstanding Debt:	\$1,173,382.45	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$ 384,053.52</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,557,435.97</u>	

**EXPENSES:**

Total Expenses Paid week ending 12/3/05:	\$9,853.01
Notable Expenses Paid:	
High School Student Fees	\$3,500.00
Confirmation Training Materials	\$598.67

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

*2006 envelopes are under the church (outside of Fr. Wack Library) if you have not yet picked up your envelopes.*

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Lectors** – Janet Tate, Mary Verdin  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Richard Schuler, Jessica Thompson, Rose Randolph, John Evans, Tommy Russell Dennis Lahey, Genevieve Ivers  
**Servers** – Stacy Howell, Michelle Mersman, Hannah Wilson, Sam Ivers  
**Greeters** – Gail Convery, Hannah Schoolfield  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Ralph Bedel  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – William Fehn, Timothy Hornschemeier, Dianna Kennedy, Mary Opp, Patricia Tussey, Gregory & Kathy Senior  
**Servers** – Michael Fehn, Michael Bouley, Haley Stultz, Robert Farwick  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Paul/Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Eva Grachek, Dan Casnellie  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Jeff Burgess, Miranda Burgess, Tom & Donna Buchheit, James & Julie Smith, Lori Casnellie  
**Servers** – John Casnellie, Samantha Robinson, Jacob Grieco, Garrett Guthrie  
**Greeters** – Christine Ruzsa, Charlene Kiefer, Jane Pearce  
**Ushers** – Joe Thumann, Joanne Buchanan, Lynn Austin, Lee Knause

12:00 pm **Lectors** – John Aicholtz, Caty Farwick  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Patricia Tekulve, Vickie Ditchen, Karen Klysz, Bill & Susan Crawford, Terrill Denton, Gloria Saliceti  
**Servers** – Natalie Welage, Hannah Aicholtz, Annie Farwick, Michael Callahan  
**Greeters** – Bill & Rosemary Weimer, Julie Kiefer  
**Ushers** – Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington, Charlie Tekulve

**Mass Intentions & Presiders**

**MON. 12/12**

8:30 am Nancy Bokenkotter/Marian Keller

**TUES. 12/13**

8:30 am Rose Marie Ogle/Sandy

**WED. 12/14**

8:30 am † Robert Lamping/Paul & Georgeann Kennedy

**THURS. 12/15**

8:30 am † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

**FRI. 12/16**

9:00 am Sandy Singer/Bob

**SAT. 12/17**

4:30 pm People of the Parish  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**

**SUN. 12/18**

8:00 am † Marian Armour/Jean & Joe Doogan  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**

10:00 am † Louis Iannitti/Angela & Family  
**Fr. Bill Wagner**

12:00 pm † Pete Tekulve/Gloria Vaske & Family  
**Fr. Paul Donohue**

† = Deceased

**ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** Due to Christmas Day falling on a Sunday this year we included the liturgical ministers on the monthly schedule. If you are unable to make your assigned time, we would appreciate your finding someone to take your assignment. In the event this is not possible, please call the Parish Office no later than **December 16<sup>th</sup>** so that we are able to find a replacement for you in time. We really appreciate your assistance at this busy time of the year. The sign-up sheets for the extra Christmas Masses are on the bulletin board in the back of church.

**PROFESSIONALS NEEDED:** Our school is looking for working and retired business owners, executives and professionals willing to share their expertise. We are compiling a list of parishioners with experience in: ADVERTISING & PROMOTION, GRAPHIC ARTS & DESIGN, MARKETING, PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY AND WEB SITE CRITIQUE & REVIEW. We'd like to use these volunteers as consultants for projects that we work on throughout the year. If you have an hour or two to give, please contact Peg Fischer at **753-2540**. Thank you for helping us to make our school the best it can be for our children! May God bless you.

**Notes of Thanks**

- ◆ Thank you for the abundance of donations we received to assist St. Vincent de Paul Society, A Caring Place, Joseph House, and St. Leo Parish through our Advent Giving Trees. We really appreciate your support in this effort.
- ◆ Our local archdiocesan Mission Office wishes to thank all who made personal sacrifices to donate to the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday this past October. Your support will now further empower fellow Catholic leaders and parishioners in more than 1,150 dioceses in struggling parts of the world.