

Growth Through Commitment in Christ



Church of ST. THOMAS MORE

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School Web Page: www.sttmschool.org

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 Gemzell	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
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, March 17th

7:00 pm Choir - Library
7:00 pm Parish Council – Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm SVDP – Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, March 18th

9:00 am Jr. High Day of Renewal
7:00 pm PTO Zumba – Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Choir – Library
7:30 pm **CHRISM MASS – ST. PETER IN CHAINS**

Wednesday, March 19th

9:30 am School Prayer Service - Church
9:30 am Bible Study – Faith Formation Room
1:30 pm Book Club – Faith Formation Room
7:00 pm Mom's Monthly – Faith Formation Room
NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY

HOLY THURSDAY, March 20th

NO 8:30 AM MASS
7:30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church**
9:00 pm **Chapel of Repose - School Library – until 11:00 pm**

GOOD FRIDAY, March 21st

NO 9:00 AM MASS
NO 10:00 AM ADORATION
1:00 pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Church**
7:30 pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Church**
School & Parish Office Closed

HOLY SATURDAY, March 22nd

9:00 am Clean Church
NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS
NO 4:00 PM MASS
8:30 pm **EASTER VIGIL MASS - CHURCH**

EASTER SUNDAY, March 23rd

8:00 am MASS
10:00 am MASS
12:00 pm MASS

*Palm
Sunday*

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died: Mary Rosenfelder. 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, 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.



Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Next meeting is Sunday, 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/> and 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.

CINCINNATI 2000: is quickly approaching in April. If you are interested in learning more, come to Youth Ministry and get forms. So many wonderful things are available that might be just what you are looking for. Why not join us for a meeting and get all the news?

**PARISH OFFICE AND SCHOOL CLOSED
FRIDAY MARCH 21ST**

**PLEASE REMEMBER: GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH
21ST IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE**

Readings for: March 23rd – Easter Sunday (A)

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9 8:00 & 10:00

Luke 24:13-35 12:00

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

March 19 – MOMs Monthly

March 20-23 – Holy Triduum

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION: The Easter Vigil is the primary celebration of Easter and **the most important vigil of the year.** In the early centuries it was an all-night celebration. It is the “mother of all vigils” according to St. Augustine. There are four clearly defined parts of the Easter Vigil: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Celebration of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you haven't been to an Easter Vigil, you should go this year! The Easter Vigil takes place this coming Saturday, March 22 at 8:30pm. Hope to see you there!

IN NEED OF MEATY SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT? For some meaty spiritual nourishment each week, go to our website at <http://www.stm.org/adultfaith.htm>, click on “In Need of Spiritual Nourishment” and you will discover wise guidance concerning our spiritual journey from Fr. Ron Rolheiser each and every week.

PARENTS: WHAT MAKES FOR A GOOD STEWARD? In January families with school age children enrolled in STM or in PSR received a letter outlining our challenge as parents to teach our children about stewardship. To assist you in this regard, we offered the opportunity for your children to receive envelopes designed just for children to give when they are at Mass. As parents, if you would like your child to participate, please call the parish or school office and we will arrange a time for you to pick up the envelopes. We thank you in advance for choosing to teach your children how to do good and care for others by supporting their church community.

Parish Events



EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter eggs – colorful reminders of new life. Help us celebrate our new life in Christ at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. All Families with children in the 3rd grade and younger are invited to participate in this traditional event on Sunday, March 30th at 11:15 am at the picnic shelter. All donations of wrapped candy and large eggs are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule of Church. Please call Sharon at 752-7186 to register or volunteer.



OPERATION RICE BOWL: OUR LENTEN PROJECT – We want to thank all of you who have been contributing to their rice bowl at home during Lent. You can return your rice bowls to the receptacles at the doors of the Church on Easter Sunday. We are making a positive difference in the lives of many who suffer from hunger and poverty. Thank you for making Operation Rice Bowl part of your Lenten journey this year.



HELP NEEDED: We are in need of people to help with the decorating of the Church for Easter, on Good Friday evening, after the Liturgy. Work should begin around 8:45 pm and we will work until we are finished. This is a wonderful way to help prepare for Easter and to meet people as well. Please call Deacon Michael for more information 753-2549.



**NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH**

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
March 9, 2008:	\$6,403.09	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$566,189.41	\$560,900.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$5,289.41
224 Envelopes Returned Sunday March 9:		\$6,124.58
Loose Change March 9:		\$278.51

OTHER COLLECTION:

Catholic Min. Appeal (GOAL: \$24,500.00 – 45% to Goal) \$11,037.00

Outstanding Debt: \$993,216.69
Unpaid Interest on Debt: \$511,116.66
Total Due Archdiocese: \$1,504,333.35

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 3/14/08: \$44,162.58
Notable Expenses Paid 3/8/08: \$17,063.04
Natural Gas Heating \$3,632.45
Debt & Interest payment \$8,333.33

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michele Lamping, Barbara Comello, William Fehn, Thomas Brannen, Mary Opp, Kathy Senior, Gregory Senior
Servers – Garrett Guthrie, Haley Stultz, Caroline Dugan, Paul Conrady, Lauren Lamping
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Margaret Pangburn, Patricia Tussey, Karen Klysz, Estelle Wolfe, Miranda Burgess, Ray Neltner, Tim McGrath
Servers – Samuel Bechtol, Andrew Clement, Tatenda Mandizha, Holly Ortalano, Jeff Casavant
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Lee Knause, Lynn Austin, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Barbara Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Jacqueline Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Darline Foltz, Robyn Yates, Mary Brock, Terrill Denton, Nick Schneider
Servers – Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Ketchum, Abby Jones, Jimmy Lindsey, Sarah Lindsey
Greeters – Terrill Denton, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

HOLY WEEK

March 20th – Holy Thurs. – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 pm includes: Presentation of Holy Oils & Washing of Feet Adoration - Chapel of Repose - 9 - 11 pm - Library

March 21st – Good Fri. – Liturgies of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 & 7:30 pm (day of fast and abstinence)

March 22nd – Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm

Mass Intentions

MON. 3/17
8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 3/18
8:30 am † Theresa Rutana/Deacon Michael & May Kay Thomas

WED. 3/19
8:30 am † Warren Gelter

THUR. 3/20 HOLY THURSDAY
7:30 pm † Bernie Fieno/ Catin Handleton

FRI. 3/21
GOOD FRIDAY/NO MASS

SAT. 3/22
8:30 pm **EASTER VIGIL/People of the Parish**

SUN. 3/23 EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 am † Norma Zoz/Pat Fieno

10:00 am † Rachel & Grace Marie Claire Casavant/Their Family

12:00 pm † Louis Grieco/Ruby & Kathy Grieco

† = Deceased

St. Vincent de Paul Society

ST. THOMAS MORE HOUSE: We have recently completed major renovations to the St. Thomas More house. To complete the project, we are in need of the following items:

- ✓ Sofa (non-sleeper) – due to space limitations, maximum length must be under 7 feet
- ✓ Kitchen table for small space, maximum length, four feet with a width of 3 feet – four chairs
- ✓ One table lamp and one small bedroom lamp
- ✓ Broiler pan for oven

If you can donate any of these items, please call the SVDP line 753-2561, leave a message and someone from SVDP will contact you. Once again, many thanks for your continued support of our ministry. **May God Bless!!**

Parish Information

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



INCLEMENT WEATHER – When the weather is bad and you can't get to church, we fully understand. However, our expenses continue and in fact increase when we have to remove the snow and treat our parking lot. We would appreciate it if you would consider making that week's donation during the following weeks when the weather is bad. Thank you!

~ALSO~

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.**



If you have not already done so, please consider donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly the Archdiocese Fund Drive). Our goal is \$24,500. To learn more about this campaign, go to our parish web site and click on the Catholic Ministries Appeal page. You can also donate directly to the fund drive electronically. Thank you!