

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 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 24th

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, March 25th

SCHOOL CLOSED

7:00 pm PTO Board Meeting – Fr. Wack Library

Wednesday, March 26th

SCHOOL CLOSED

NO BOOK CLUB

5:00 pm Feed the Hungry – Parish Dining Hall

NO MORNING OR EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 27th

SCHOOL CLOSED

NO WORSHIP COMMISSION

NO CATHOLIC MATTERS

7:30 pm Dad's Ministry – Faith Formation Room

Friday, March 28th

SCHOOL CLOSED

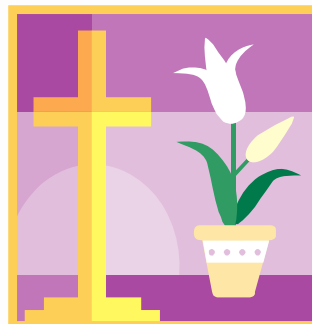
9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, March 29th

9:00 am Clean Church
3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, March 30th

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
11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt – Picnic Shelter



*Happy Easter!!
Behold the Lamb of
God!*

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, 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.



Banns of Marriage

BANNS I: Eric Wooten and Elizabeth Spitzig
April 12, 2008



Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: No meetings March 23 or March 30 due to Easter Vacation.



OPERATION RICE BOWL: Rejoice! Our Lord has risen, offering us new joy and hope. For six weeks you have prayed for the people of Cameroon, fasted in solidarity with the people of Haiti and given sacrificially to create possibilities in India as part of Operation Rice Bowl. It is now time to return your Operation Rice Bowl Donation Boxes. Receptacles will be available at the doors of the church again this weekend to accept your donation boxes. Thank you for your generous support of Operation Rice Bowl. Together, we continue to plant seeds of real hope throughout our world.

School will be closed Monday, March 24 thru Friday, March 28.

STM "Walk More" scheduled for Monday, March 31, has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 24.

JulyFest



JULYFEST 2008: With Spring just around the corner, it is time to think of the great fun of volunteering at JulyFest 2008 (July 11-13). We'll need 500+ volunteers for a successful festival and until www.julyfest.com is active sometime in April, you can register at 752-2080 ext. 302. Please leave your name, phone number, and email address. JulyFest's Volunteer Chair, **Gwen Farwick**, works on this in the evening so phone calls are made only on weekends and emails are the preferred communication where possible. You may also contact Gwen at STMJulyFestVolunteerChair@fuse.net. Watch here for more information as the website becomes active for online registry.

Readings for: March 30th – Second Sunday of Easter (A)

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

April 15 – Confirmation Session #4

April 16 – Mom's Monthly

April 26 – First Communion Retreat

April 27 – Catechist End of the Year Brunch

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): Jesus formed his disciples by making known to them the various dimensions of the Kingdom of God. That in essence, is the mission of all catechesis: the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ. Faith must be known, celebrated, lived and expressed. Children involved in our PSR program receive knowledge of the faith, experience the liturgy and sacraments. It is our hope that you will register your children for PSR so that they can grow in their relationship with Christ and our Church. **We are asking that all registrations be completed by Sunday, April 27th.** This is crucial in order for us to plan for adequate materials and teachers in the fall. Forms can be found in the back of church and online at www.sttm.org. If you have any questions, call Becky at 753-2548 or Kate at 753-2550.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION #4: On Tuesday, April 15, our confirmation candidates will be reflecting on the role of the Holy Spirit in the growth of their conscience, the call to be reconcilers and how the Eucharist changes us. Pray that they may be strengthened to become a sign and witness of God's presence and love to all they meet.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: On Saturday, April 26, we will be having our First Communion Retreat! Your child's First Communion is a step into new intimacy with the Lord. From Baptism, your child has been one with Jesus, filled with his indestructible life. Eucharist marks a new stage in the relationship with Christ that will unfold over a lifetime. As we prepare for our retreat day, reflect on what you hope the Eucharist will nourish in your child. Please plan on being in the parish dining hall by 8:30 am. We have five exciting stations for parent and child to experience, followed by a wonderful lunch and concluding with a talk from Fr. Bill. We look forward to sharing this unique day with you.

Parish Events



EASTER EGG HUNT: REJOICE!! HE IS RISEN!! Let's celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection with our children. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held next Sunday, March 30, at 11:15 am, with a surprise visit from...? The Children will be divided into 3 age groups: up to 3 years old, 4-6 years old and 7 years to 3rd grade. **SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC SHELTER WITH YOUR BASKETS!!**

STM DAY AT SAM'S CLUB - Please join us at Sam's Eastgate on Saturday, April 5. It is St. Thomas More Day! Some of our organizations will be washing cars, grilling, and selling cookbooks during the day. Sam's matches our earnings up to \$1,000. So, the more we sell, the more we make. Please stop by and support our Youth Ministry, Scouts, Boosters, and Elizabeth Ministry!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION: will meet in the school library on Tuesday, April 1, to plan a meal to feed the seventeen homeless individuals at the Clermont County Shelter on Tuesday, April 8. Please join us if you would like to participate in this ministry.



**NO MORNING OR EVENING BIBLE STUDY,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
March 16, 2008:	\$16,631.95	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$582,821.36	\$573,900.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$8,921.36
598 Envelopes Returned Sunday March 16:		\$15,701.78
Loose Change March 16:		\$930.17

OTHER COLLECTION:

Catholic Min. Appeal (GOAL: \$24,500.00 – 48.4% to Goal) \$11,872.00

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

EXPENSES:

Notable Expenses Paid 3/15/08:	\$24,323.63
High School EQUAL – 2 nd Half	\$4,200.00
HEALTH CARE March 08	\$13,706.14
POSTAGE	\$1,342.43

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 29

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Richard Schuler, Duane Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers – Michelle Emerling, Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Patricia Rieck, Larry Bush, Lisa Miller
Servers – Jennifer Ruhe, Maggie Mulloney, Marissa Miller, Haley Stultz, Logan Stultz
Greeters – Gail Convery, Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry Edwards
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, March 30

8:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Comello, Nancy Bokenkotter
Eucharistic Ministers – Timothy Hornschemeier, Charlotte Molitor, Patti McMullen, Pat Ramundo, Tony Ramundo, Dianna Kennedy, Paul Brandt, Vickie Ditchen
Servers – Daniel Schoettelkotte, Joe Schoettelkotte, Christopher Feist, Michael Bouley, Peter Brandt
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Connie Stricker
Eucharistic Ministers – Tammy Schneider, Catalina Handleton, Charlene Kiefer, Tome Kiefer, James Smith, Larry Robben, Tony Schulte, Jeff Burgess
Servers – Allie Kamphaus, Matt Mersman, Hannah Taylor, Jennifer Foltz, Ethan Johnson
Greeters – David Kiefer, Rachel Neltner, Ray Neltner
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Mike Hicks, David Wynn

12:00 pm **Lectors** – John Aicholtz, Vickie Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Melissa Kellerman, Chaelon Brennan, Karen Trautmann, Patricia Tekulve, Melissa Beverly, Gloria Saliceti, Susan Crawford, Bill Crawford
Servers – Kiley Palmer, Stacy Howell, Becky Kellerman, Ashley Taylor, Michael Nimmo
Greeters – Sarah Nimmo, Laurie Bagley, Julie Kiefer
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions

MON. 3/24	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 3/25	8:30 am	† Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti
WED. 3/26	8:30 am	† Debbie Kamphaus/Ed Kamphaus
THUR. 3/27	8:30 am	† Marion Hilgefort/Francis Lehman
FRI. 3/28	9:00 am	† Chester Rutana/Sand Singer
SAT. 3/29	4:00 pm	† Helen Chirco/Jodie Ayscue
SUN. 3/30	8:00 am	† Betty C. Sheldon/Joyce & Lou Pfarr
	10:00 am	† Frank Coyne/Liz Hart
	12:00 pm	People of the Parish

† = 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:

- ✓ Kitchen table for small space, maximum length, four feet with a width of 3 feet – four chairs

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



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!

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Nearly 20% of our households are now contributing to the parish electronically. Many have been doing so since 2002! We are also happy to process your debt reduction contributions electronically. If you wish to raise or change your monthly or weekly amount, just call the Finance Office at 753-2543 or send an email authorizing your changes to mgennett@sttm.org.

SECOND COLLECTION: March 30, is the fifth Sunday of the month and the second collection will be for the works of our SVDP Society. Please be generous, as we have had many requests for assistance this month. May God bless you all!

NO CATHOLIC MATTERS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MARCH 24**

