

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 Areher 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, May 18

7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, May 19

6:30 pm PTO Zumba - Gym

7:00 pm STMEC - Library

7:00 pm Choir - Church

Wednesday, May 20

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

7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, May 21

7:30 pm Confirmation - St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

Friday, May 22

8:30 am School Mass

10:00 am Adoration

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, May 23

9:00 am Clean the Church

2:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal - Church

3:00 pm Confessions

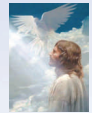
6:30 pm Wedding - Church

Sunday, May 24

9:45 am Sunday Child Care - Kindergarten Room

10:30 am Bid-N-Buy Drive - Parish Dining Hall

5:00 pm Wedding - Church



FAMILY TALK - 6th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 15:9 -17)
We are called to love Jesus by following his commandments.

REFLECTION: How astonishing and overwhelming to be loved by God and to be called to love as Jesus loves!

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: In what ways can you become better at loving as Jesus loves?



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, 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., Mary Ferrell, Lou Polk, Eleanor Larsen, Ed Lorentz, Wayne Reeves, Mary Diane Dirr, Rose Lasita, Jean Randolph 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.



Banns of Marriage



BANNS III: Paul Petsche and Analise Belfiore
May 24, 2009 at St. Thomas More

BANNS I: Ron Schroeder and Rebecca Taft
June 6, 2009 in Wisconsin

BANNS I: Christopher Spravka and Alayna Albert
June 6, 2009 in Pittsburg

JulyFest Information

JULYFEST JACKPOT UPDATE: The next drawing for \$40 is will be Monday, May 18.

BID N BUY DRIVE: Warm weather means one thing...Spring Cleaning!! **JulyFest's Bid n Buy booth will be having a Bid n Buy drive on Sunday, May 24** in the PDH after the 10 and 12 o'clock Masses. Have you received a well-intentioned gift that you will never use? Please consider donating it to our booth. New and unopened items only please. If you would like to arrange a pick up prior to May 24, please contact Lisa Evans at 797-1463. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

JULYFEST VOLUNTEER WEBSITE: is now accepting registration requests for the 2009 Festival being held Fri-Sun, July 10-12th.

Signing up is easy and fast - go to www.julyfest.com to select the AREA (Midway, Casino, Children's Games etc), TASK (specific games and jobs needed for the chosen AREA), and TIME (generally, there are two shifts per day) you would like to volunteer. Enter your name, phone(s) and email address, and a confirmation that your request has been received will return to you.

Your registration will be processed in first come, first served order and posted within a few days - no need to check back as I will contact you directly if there are any questions or conflicts. Closer to JulyFest, reminders and other pertinent information will be emailed to you as needed.

For more information or questions contact Gwen Farwick at stmjulyfestvolunteerchair@fuse.net."

Readings for: May 24 - Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

May 20 – Monthly Rosary and MOMs Monthly

May 21 – Confirmation at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

PSR REGISTRATION FORMS DUE: Forms for the 09-10 PSR school year can be found in the back of church, parish office or online at <http://www.sttm.org/religiousform.htm>. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Ready at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org. **PLEASE TURN IN YOUR FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!**

PRAYER TAGS: We ask all parishioners to pray for our 1st Communicants and 8th grade Confirmandi as they prepare for their sacraments this month. As parish members we are all responsible for assisting candidates in sacrament preparation. You are therefore invited to take a tag from the bulletin board in the main vestibule with the name of one of these children or teens and to pray especially for this person this month.

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: Join us on **Wednesday, May 20**, at 6:30 pm in the church as we continue to pray the rosary for the conversions of hearts. If you would like to learn some interesting facts about praying the rosary, please come to the church at 6 pm for a short catechism led by Stephanie Landrum.

MOMS MONTHLY: the Moms Monthly group will be meeting on **Wed. May 20**, this month, at 7 pm. Please make sure you have completed part three in you're *The Rhythm of Life* workbook.

Youth Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY: is over until Sept. **Have a great summer!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We have set the dates for our next two Crop 'til you Drop events, **June 6** and **September 12** from 12 - 9 pm. The cost will be \$25 for each day which includes a light lunch, beverages, snacks and dinner. Scrap bookers of all ages and abilities' are welcome and we will have prizes and bonuses. All proceeds benefit our youth ministry programs.

WALK M.O.R.E.: the **STM PTO** would like to **THANK** the following **Sponsors** for their support of the Walk M.O.R.E. - *A & A Safety, Bluewater Forms, Eastside Sports, Everything Bagels, Graeter's, Jersey Mike's, Joan Cardone/New Creative, John Morrell & Co, Knight Family, McDonald's, Nelson Family, P & G/Smuckers, PNC Bank, Rich Adams, Rockbottom Brewery, STM PTO, STM Student Pledges, T-Shirt Design Team, United Dairy Farmers, Vickie Ditchen & STM Cafeteria, Wynn Family, Yagoot* and **special thanks to Susan Kamphaus.**



CHILD PROTECTION CERTIFICATION: Regular volunteers at the school or parish who come in contact with children are required to each have a criminal record check done through an approved Archdiocesan site. **STM has arranged to have the necessary equipment and training available on Sunday, May 31, from 9 am to noon, in order to give families the opportunity to have the fingerprinting, background check and the required Child Protection Decree Orientation class.** The sessions will take place in the school library and the parish dining hall. If you have children enrolled at STM or if you plan to volunteer with our youth (scouts, sports, classrooms, PSR, catechists, etc.), please plan to complete these volunteer requirements. There is no charge for the background check; however, donations to help defray the cost to the parish will be cheerfully accepted! **Keep in mind that the fingerprinting results can take up to 3 months to be processed.**

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
May 10:	\$14,736.28	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$723,793.69	\$727,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$3,206.31
453 Envelopes Returned Sunday May 10:		\$13,915.95
Loose Change May 10:		\$820.33
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Outstanding Debt:	\$899,883.31	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$555,100.42</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,454,983.73</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Payroll & Taxes Paid 5/15/09		\$47,653.20
Total Expenses Paid week ending 5/9/09		\$36,179.85
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Health Care Premium		\$19,643.19
Debt & Interest Payment		\$8,333.33

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 23


4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Dennis Lahey, Donald Weber, Lisa Miller, Larry Bush, Jane Pearce
Servers – Danielle Schaefer, Olivia Witt, Anthony Luster, Katie Farr, Paige Noday
Greeters – Jerry Edwards, Jane Pearce, Gail Convery
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, May 24

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Vickie Ditchen, Charlotte Molitor, Patricia Rieck, Patricia Tussey, Mary Opp, Pat Ramundo, Tony Ramundo
Servers – Jeff Casavant, Benjamin Schmidt, Logan Stultz, Sean McNamara, Christopher Feist
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin, Helen Fehn
Ushers – George Hoffman, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther, Bill Imbus

10:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Hammond, Jeff Burgess
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Stephanie Landrum, Tammy Schneider, Larry Robben, Charlene Kiefer, Cindy Robinson, Lori Casnellie, Dan Casnellie
Servers – Leah Bartel, Benjamin Gallivan, Samuel Bechtol, Connor Nelson, David Kiefer
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Mike Hicks, David Wynn, Christopher Pairan, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Patricia Tekulve, Victoria Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Thomas Brannen, Karen Trautmann, Darline Foltz, Gloria Saliceti, Megan Farwick, Terrill Denton, Robyn Yates
Servers – Steven Schimpf, Michele Cabell, Lacey O'Connell, Abby Jones, Paige Jones
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer, Terrill Denton
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

 Our Parish is at **94.04%** for our goal of **\$28,026** to the 2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet given, please consider a gift today to help us meet our goal. A third reminder letter will be going out soon. Every gift matters! For more information please visit www.catholicappeal.info. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

MON. 5/18	8:30 am	Communion Service
TUES. 5/19	8:30 am	† Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad
WED. 5/20	8:30 am	† Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti
THUR. 5/21	8:30 am	† Mary Ann Luckman/Lorraine Roelker Luken
FRI. 5/22	8:30 am	† Bob Seipelt/Jean & Joe Doogan
SAT. 5/23	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
SUN. 5/24	8:00 am	† Howard Diemler/Pauline Diemler
	10:00 am	† Ray Conti, Jr./Ray Conti, Sr. & Family
	12:00 pm	† Bob & Rosemary Reifenberger/Amy & Bruce Fithen

† = Deceased

Special Announcement

Due to the danger of the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) we will not be receiving from the cup, at any Mass, until the danger has passed.



FALLEN

 BUT NEVER
 FORGOTTEN

In honor of those who have given their lives in the service of our nation, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day), at 8:30 am.

Miscellaneous

ST. BERNADETTE: "Healing Life's Hurts" As a follow-up to the sisters evening of healing prayer, St. Bernadette parish is offering on Monday, May 18, **an evening of healing prayer** very similar to the Mission we experienced in March. Everyone is welcome! We begin at 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Location will be in the Ventura Building (gym/bingo bldg) off the main parking lot behind the Church. Please join us!! For more information call Marge at 553-4107.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE: Join thousands of people at the World Peace Bell, Newport, KY, **Sunday, June 7, 2-4 pm for the 4th annual Cross the Bridge for Life** across the Purple People Bridge, sponsored by over 20 pro-life organizations. Meet at the bell at 421 Monmouth St. for a brief program including Brian Patrick, host Son Rise Morning Show, Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN; Rev. Arnold Culbreath, Protecting Black Life; and Archdiocese of Cincinnati Coadjutor Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Little Samantha Carlson, representing our Down Syndrome friends, will ring the World Peace Bell, and the event will end back at the bell with a free picnic and music. <http://www.crossthebridgeforlife.com>

MOELLER H.S. is sponsoring a summer band camp for students entering grades 5-8 who play a band instrument. This camp is open to boys and girls, and all ability levels are welcome. The camp will be held June 22 through 25 at Moeller from 9 am to noon. Fee is \$85, and there are scholarships available. Contact Moeller Band Director, Bob Browning at 792-3350 for more information.

Flower Pots: Our 4-H Club planted the flowers pots at the side entrances to the church and in the Thomas More Grotto this past week. Thanks, 4-H'rs. Great job!

