

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

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, April 28

7:00 pm STMEC - Library
7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall
7:30 pm Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, April 30

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
6:15 pm Women's CRHP - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, May 1

7:00 pm Elizabeth Ministry - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Dad's Ministry - Fr. Heider Hall

Friday, May 2

9:00 am School Mass
10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, May 3

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall
9:00 am Clean Church

10:00 am CONFIRMATION RETREAT

3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, May 4

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 RCIA Mystagogy - Faith Formation Room
6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – 5th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 14:15-21) The Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, will be with us always.

REFLECTION: When we live the values Jesus lived in his life—humility, joy, peace—we are doing the will of the Father.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: What commands of God, our Father, do you follow faithfully?

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, David Saliceti and Tex Meranda. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Dale Manning, Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Jonathan Stewart, Corey Campbell, Nick Braun, Michael Nazarovch, Randy Damron and Adam Wenstrup.



Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meeting: April 27 will be the regular ROC meeting.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduates, **Lauren Geiger**, who made TERM THREE – FIRST HONORS at St. Ursula Academy and **Chaelon Brennan** and **Bethany Perry**, who made THIRD QUARTER – SECOND HONORS at Mt. Notre Dame High school.



Miscellaneous

ST BERNADETTE CHURCH: in Amelia will host a free (rescheduled) Winter Concert on Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 PM. Diverse musical styles include Kenny Smith's Peace and Serenity Singers, Sowers of Seed and St. Bernadette Church Choir. Free refreshments. A great family event!



THIRSTING FOR MORE? "Theology on Tap" gives you straight talk, hard facts and real answers! On Thursday nights, drinks at 7:00 pm and 7:30–9:00 pm, guest speakers and questions. Tickets Sports Café, 100 W. 6th Street in Covington – across from Mother of God Church – ample parking at the church – May 1, Fr. Earl Fernandes – "Are There Still Saints"?

ATHENAEUM OF OHIO/MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY: is offering two courses in Catholic spirituality this summer. B 450 Tapping the Riches of Biblical Spirituality will be taught Jun 9 – 12 by Fr. Tim Schehr, Fr. Rob Jack, Instructor of Systematic Theology at the Athenaeum. These are three quarter credit graduate courses that can be taken for credit or audit. Each course meets 9:00 am – noon and 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday. More information about these courses can be found on the Athenaeum web page www.athenaeum.edu or obtained from the Registrar's Office 513-231-2223.



ST. VERONICA: 4th Annual Craft Show & Apple Butter Festival, Saturday, November 8, 2008, is looking for Crafters. If interested, please call 528-5401 or 652-0171 for more information.

Readings for: May 4 – Ascension of the Lord (A)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

May 3 – Confirmation Retreat

May 4 – Last Day of PSR, Preschool, Sunday Child care and Children's Liturgy of the Word

May 6 – First Communion photos and May Crowning

May 7 – Confirmation Celebration at Cathedral

May 13 – First Communion Rehearsals and Ice Cream Sundaes

May 18 – First Communion Masses, 10 and 12

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): We are asking that all registrations be completed by Sunday, April 27th. It is very important to fill out ALL the forms. 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 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.

MAY CROWNING SERVICE: In honor of the month of Our Blessed Mother, the Elizabeth Ministry will be sponsoring this annual Marian Event on Tuesday, May 6. We will gather at 6:45pm in church to be a part of the LIVING ROSARY with our first communicants. Following the rosary will be an evening prayer service including our May Crowning and Blessing of Expectant Mothers. We invite all expectant women of the parish to participate and remind our First Communicants and their families to join us for their part in the living rosary and evening prayer, as they were instructed in our Jesus Day retreat. For more information, contact Maria Pour (943-7263) or e-mail us at bready@sttm.org.

Parish Information

Letter of Thanks from St. Joseph Orphanage

Dear Ms. Fischer and Students of St. Thomas More:

Thank you for joining us in our commitment to the quality and breadth of care we provide severely emotionally disabled children who come to St. Joseph Orphanage. We truly appreciate your generous donation of \$2,300 to support the "Growing Capacity for Growing Needs" campaign. It is so refreshing to see young people support the needs of other children. As requested, your donation will be used for the new playground at our Villa campus. Your kindness will touch so many children's lives.

Your understanding and appreciation of the children in our care makes your gift especially important to us. These children are dealing with monumental challenges and crisis situations likely to become much worse with out our help.

Thank you again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Wehr, Ph.D.
Executive Director*

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
April 20, 2008:	\$11,179.72	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$663,024.27	\$653,600.00
YTD Collection <i>Over Budget:</i>		\$9,424.27
482 Envelopes Returned Sunday April 20:		\$10,411.74
Loose Change April 20:		\$767.98
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Rice Bowl Totals		\$1,364.41
Outstanding Debt:	\$986,550.02	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$509,450.00</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,496,000.02</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Notable Expenses Paid 4/19/08:		\$17,924.19
Duke Energy		\$5,436.60
Youth Ministry		\$389.26
Contract Teachers		\$2,405.00

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 3

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Larry Bush
Eucharistic Ministers – Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Jenny Barnes, Chris Bell, Rose Fitzgerald, Richard Schuler, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley
Servers – Austin Shaffer, Paige Noday, Maggie Mulloney, Danielle Schaefer, Tedra Bush
Greeters – Jerry Edwards, Sylvia Guthrie, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, May 4

8:00 am **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Jerry Philpot
Eucharistic Ministers – Gregory Snodgrass, Tim Hornschemeier, Charlotte Molitor, Patricia Rieck, Kathy Senior, Gregory Senior, Mary Opp, Vickie Ditchen
Servers – Christopher Feist, Benjamin Schmidt, Garrett Guthrie, Katie Feldkamp, David Fehn
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Jeff Burgess, Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Catalina Handleton, Margaret Pangburn, Karen Klysz, Tony Schulte, Penny Barton, Ann Kamphaus, James Smith
Servers – Benjamin Gallivan, David Kiefer, Hannah Taylor, Ethan Johnson, Abby Jones
Greeters – Rachel Neltner, Ray Neltner, Frankie Hartman
Ushers – Joe Thumann, Joanne Buchanan, Lee Knause, Lynn Austin

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Patricia Tekulve, Barbara Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Melissa Kellerman, Robyn Yates, Mary Brock, Jim O'Donnell, Terrill Denton, Chaelon Brennan
Servers – Michele Cabel, Ryan Henning, Taylor Cunningham, Jimmy Lindsey, Abby Simpson
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Sarah Nimmo, Terrill Denton
Ushers – Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve, Gary Lambert

Mass Intentions

MON. 4/28
8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 4/29
8:30 am † Marianne Thomas/Deacon Michael & Mary Kay Thomas

WED. 4/30
8:30 am EmaJean Doogan/Becky, Dan Kathleen & Joseph

THUR. 5/1
8:30 am † John Braun/Ben & Ruth Mueller & Family

FRI. 5/2
9:00 am † Robert Seipelt/Rose Grueninger

SAT. 5/3
4:00 pm † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

SUN. 5/4
8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am † Joey Brazier/Robert & Vickie Brazier
12:00 pm Jorge J. Saliceti/Mom

† = 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.



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, May 11, at 11:00 am, Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.



SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, May 10, 2008, St. Thomas More Parish Dining Hall – Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, MSGR Gerdes Council 3123 – to benefit "Right to Life". Doors open at 5:00 pm, serving begins at 6:00 pm (carry out available). Dinners include: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$5.00 for children (12 years and under), \$10.00 for adults and \$25.00 for a family. Guest speaker will be, Gary Anderson, Pro Life Director for the State of Ohio K of C.



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.**



STM 8th Grade Washington Trip: April 28 – May 2