

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 Friday 8:30 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, V.F., 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.

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 2

7:00 pm Lenten Penance Service w/St. Veronica at STM - Church

Tuesday, March 3

11:30 am Chancellor's Club Luncheon - Red Lobster on Ohio Pike

6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

6:30 pm Booster General Meeting - Parish Dining Hall

7:00 pm Choir Practice - Library

7:30 pm Men's CRHP - Church

Wednesday, March 4

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room

1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room

7:00 pm JulyFest Meeting - Library

7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, March 5

6:30 pm PTO Meeting - Parish Dining Hall

7:00 pm STMEC - Library

7:00 pm Elizabeth Ministry - Faith Formation Room

7:30 pm Men's Club - More Martyr Hall

Friday, March 6

8:30 am School Mass

10:00 am Adoration

5:00 pm Fish Fry - Parish Dining Hall

7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Benediction - Church

Saturday, March 7

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall

8:30 am Clean the Church

3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, March 8

8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall

9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room

10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Library

10:00 am Preschool PSR - Fr. Heider Hall

10:00 am RCIA/RCIY - Faith Formation Room

11:00 am Baptismal Prep Class - Conference Room B

12:00 pm RCIA Penitential Rite - 12:00 Mass

1:00 pm Rite Reconciliation - Church

6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

1st Sunday in Lent

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.

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, 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, Linda Reed, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Connie Dufresne, Rita Iding, Robin Vestring, Ann Indovina, Nick Uremovich, Nick Kellerman, Tex Meranda, Jerry Barnes, Janet Myrick, Jean Doogan, Courtney Langenbahn, Dorothy Brokamp, Dave Vogelgesang, Verna Burnet, Ray Conti, Jr. and Carol Huening. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovch, Randy Damron, Adam Wenstrup, Keith Deardorff and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps.



Parish Information

JULYFEST JACKPOT: Don't forget to purchase your JulyFest Jackpot tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. **Weekly drawings begin March 2, 2009.** To purchase tickets please call 752-2080 Ext. 124 or stop by the Parish Office.



FRIDAYS IN LENT: Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 am Mass, until 7:30 pm at which time we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** and close with **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.** Sign up sheets for adoration are in the main vestibule of Church for those who wish to sign up. You do not have to sign up for every Friday. As you may recall from last year, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar people must be present in the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for both personal and family prayer.



BOY SCOUT FISH FRY: Join us every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) for a Fish Fry, sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop #452. Dinner will be served from 5:00- 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall and will include fried or baked fish, bread, cheese pizza, or shrimp, with your choice of macaroni & cheese, green beans, French fries, cole slaw or salad, drink and dessert. Price is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. **After dinner, attend The Way of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30 p.m. in Church.**



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, March 8, at 11:00 am in Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register - 753-2550.



COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE: Monday, March 2, at 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More Parish will host the **Communal Penance Service** with St. Veronica. The evening will consist of readings, examination of conscience and individual confessions.



Readings for: March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second Reading: Roman 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

March 1 – Rite of Sending/Election

March 12 – Confirmation Session #3

March 15 – 1st Scrutiny

March 18 – Rosary Prayer Service

March 18 – Mom's Monthly

RCIA RITE OF SENDING AND ELECTION: Today, Sunday, March 1st the RCIA candidates and catechumens are approaching another major step in their journey towards full initiation in the Catholic Church. These two major rites celebrated today bring the catechumenate period to an end. Our focus now is to celebrate the election, or choice, by God through the Church of those people who will be admitted to the Easter sacraments. For the next six weeks we will be experiencing the Purification and Enlightenment sessions which guide us to reflect more deeply into our relationships with Jesus and the meaning of our commitment to live a full, active and conscious Catholic life. Please pray for our 22 candidates and catechumens as they continue their spiritual journeys throughout the forty days of Lent.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISH WOMEN: Are you feeling the need for more spiritual nurturing? Then we have an excellent opportunity for you! Come and join the support of other women as we discover together a greater depth to our spirituality during the upcoming new sessions in our MOM'S Monthly Program. On **Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 pm** our Moms Monthly Group will be starting another study and this time we are turning to a series by **Matthew Kelly.** It is called *Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose.* To find out more about Matthew Kelly, go to <http://www.matthewkelly.org>. If you are interested in joining us for this new study, please call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org. We look forward to seeing you all on March 18.

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION: Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Dining Hall, we will gather for our third preparation session with candidates and our parent facilitators. Remember to have part three of your "Have Faith" book read and discussed with your sponsor. Also your ministry journal is due that evening.

Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: Next meeting will be Sunday, March 1.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduates from Ursuline Academy who made **SECOND QUARTER FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE HONORS:** **Grace Hermanns** and **Melissa Clement.**



Miscellaneous



THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES: invite you to help celebrate their 70th anniversary in the United States. A number of events are planned throughout 2009. The first event "**Comboni Rhythms**" will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. A family event where "everyone is Irish!" -- it will feature a concert by the *Friendly Sons of St. Patrick*, a mini-festival with games, face painting, raffle and good food and drink! Plan to attend or volunteer to help with the event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jeanie Stephens at 474-4997 or Stephens@combonimissionaries.org.

LENTEN VESPERS: (Evening Prayer) will be sung on Sunday, March 8, at 7:30 pm in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati. The service led by Fr. Earl Fernandes will include psalms, hymns and canticles. The Athenaeum Chorale will sing choral anthems for the Lenten season. The public is invited to attend.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
February 22, 2009:	\$11,919.67	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$544,550.28	\$549,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$4,449.72
448 Envelopes Returned Sunday Feb 22:		\$11,157.78
Loose Change Feb 22:		\$761.89

OTHER COLLECTION:

Outstanding Debt:	\$919,883.32
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$560,100.40
Total Due Archdiocese:	\$1,479,983.72

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid: 2/27/09	\$48,078.73
Total Expenses Paid week ending 2/21/09	\$21,122.28
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Workers Comp	\$5,981.05
Duke Energy	\$7,200.65

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 7

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Patricia Rieck, Melissa Kellerman, Rose Fitzgerald, Chris Bell, Lisa Miller
Servers – Emily Rivard, Danielle Piening, Olivia Witt, Marissa Miller
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Dianna Kennedy, Charlotte Molitor, Thomas Brannen, Gregory Senior, Kathy Senior, Paul Brandt, Vickie Ditchen
Servers – Caroline Dugan, Christopher Feist, Alex Willenbrink, Katie Feldkamp, Peter Brandt
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Hammond, Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Gregory Snodgrass, Tammy Schneider, Karen Klysz, Ann Kamphaus, Cindy Robinson, Jeff Burgess, James Smith
Servers – Paxton Knight, Travis Gallivan, Connor Nelson, John Meisman, Sarah Bouley
Greeters – Ray Neltner, Darline Foltz, Christopher Pairan
Ushers – Mike Hicks, Joe Thumann, Lynn Austin, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Patricia Tekulve, Richard Schuler
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Jeffrey Moore, Gloria Saliceti, Megan Farwick, Robyn Yates, Chelsea Ritter, Mary Brock
Servers – Anthony Luster, Megan Desrosiers, Ryan Winkler, Ashley Taylor, Matthew Welage
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Laurie Bagley, Dee Archer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 3/2	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 3/3	8:30 am	Tom & Charlene Kiefer 47 th Wedding Anniversary
WED. 3/4	8:30 am	† Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton
THUR. 3/5	8:30 am	† Joseph Doogan/Aunt Marion, Patti & Katy
FRI. 3/6	8:30 am	† Gioan Kim Duong D. CAO/A/C LOC NGA
SAT. 3/7	4:00 pm	† Edmund QB Henriques/Carol & Edmund Henriques
SUN. 3/8	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	† Charles & Helen Day/Linda Day
	12:00 pm	† Joseph Dugle/The Lang Family

† = Deceased

Parish Information



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION: is asking for help in cooking hot meals for 20 people at the **Clermont County Homeless Shelter**, on **Tuesday, March 3**.

They can use meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, desserts, drinks, etc. 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.

DIAPER CAMPAIGN - The *Elizabeth Ministry* has teamed up with **A Caring Place** once again to collect baby supplies for young mothers, lower income families and single parents. Help the campaign by donating baby items such as: a **box of diapers** (sizes 3, 4, and 5 are most needed), a container of **baby wipes**, baby food/formula, and new or gently used baby clothes (in season only). Bins will be at the church entrances before and after mass on **March 14 and 15. Thank you for your ongoing support!!!**



The weekend of March 14 and 15 will be **Catholic Ministries Appeal Weekend** here at St. Thomas More Parish. The theme for the 2009 CMA is **“Do Gratitude...Say Thanks by Giving.”** (As the parish offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish, the CMA is the lifeline of the Archdiocese. The Appeal is to the ministries funded by the Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish – so your support is critical.) Archbishop Pilarczyk is inviting every Catholic household to participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.catholicappeal.info.

JIM MAZZA: representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.**



2009 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2009, a Mass will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Please call Kate Roelker at 753-2550 by March 6, if you wish to receive an invitation to attend this Mass.