

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 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](mailto:kroelker@sttm.org).

*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, February 25th

7:00 pm STMEC – Library  
7:00 pm JulyFest Meeting

### Tuesday, February 26th

7:00 pm 1st Communion Gathering – Parish Dining Hall  
7:00 pm PTO Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall  
7:00 pm PTO Board Meeting – Fr. Wack Library  
7:00 pm Social Action – Library  
7:00 pm Men's CRHP Discipleship – Faith Formation Room

### Wednesday, February 27th

9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room  
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room  
5:00 pm Feed the Hungry – Parish Dining Hall  
7:30 pm **Evening Bible Study - Library**

### Thursday, February 28th

7:00 pm Worship Commission – Library  
7:00 pm Catholic Matters – Conference Room B  
7:30 pm Dad's Ministry – Faith Formation Room  
8:00 pm Choir – Library

### Friday, February 29th

9:00 am School Mass  
10:00 am Adoration & Exposition – Church  
5:00 pm Boy Scout Fish Fry – Parish Dining Hall  
6:00 pm Lenten Evening of Recollection - Library  
7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Benediction – Church

### Saturday, March 1

7:00 am Answer the Call – More Martyr Hall  
9:00 am Clean Church  
3:00 pm Confessions – Church  
4:00 pm RCIA Second Scrutiny – Church

### Sunday, March 2

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  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry – More Martyr Hall

### Prayer Intentions

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Those who have died: Robert Reifenger. 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



**MASS INTENTIONS:** Each year we receive almost twice as many requests for Mass intentions than the number of Masses available to be celebrated at our parish. Since we are a one priest parish and due to the large number of requests for Mass intentions, we are updating our Mass intention policy. We can only schedule a limited number of Masses per year for a particular intention. We will continue to take all your Mass intention requests at the parish office, but some will be sent out to the missions. Mass intentions for the "living" will also be transferred to the missions along with the stipend, with the exception of a Wedding Anniversary Mass. Missionaries Orders, such as the Comboni Missionaries, rely very heavily on Mass intentions sent to them by the parishes. These are very important to priests serving in Third World countries. We will try to schedule all Mass intentions already received as requested. As an alternative to a Mass intention, please consider making a donation to the parish in memory of the person...perhaps to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or for the cost of a parish hymnal (\$15) with a donor bookplate affixed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



**EVENING BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY.**

**GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE:** The 2008 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass this year will be celebrated at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2008 should contact the parish office (753-2550) by March 12<sup>th</sup>.



**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, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am in Class Room 7. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.

**Readings for: March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)**  
**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14  
**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

### Faith Formation

**UPCOMING DATES:**  
**Feb 24** – RCIA 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny  
**Feb 26** – First Communion Prep Gathering #1  
**March 1** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny at 4:00 pm Mass  
**March 9** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny at 10:00 am Mass  
**March 11** – Confirmation Session #3  
**March 15** – RCIA Retreat and Rehearsal



**FIRST COMMUNION PREP SESSION #1:** On Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7pm in the Parish Dining Hall all first communicants in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Now the Candidates for Full Communion and the Elect are experiencing a period of more intense spiritual preparation consisting of more interior reflection than catechetical instruction. It is intended to purify their minds and hearts as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is also intended to enlighten their minds and hearts with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior. The celebration of certain rites, particularly the scrutinies, brings about the process of purification and enlightenment which extends over the course of the entire Lenten season.

**PSR PROGRESS REPORTS:** Parents of children in grades one through eight, please return the PSR progress reports to the catechists as soon as possible. Make sure you sign it. We also invite you to write down any comments that you would like to share with each teacher.

### Youth Ministry



**ROC Youth Meetings:** Next meeting is Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** To the following STM School graduate who made SECOND TERM – FIRST HONORS at St. Ursula Academy: Lauren Geiger.



### 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. Cheese pizza and carryout also available. 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 17, 2008:	\$12,238.39	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$524,248.97	\$516,200.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$8,048.47
481 Envelopes Returned Sunday Feb. 17:		\$11,250.50
Loose Change February 17:		\$987.89
<b>OTHER COLLECTION:</b>		
Outstanding Debt:	\$999,883.36	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$494,935.32	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,494,818.68</u>	

**EXPENSES:**

Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 2/16/08:	\$19,417.64
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Health Care Premiums, Feb.	\$14,658.46
Snow & Ice	\$1,095.00
Contract Teachers	\$2,980.00

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

### Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, March 1**

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Duane Bradley, Ginny Rottinghaus  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon John Convery, Theresa Bradley, Duane Bradley, Lisa Miller, Jenny Barnes, Donald Weber, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce  
**Servers** – Kara Burns, Megan Schaefer, Matt Mersman, Maggie Mulloney, Allie Kamphaus  
**Greeters** – Gail Convery, Sylvia Guthrie, Jane Pearce  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Barbara Comello  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon Michael Thomas, Gregory Snodgrass, Thomas Brannen, Charlotte Molitor, Mary Opp, Patricia Rieck, Tony Ramundo, William Fehn  
**Servers** – Paul Conrady, Haley Stultz, Logan Stultz, Caroline Dugan, Garrett Guthrie  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Hammond, Connie Stricker  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon John Convery, Dan Casnellie, Lori Casnellie, Tim McGrath, Ray Neltner, Penny Barton, Miranda Burgess, Estelle Wolfe  
**Servers** – Benjamin Gallivan, Ashley Taylor, Tanner Cardone, Kyle Cardone, Jennifer Ruhe  
**Greeters** – Staderman Family  
**Ushers** – Joe Thumann, David Wynn, Ed Lorentz, Mike Hicks

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jackie Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon John Convery, Karen Trautmann, Melissa Trautmann, Chaelon Brennan, Melissa Beverly, Gloria Saliceti, Patricia Tekulve, Nick Schneider  
**Servers** – Benjamin Schmidt, Becky Kellerman, Michele Cabel, Stacy Howell, Maria Kling  
**Greeters** – Laurie Bagley, Dee Archer, Sarah Nimmo  
**Ushers** – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

### Mass Intentions

<b>MON. 2/25</b>	8:30 am	Communion Service
<b>TUES. 2/26</b>	8:30 am	Mary Rettig/STM Book Club
<b>WED. 2/27</b>	8:30 am	† Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti
<b>THUR. 2/28</b>	8:30 am	† Andrew Molenda/Frank & Margaret Molenda
<b>FRI. 2/29</b>	9:00 am	† Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad
<b>SAT. 3/1</b>	4:00 pm	Special Intentions-Don & Debbie Weber/Diane McMullin
<b>SUN. 3/2</b>	8:00 am	† Pour Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society
	10:00 am	† Sister Catherine LaBoure/Mary McCabe
	12:00 pm	People of the Parish

† = Deceased

### Miscellaneous

**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.)



**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.

**"THE WAY OF LOVE" Students and Families Stand Up for Life: Sixth LENTEN Pro life Rosary Walks** Prayer changes hearts and minds. Come on the final 3 Sundays of LENT, March 2nd, 9th and 16th (Palm Sun.), 2-3 pm. Meet at Burnet Woods Bandstand, Clifton (across from Good Sam) proceed in **penance** around the block encompassing the abortion center on Jefferson Ave. [www.TheWayofLove.org](http://www.TheWayofLove.org) 513-314-9121.



**PARKING ISSUE:** We are having an increasing problem with parking for non-parish events in our lot during the weekends. Parking in our lot is reserved for those who are attending parish services and events on our property. Our insurance does not cover any damage or accidents that may happen for events that are not a part of our parish or the Archdiocese. Please only park in our lot if you are attending a St. Thomas More function.