



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 Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 9:00 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
Closed Saturday, Sunday 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, Margaret Osinski	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, February 18th

Parish Office and STM School Closed

7:30 pm SVDP – Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, February 19th

8:30 am Communion Service – NO MASS

7:00 pm Women's CRHP Evening of Discipleship – Church

7:00 pm PTO Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall

7:00 pm Confirmation Session

Wednesday, February 20th

8:30 am Communion Service – NO MASS

9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room

1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room

7:00 pm MOMS – Faith Formation Room

No Evening Bible Study

Thursday, February 21st

8:30 am Communion Service – NO MASS

6:00 pm Sewing Ministry – More Martyr Hall

6:45 pm PTO Babysitting – Kindergarten Room

7:00 pm PTO Meeting – Parish Dining Hall

7:00 pm Choir – Library

7:00 pm Catholic Matters – Conference Room B

Friday, February 22nd

9:00 am School Mass

10:00 am Adoration & Exposition – Church

5:00 pm Boy Scout Fish Fry – Parish Dining Hall

7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Benediction – Church

Saturday, February 23rd

9:00 am Clean Church

3:00 pm Confessions – Church

Sunday, February 24th

8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8

9:30 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room

10:00 am PSR Pre-School – Fr. Heider Hall

10:00 am Children's Liturgy – Library

10:00 am RCIA – Faith Formation Room

10:00 am RCiY – Fr. Wack Library

1:15 pm RCIA First Reconciliation - Church

6:00 pm Youth Ministry – More Martyr Hall



Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Mary Dodson, 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, Howard Diemler, Diane Knause, Rhea Cermak, Robert Fischer, Angela Cookson, Dolores McKinney, Christopher Kosciuk, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Mary Rosenfelder and Tex Meranda. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Dale Manning, Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Jonathon Stewart, Corey Campbell, Nick Braun and Adam Wenstrup.



Parish Information

BULLETIN ADVERTISING REP: Jim Mazza representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at St. Thomas More Parish at the **beginning of the week only**. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish. If you would like to advertise and speak to our rep, please call 752-2080 and leave a message at extension 137.



This week is the kick off of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, formerly known as the Archdiocese Fund Drive. Our goal this year is \$24,500. Please pledge your support for six of our very important regional church ministries funded by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. 100% of your contribution goes to Catholic Social Services, campus ministries, lay and ordained ministries education, St. Rita School for the Deaf, support of our retired priests, and chaplains for our hospitals and prisons. You will receive a letter and remittance envelope this week from Fr. Bill about the importance of this campaign. Please visit our parish web site for more information and click on "Catholic Ministries Appeal".



Gym Floor Paid Off: Ten years ago, our parish Booster organization borrowed an extra \$50,000 from the Archdiocese to put in a wood gym floor during the Vision 2000 construction of our gym. This past week, this debt has been fully retired! We wish to thank the current and most recent Booster boards for their dedication and perseverance in tackling this long outstanding debt. The WinterFest profits plus sound budget management by our Boosters made this possible. Thank-you!!!



The Parish Office and STM School will be closed Feb. 18th in observance of President's Day.

Readings for: February 24th – 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb 19 – Confirmation Prep Session #2
Feb 19 – Women's CRHP Evening of Discipleship
Feb 20 – MOMS Monthly
Feb 24 – RCIA 1st Scrutiny
Feb 26 – First Communion Prep Gathering #1
March 1 – 2nd Scrutiny at 4:00 Mass

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION #2: On February 19th, our confirmation candidates will be reflecting on the mystery of the Trinity and the gift of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray for our young people that they may believe more fully in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and that they may be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.



FIRST COMMUNION PREP SESSION #1: On Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7pm in the Parish Dining Hall all first communicants in 2nd grade and at least one parent will be meeting to go over the upcoming preparation for first communion. Clearly, one of the responsibilities of our faith is to pass it on to the next generation. As parents we

have an even greater obligation to be the primary teachers of religion to our children. Creating a Catholic home is the best way to pass on our faith. At our meeting we will be discussing how to help our children grow in their understanding of the real presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist, a central mystery of our faith.

PRAYERS FOR CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION & THE ELECT APPRECIATED NOW: Please continue to pray for the Candidates for Full Communion and the Elect, as they continue to prepare for full initiation in our Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

MOMS MONTHLY: Reminder that we will be meeting Wednesday, February 20th in the Faith Formation Office at 7pm. We will be discussing chapters 3 and 4 of Matthew's Gospel. Remember to bring your Bibles and your Study Notebook.

FAMILY QUOTE OF THE WEEK: The ultimate measure of a person is not where he/she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he/she stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: NO meeting February 17th. Next meeting will be on February 24th.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduates who made FIRST SEMESTER – FIRST HONORS at St. Xavier High school: **Michael Harrington, Christopher Howitt, Gregory Kelly, Harrison Lott and Nicholas Schneider.**



Parish Events



FISH FRY: Join us every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) for a Fish Fry, sponsored by the Boy Scouts. Dinners will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall and will include a fish sandwich (baked or fried), French fries, Cole slaw, salad, drink and dessert. Price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Afterwards attend Way of the Cross and & Benediction at 7:30 pm in the Church.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
February 10, 2008:	\$12,162.37	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$512,010.08	\$503,200.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$8,810.08
482 Envelopes Returned Sunday Feb. 10:		\$11,387.00
Loose Change February 10:		\$775.37
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Ash Wednesday		\$2,058.76
Outstanding Debt:	\$999,883.36	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$494,935.32</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,494,818.68</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Payroll & Taxes Paid 2/15/08		\$44,904.99
Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 2/9/08:		\$9,918.84
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Maintenance Supplies		\$8,500.00
Sacristy		\$563.95
1st Communion		\$791.34

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 23

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Mary Verdin
Eucharistic Ministers – Donald Weber, Chris Bell, Michelle Emerling, Jenny Barnes, Lisa Miller, Larry Bush, Theresa Bradley, Duane Bradley
Servers – Joy Neltner, Nicole Piening, Marissa Miller, Amanda Bradley, Tedra Bush
Greeters – Hannah Schoolfield, Gail Convery, Emily Bradley
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, February 24

8:00 am **Lectors** – Diane Meisman, Ralph Bedel
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Michael Thomas, Timothy Hornschemeier, Michele Lamping, Dianna Kennedy, Kathy Senior, Gregory Senior, Vickie Ditchen, Patti McMullen
Servers – Haley Stultz, Joe Schoettelkotte, Daniel Schoettelkotte, Katie Feldkamp, Lauren Lamping
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon John Convery, Catalina Handleton, Tammy Schneider, Patricia Lindsey, Cindy Robinson, Patricia Tussey, James Smith, Garry Burke
Servers – Jennifer Foltz, Ethan Johnson, Samuel Bechtol, Andrew Clement, Hannah Taylor
Greeters – Charlene Kiefer, Rob Pairan, Sandra Bishop
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Lynn Austin, Lee Knause, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Richard Schuler, Ann Tekulve
Eucharistic Ministers – Jeffrey Moore, Jacqueline Moore, Chaelon Brennan, Mary Brock, Terrill Denton, Karen Trautmann, Robyn Yates, Paul Brandt
Servers – Matt Ketchum, Jimmy Lindsey, Sarah Lindsey, Michael Nimmo, Jeff Casavant
Greeters – Terrill Denton, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions

MON. 2/18	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 2/19	8:30 am	Communion Service
WED. 2/20	8:30 am	Communion Service
THUR. 2/21	8:30 am	Communion Service
FRI. 2/22	9:00 am	† Laura D'Andrea/Henry D'Andrea
SAT. 2/23	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
SUN. 2/24	8:00 am	† Chester Rutana/Deacon Michael & Mary Kay Thomas
	10:00 am	† Sister Stephanie S.C.
	12:00 pm	† Rachel & Grace Marie Claire Casavant/The Casavant Family

† = Deceased

Miscellaneous

THE JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK: a day of reflection and insight with presentations by five Benedictine Sisters, Saturday, February 23, 9:30 am-3:00 pm at St. Walburg Monastery, 2500 Amsterdam Rd., Villa Hills, KY 41017. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. To register, please call Sr. Justina Franxman at 859-331-6324 or email her, by February 15th at jfranxmanosb@yahoo.com.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND AT COMBONI MISSION CENTER: Suffering the loss of a love relationship? Are you feeling hurt, lonely, left out? **Beginning Experience Cincinnati** offers a healing weekend for the divorced, separated and widowed at Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Road in Cincinnati, April 25-27. For \$130 (payment plan/partial scholarships available; meals included), participants make a personal inward journey with the hope of beginning a new life of renewed courage and joy. Grief and regrets, confusion and self-doubt...No one needs to go through it alone! For more information or to have a brochure mailed to you, call (513) 684-1196... **Deadline for registration is March 9, 2008.** (Price is \$150 after 3/9/08 deadline.)

PROVIDENCE JOURNEY: A "Come and See" event with the Sisters of Divine Providence for women exploring God's call. Begins at 7 PM on February 22 and ends at 8 PM on February 23. There will be input on prayer, sharing, time for questions and interactions with sisters and women who are discerning their life call. Held at Moye Spiritual Life Center/St. Anne Convent in Melbourne, Kentucky. Contact Sr. Fidelis Tracy at 859-441-0700 ext. 324 or vocation@cdpkentucky.org.



TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS: will be held on Sunday, February 24 at 7:30 pm in Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati. This beautiful prayer style, originating from the Taize, reflection and prayer around the cross. Music will be led by the Athenaeum Chorale with instrumentalists. The public is welcome.