

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 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, Terry V. Wenninger	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

Monday, April 21

7:00 pm Parish Council - Library

Tuesday, April 22

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

7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

7:00 pm Social Action - Library

7:30 pm Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, April 23

8:30 am School Mass - Church

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room

1:30 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room

3:00 pm Martial Arts - Gym

7:00 pm CRHP Continuation Meeting - Faith Formation Room

7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, April 24

9:00 am **STM "WALK MORE"**

7:00 pm Worship Commission - Library

7:00 pm Catholic Matters - Conference Room B

7:30 pm Dad's Ministry - Fr. Heider Hall

Friday, April 25

10:00 am Adoration

3:30 pm Clean Church

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal - Church

SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday, April 26

8:30 am **1ST COMMUNION RETREAT**

3:00 pm Confessions

6:45 pm Wedding - Church

Sunday, April 27

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

11:00 am Catechist Brunch - Parish Dining Hall

11:00 am RCIA Mystagogy - Faith Formation Room

6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – 5th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 14:1-12) Jesus is the way to the Father and life everlasting.

REFLECTION: To travel the faith road, we must turn to God and be dependent upon him for all we do.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Is the road of faith easy or difficult for you?

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, Bud Pangburn, Connie Dufresne, Robin Vestring 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 III: Craig Wright and Melissa Swarts
April 26, 2008 at St. Thomas More Church



Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meetings: Meetings, April 20 & 27 will be the regular ROC meetings.

Super 8 and Bible Camp signups for summer 2008, kick off this week. Information should be in your child's packet. If you need more info please call the youth office at 753-2551.

SUMMER PROGRAMS: from across the Archdiocese are all accepting registrations now through May 1st. For more info go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/> and find out more about these program offerings.

Miscellaneous

CATCH THE SPIRIT OF MCNICHOLAS HIGH SCHOOL: Join Archbishop McNicholas High School on Saturday, May 3, 2008, for a celebration of the opening of the new Woodlands Habitat, an alumni picnic, and the dedication of McNick's new gym! McNicholas will celebrate the Woodland Reclamation Project with the opening of the new land lab, an area intended for use as an outdoor classroom, a clean and thriving natural habitat, and a peaceful and reflective destination. The Open House is from 10 am – 5 pm. Allow 30 minutes for tours.

Reminisce with current and former faculty and classmates during the Alumni Picnic, courtesy of the Alumni Association. Tours of the school and other activities will be available in the courtyard for the whole family! All McNicholas alumni, former and current faculty and staff are encouraged to attend from 2 – 5:30 p.m. Fr. Jan Schmidt, a 1972 McNicholas graduate, will conclude the day with the dedication of McNick's new gym at 6 p.m. **For more information, call McNicholas at 513-231-3500.**



THANK YOU: This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. **Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity!**

Readings for: April 27th – 6th Sunday of Easter (A)

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

April 26 – First Communion Retreat

April 27 – Catechist End of the Year Brunch

May 3 – Confirmation Retreat

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): 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.** 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.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: On Saturday, April 26, we will be having our First Communion Retreat! 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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: will be on Saturday, May 3rd, from 11 am until 5 pm. Sponsors are invited to attend the retreat. **All sponsors must be present for the rehearsal at 1:30 pm.** Parent leaders are also needed to lead the small group activities. Please pray for our students as they move closer to their confirmation celebration with the archbishop at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on May 7th.

STM BOOK CLUB: We invite you to join our St. Thomas More Book Club on Wednesdays from 1:30 till 3:00 as we embark upon a journey to understand contemplative and centering prayer more effectively. We will be using a series of DVD's titled: *Divine Love: The Heart of the Christian Spiritual Journey* with Fr. Thomas Keating, a Trappist Monk. To complement our understanding we will also be reading a book titled: *Appearances of Modern Saints* by Patricia Treece. So, if you would like to join us as we undertake this spiritual discipline to foster our relationship with God, please call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

Parish Information



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION: is asking for help in cooking hot meals for 20 people at the **Clermont County Homeless Shelter**, the first Tuesday of every month. They are in need of meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, desserts, drinks, etc. The next meal will be on **Tuesday, May 6**. All donations are to be dropped off by 4:00 pm at St. Thomas More west side parking lot. **If you can help, please contact Charlene at 752-0134.**



EVENING BIBLE STUDY IS STUDYING THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

**SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY,
APRIL 25**

Protect
God's
Creation



EARTH DAY, APRIL 22

ARBOR DAY, APRIL 25

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
April 13, 2008:	\$12,740.65	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$651,844.55	\$640,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$11,244.55
494 Envelopes Returned Sunday April 13:		\$12,043.28
Loose Change April 13:		\$697.37
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Catholic Relief Services		\$2,400.71
Catholic Ministry Appeal (GOAL: \$24,500.00 – 58.5% to Goal)		\$14,347.00

Outstanding Debt:	\$986,550.02	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$509,450.00	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,496,000.02</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Payroll & Taxes Paid 4/15/08:		\$42,987.33
Notable Expenses Paid 4/12/08:		\$30,657.52
Health Care Premium - April		\$14,182.30
Technology - School		\$1,506.00

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 26

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Verdin, Duane Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers – Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Michelle Emerling, Jenny Barnes, Donald Weber, Jane Pearce, Patricia Rieck, Dennis Lahey
Servers – Brian Roberts, Matt Mersman, Allie Kamphaus, Joy Neltner, Megan Schaefer
Greeters – Jane Pearce, Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Nelson Seip
Eucharistic Ministers – Thomas Brannen, William Fehn, Patricia Tussey, Patti McMullen, Dianna Kennedy, Diane Meisman, Pat Ramundo, Tony Ramundo
Servers – Sarah McGrath, Peter Conrady, Paul Conrady, Caroline Dugan, Jeff Casavant
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Sam Geonetta, Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Kathleen Hornschemeier, Lisa Miller, Garry Burke, Patricia Lindsey, Cindy Robinson, Dan Casnellie, Lori Casnellie
Servers – Jennifer Foltz, Marissa Miller, Tatenda Mandizha, Matt Ketchum, Holly Ortalano
Greeters – Charlene Kiefer, David Kiefer, Frankie Hartman
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Joanne Buchanan, David Wynn, Mike Hicks

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Ann Tekulve, Doreen Noble
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Jacqueline Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Gloria Saliceti, Melissa Beverly, Chaelon Brennan, Karen Trautmann, Nick Schneider
Servers – Tyler Vickers, Nicholas Rutherford, Anthony Luster, Michael Nimmo, Ashley Taylor
Greeters – Maureen Crowley, Dee Archer, Laurie Bagley
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions

MON. 4/21	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 4/22	8:30 am	† Kenneth & Lillian Gosney/Karen
WED. 4/23	8:30 am	† Peter Tekulve/Lou, Darlene & Jake Grieco
THUR. 4/24	8:30 am	Dominic & Jean Randolph 55 th Wed. Annv./Larry & Sheila Jacobs
FRI. 4/25	9:00 am	† Betty Sheldon/Sheldon Family
SAT. 4/26	4:00 pm	† Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad
SUN. 4/27	8:00 am	Michael J. Connelly, Sr./George Arstingstall
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 pm	† Katherine Disney Reed/Perry Family

† = Deceased

Parish Events



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. 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.

STM PTO changes "Walkathon"

STM PTO Walkathon is now **Walk M.O.R.E. (Moving Outside 4 Recreation and Exercise)**. Along with a new name, the PTO has insured that our students will benefit from more than just the money raised for the school. Gone are sugared snacks and sugared drinks, replaced with healthy drinks like water and sports drinks designed to replenish electrolytes – liquid spent while exercising – and fruit and low fat bars. The picnic lunch is being specially prepared by the cafeteria to insure it is all healthy food. As the students move through the exercise stations around the school grounds, they will be instructed on exercising properly. The amount of exercise they perform will be measured.



We still need your support and prayers for success. Please come out and see the difference yourself on April 24 and also take a moment to donate to the fundraiser. Make any payment to the St. Thomas More PTO which can be sent through the school or placed in the collection at mass.

*'The will of God will never take
you where the Grace of God will
not protect you.'*