

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
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 16

7:00 pm Parish Council - Library

Tuesday, March 17

9:30 am School Prayer Service
6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall
7:00 pm Choir Practice - Library

Wednesday, March 18

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Service - Church
7:00 pm MOMs Monthly - Faith Formation Room
7:00 pm Employment Transition Group - More Martyr Hall
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, March 19

7:00 pm CRHP Continuation Committee - Faith Formation Room

Friday, March 20

10:00 am Adoration
5:00 pm Fish Fry - Parish Dining Hall
6:00 pm Rosary Makers - More Martyr Hall
7:30 pm **Way of the Cross & Benediction - Church**

Saturday, March 21

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall
9:00 am Clean the Church
3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall
9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room
10:00 am **Mass - RCIA Second Scrutiny**
10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Library
10:00 am Preschool PSR - Fr. Heider Hall
10:00 am RCIA/RCIY - Faith Formation Room
6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK – 3rd Sunday in Lent

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 2:13-25) Jesus throws the money changers out of the temple and promises his resurrection.

REFLECTION: We are asked to have an inner view of the world, which sees that following the law on the outside is not enough. WE must be converted.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: At this point in your life, how would you describe your conversion to Christ?

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., Danny Jones, Mary Ferrell, Lou Polk 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. **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**

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. Carry out is also available. **After dinner, attend the Way of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30 p.m. in Church.**



PARISH MISSION: Do you want peace in your life, joy in your heart, love in your family, faith in Jesus, power to do what seems impossible? Then you won't want to miss our parish mission: **"Healing Life's Hurts"**! You will want to attend the entire two evenings of the mission. It will bring you an experience of **NEW LIFE, HEALING, and WHOLENESS**. It will give you **SOMETHING** that you can give to others:

HOPE, HOPE IN GOD!

because **JESUS** really does make a difference. He is truly **ALIVE** and in our midst! The dates of the mission are March 25 & 26, at 7:00 pm each evening.

RADON TEST RESULTS: We recently conducted an extensive radon test in our school. A state licensed tester completed the tests and the test is required every five years as required by Jarrod's Law: the new stated law governing all Ohio chartered schools. We were pleased to learn that there are no measurable levels of any radon in any of our school facilities. In fact, most of the test results show us 13 times under the EPA action level. This is very good news!

Readings for: March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

March 18 – Rosary Prayer Service

March 18 – Mom's Monthly

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: Join us as we continue to meet on the third Wed. of the month at 6:30 pm in the church to pray the rosary for personal, family, parish, country and world concerns. See you **March 18** for another evening of prayer with Jesus and Mary and all those committed to praying the rosary for the conversion of hearts.

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 breedy@sttm.org. We look forward to seeing you all on March 18.

Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: Next meeting will be Sunday, March 15.

Miscellaneous



"THE WAY OF LOVE" – Student and Families Stand Up for Life: Seventh LENTEN Pro life Rosary Walks...prayer changes hearts and minds. Come on the final 3 Sundays of LENT, March 22, 29, and

April 5 (Palm Sunday), from 2-3 pm. Meet at Burnet Woods Bandstand (across from Good Sam) and proceed in penance around the block encompassing the abortion site on Jefferson Ave. For more information call 513-314-9121 or log on to www.TheWayofLove.org.



ST. THOMAS CHURCH CHOIR:

Friday, March 20, 2009, 7:30 pm at St. Peter and Chains Cathedral – Hailed as the leading choir of men and boys in the United States, the **Choir of St. Thomas Church**, New York City appears in their first cathedral concert under

the direction of John Scott, formerly at Saint Paul's Cathedral in London, in a rich program of choral treasures by Orlando Gibbons, William Byrd, Henry Purcell, Felix Mendelssohn, James MacMillian and others sung in the cathedral's resonant acoustic. **TICKETS** are \$35 in advance ~ \$38 at the door ~ Students \$15 ~ call 513-421-2222 or online at www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org.

ATHENAEUM OF OHIO: Public Lecture - At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, Rev. Simon Kofi Appiah PhD will speak on the topic "Christian Theology and Enculturation Ethics" in the Bartlett Pastoral Center at The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati.

IS GOD CALLING YOU to something new? Come and explore the possibility of ministry formation and theological studies at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Classes will be starting in the Fall of 2009 at our main campus in Mt. Washington. An informational meeting outlining classes, spiritual formation, the application process and readiness for ministry formation will be held: March 28, 2009 10:00-11:00am Room 186, The Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information or to set up a personal meeting, call 513-231-1200.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
March 8:	\$13,487.35	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$581,495.81	\$583,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$1,504.19
469 Envelopes Returned Sunday March 8:		\$12,706.50
Loose Change March 8:		\$780.85
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Outstanding Debt:	\$913,216.65	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$558,433.74</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,471,650.39</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Payroll & Taxes Paid: 3/13/09		\$47,134.22
Total Expenses Paid week ending 3/7/09		\$27,675.86
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Debt and Interest Payment		\$8,333.33
Natural Gas – 30 days		\$5,023.77
Water and Sewer		\$853.48
Cincinnati Bell		\$826.60

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 21

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Ginny Rottinghaus
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Jenny Barnes, Patricia Rieck, Michelle Emerling, Melissa Kellerman, Chris Bell, Richard Schuler, Lisa Miller
Servers – Becky Kellerman, Jena Molitor, Gabrielle Quesnell, Nicole Piening, Stacy Howell
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Nancy Bokenkotter
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Thomas Brannen, Michele Lamping, Vickie Ditchen, Charlotte Molitor, Dianna Kennedy, Kathy Senior, Gregory Senior
Servers – Christopher Feist, Caroline Dugan, Paul Conrady, Peter Conrady, Lauren Lamping
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin, Helen Fehn
Ushers – Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Jeff Burgess, Gregory Snodgrass
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Larry Robben, Margaret Pangburn, Estelle Wolfe, Charlene Kiefer, Garry Burke, Paul Brandt, Patricia Lindsey
Servers – Holly Ortalano, David Kiefer, Allie Kamphaus, Andrew Clement, Tatenda Mandizha
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Mike Hicks, Lee Knause, Joe Thumann, Lynn Austin

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Victoria Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Robyn Yates, Megan Farwick, Jim O'Donnell, Terrill Denton, Bill Crawford, Susan Crawford
Servers – Michael Mink, Steven Schimpf, Sarah White, Michele Cabell, Lacey O'Connell
Greeters – Laurie Bagley, Terrill Denton, Julie Kiefer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 3/16
 8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 3/17
 8:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society

WED. 3/18
 8:30 am † Gioan Kim Duong D. CAO/A/C Loc Nga

THUR. 3/19
 8:30 am † Robert Arbaugh/Leslie Molitor

FRI. 3/20
 8:30 am † Robert Seipelt/ George Helmer, Jr.

SAT. 3/21
 4:00 pm † Marion Gahan/Carol & Edmund Henriques

SUN. 3/22
 8:00 am † Howard Diemler/Margie Payne
 10:00 am † Joel Diemler/Mom
 12:00 pm People of the Parish

† = Deceased

Parish Information

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!!!**



This is **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL WEEKEND**

We have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters all throughout our Archdiocese. Giving is the measure of love: how much we ask of another is the measure of the relationship we want with that person. Jesus asks each one of us for everything. A gift is important, not so much for how much it is, but because of what we become through the act of giving it. Please decide on your CMA gift in this spirit. Thank you!

STM EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION GROUP: On Wednesday, March 18, we will hold the initial meeting of the **St. Thomas More Employment Transition Group**. The purpose of the group is to provide support and networking to any members of the parish who have lost their jobs and are looking for gainful employment. The group will meet at More Martyr Hall (building at the church parking entrance off Glen Este-Withamsville Rd) from 7-9 pm. Please spread the word to any other parishioners who are looking for jobs and whom you think may benefit from fellowship and networking.



March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph

"Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in the imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen" ~ From the Franciscan Mission Associates