

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
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 Budheit	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

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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

Tuesday, March 11th

7:00 pm PTO Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Confirmation Session #3 – Parish Dining Hall

Wednesday, March 12th

9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room
7:00 pm Market Day Pick Up – Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study – Conference Room C

Thursday, March 13th

7:00 pm Catholic Matters – Conference Room B
7:00 pm Choir – Library

Friday, March 14th

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, March 15th

7:00 am Answer the Call – More Martyr Hall
8:00 am RCIA Retreat – Faith Formation Room
9:00 am Clean Church
3:00 pm Confessions – Church

Sunday, March 16th

PALM SUNDAY

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

FAMILY TALK – 5th Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 11:1-45) Those who believe in the Lord Jesus will never die.

REFLECTION: Through the Father, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Would living forever on earth be a good idea for you? Why? Why not?

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, Diane Knause, Rhea Cermak, Robert Fischer, Angela Cookson, Dolores McKinney, Christopher Kosciuk, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Mary Rosenfelder, Connie Dufresne 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

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 with Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk as the principle celebrant. Couples celebrating their 50th and 25th wedding anniversary in 2008 should **notify the parish office (753-2550) by March 12th.**



2008 – 2009 CYO FOOTBALL GRADES 3 - 8: IHM Football sign-ups will be Saturday, March 15 after the 5 pm mass and Sunday, March 16 after the 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am masses in IHM's gym lobby.

No Rosary Makers the month of March. It falls on Good Friday.



When inclement weather occurs and there might be a chance of day or evening events or activities being canceled; **please check Channel 12, WKRC or go to www.local12.com to check for cancelations.**

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.



EASTER EGG HUNT: We need and appreciate donations of wrapped Easter candy to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, March 30th at 11:15 am at the Picnic Shelter for 3rd grade children and younger. Please place donations in the box in the vestibule.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: *OUR LENTEN PROJECT* Visit <http://orb.crs.org> for more information and activities related to Operation Rice Bowl. Encourage your family to learn more about our brothers and sisters in other countries.

Readings for: March 16th – Palm Sunday (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

March 9 – 3rd RCIA Scrutiny at 10:00 am Mass

March 11 – Confirmation Session #3

March 15 – RCIA Retreat and Rehearsal

March 19 – MOMs Monthly

March 20-23 – Holy Triduum

PRAYERS FOR CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION & THE ELECT APPRECIATED NOW:

Now the RCIA 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 this process of purification and enlightenment and extends over the course of the entire Lenten season.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION #3: On Tuesday, March 11th, our confirmation candidates will be reflecting on the meaning of being anointed, on their personal call to holiness and being set aside for God's service in today's broken world. Pray that they may be strengthened to go out and bring the Good News of Jesus to those they meet.

WHAT ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR? We're all hungry for something that only God can fill up. We think we can fill it up with things, but we still end up hungry. That's because what we're hungry for is God. All the "stuff" in the world will never fill us up. To help ourselves and our youth understand that only seeking a relationship with God can satisfy, go to our website at <http://www.stm.org/adultfaith.htm>, click on to "Families Challenging Materialism" and you will discover family action suggestions from the Institute for Peace and Justice.

Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Next meetings are Sunday, March 9th & March 16th at 6:00 pm. **No meetings March 23rd or 30th due to Easter Vacation.**

SEWING MINISTRY: will meet on March 20th even though it is Holy Thursday. There is a need to make up for the snow day to finish the Baptismal garments.

FRANCISCAN YOUTH CONFERENCE: will be in Atlanta, on June 27-29. Registrations are now being accepted for the trip to Atlanta. All deposits need to be in by 5/15. Due to booking transportation and hotels, deadlines are final. All high school age youth including those graduating 8th and 12th grade in June are welcome! There is room for 40 students. St. Bernadette and Eastside Cluster will also be joining St. Thomas More. Forms are available on the parish web site at www.stm.org or call the youth office for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAMS: from across the Archdiocese are all accepting registrations now through May 1st. All spots for the T.A.C.K.L.E. program are full. Laudete still has two STM spots and TCL has three. If any of these are of interest to you please let Diane Brennan know ASAP so she can get your forms in. For more info go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/> to find out more about these program offerings.

CROP TIL YOU DROP: is April 19th from 9 am -3 pm. Registration forms are available in the youth office and on the web.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
March 2, 2008:	\$23,238.78	\$18,700.00
YTD:	\$559,786.32	\$547,900.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$11,886.32
589 Envelopes Returned Sunday March 2:		\$22,521.50
Loose Change March 2:		\$717.28

OTHER COLLECTION:

Debt Reduction:		\$1,730.07
Vision 2000		\$923.00
Catholic Ministries Appeal		\$10,532.00

Outstanding Debt:	\$999,883.36
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$512,783.32
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,512,666.68</u>

EXPENSES:

Notable Expenses Paid 3/1/08:	\$21,573.25
Cincinnati Bell	\$814.20
Contract Teachers	\$2,420.00
Snow & Ice	\$1,755.00

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 15

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Larry Bush, Mary Verdin
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michelle Emerling, Lisa Miller, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Patricia Rieck, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley
Servers – Anthony Luster, Danielle Schaefer, Heather Denison, Daniel Guerrette, Paige Noday
Greeters – Sylvia Guthrie, Gail Convery, Emily Bradley
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, March 16

8:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Nelson Seip
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Diane Meisman, Dianna Kennedy, Charlotte Molitor, Michele Lamping, Patti McMullen, Tony Ramundo, Pat Ramundo
Servers – Jeff Casavant, Joe Schoettelkotte, Daniel Schoettelkotte, Katie Feldkamp, Peter Conrady
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Lisa Hartman, Eva Grachek
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Catalina Handleton, Kathleen Hornschemeier, Charlene Kiefer, Tammy Schneider, Cindy Robinson, Garry Burke, Patricia Lindsey
Servers – Brett Blaha, Connor Nelson, Paxton Knight, Leah Bartel, Travis Gallivan
Greeters – Darline Foltz, Laurie Bagley, Rob Pairan
Ushers – Joe Thumann, David Wynn, Mike Hicks

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Victoria Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Melissa Kellerman, Patricia Tekulve, Paul Brandt, Gloria Saliceti, Melissa Beverly, Karen Trautmann, Chaelon Brennan
Servers – Ryan Henning, Ryan Winkler, Lacey O'Connell, Austin Shaffer, Michael Mink
Greeters – Sarah Nimmo, Dee Archer, Rosemary Weimer
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions

MON. 3/10

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 3/11

8:30 am † Joseph & Lena Dahlheimer/Helen Chirco

WED. 3/12

8:30 am † Pauline Kess

THUR. 3/13

8:30 am † Laura D'Andrea/Henry D'Andrea

FRI. 3/14

9:00 am † Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad

SAT. 3/15

4:00 pm † Larry Mugrudge/Lou, Darlene & Jake Grieco

SUN. 3/16

8:00 am † Barry Mygatt/The Beattie Family

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † Mary Lee Burbage/The Trimmell Family

† = Deceased

Miscellaneous

COLLEGE AGE MEN AND OLDER: You have a first-rate opportunity to see if the priesthood is for you. If you have ever thought about being a priest, if you desire to be a force for the Lord as a priest, to spend your life for the salvation of souls, you are invited to an informative **Welcome Weekend** at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The weekend will give you an excellent sampling of what it would be like for you to be in training for the priesthood. The date is **Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, 2008**. To get more information and to make your reservation, please call the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131 or register on line at: <http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/frm03282008.php> by March 16.

"MEET THE JESUITS" This is a great opportunity for men 18-35 years of age to learn more about the life, spirituality and work of Jesuit priests and brothers. Come and meet the First-Year Novices and hear their stories: **Sunday, March 9, 7:30 pm at St. Xavier Church** (6th and Sycamore, downtown Cincinnati). If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. at vocations@jesuits-chi.org.

MCNICK AT NIGHT: McNicholas High School's annual fundraising dinner and auction is Saturday, April 5, 2008 with all proceeds directly benefiting our students!

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, raffles, and entertainment. Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the live auction at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person, reservations required by March 21, 2008.

If you are unable to attend the event, but would still like to participate, consider donating a gift for the silent or live auctions. Gifts can vary from a gift certificate or gift basket to a weekend get-a-way. Contact the Advancement Office at 513-619-5814 or visit www.mcnhs.org for more information.

THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO: Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is accepting applications for both the Masters in Pastoral Ministry and non-degree Certificate programs. For more information or for dates of upcoming informational meetings please call (513)231-1200 for the Cincinnati area or (937) 277-0116 for the Dayton/Northern area.