

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, August 11

6:30 pm Booster General Meeting - Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 pm Festival Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 13

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
6:00 pm Sewing Ministry - More Martyr Hall

Friday, August 15

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass

7:30 pm Mass

Saturday, August 16

9:00 am School Beautification Day
9:00 am Clean Church
3:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Crop 'Til You Drop - Parish Dining Hall

Sunday, August 17

1:00 pm School Welcome Picnic - Picnic Shelter

FAMILY TALK - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Matthew 14:22-33) Our trust and faith in Christ should be unsinkable.

REFLECTION: It is in the quiet and solitude of our own prayer moments that we express our faith in God.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Where do you go to pray in quiet and solitude?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died: Donald Sunderhaus. 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, Christopher Kosciuk, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Bud Pangburn, Connie Dufresne, Rita Iding, Robin Vestring, Ann Indovina, Nick Uremovich, Nick Kellerman and Tex Meranda. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Jonathon Stewart, Corey Campbell, Nick Braun, Michael Nazarovch, Randy Damron and Adam Wenstrup.



Parish Information



PARKING LOT: will be sealed and re-stripped beginning on Monday, August 11, weather permitting. It will take three days to get this done and have time to dry. We have no lee-way because of the holyday on Friday. Parking for the Communion service is fine on Monday as normal. Work will start in the back lots. Parts of our lot will be blocked at times next week.

We need to get this done....the lot has to be repaired when we have the money and can get the work done when school is out. If we don't take the time to do this, the lot is in such a condition it would start to break up this winter in certain spots.



FRIDAY AUGUST 15: the *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother* is a holyday of obligation. Minister sign up sheets have been posted and servers may find their sign up sheet in the servers' sacristy. Please take a moment to sign up after Mass today.

Due to the holyday, there will be **no** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Aug. 15.

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS: is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 16, at 12:15 pm in Conference Room B. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who plans to volunteer and work with children to attend this required class, as part of the **Child Protection Certification** process required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please notify the parish office (753-2550) if you plan to attend this class.



BULLETIN ON THE WEB: Our parish bulletin is posted on the web each week as soon as it is sent to the printer. If you would like to read the bulletin in advance, are out of town or want to read any of the back copies, just go to <http://www.sttm.org/Bulletin.htm> and scroll down

to the date of the bulletin you wish to read. Click on the date and to open that bulletin. Enjoy!

JOIN THE STM SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION: August 20, in providing a good hot meal for the horse handlers at River Downs racetrack. For more information or to sign up, please call **Gail Convery** at 947-9779.



Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Aug. 20 – Mom's Monthly

Aug. 23 – Catechist Orientation Day

Sept. 7 – 1st Day of PSR, Children's Liturgy & RCIA Inquiry

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) PROGRAM: We are in need of a lead catechist for 3rd grade and assistant catechists for 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th. With only a few short weeks before PSR begins, we really need to know who can help us in this critical ministry of teaching and passing on our faith. We provide all the teacher guides, resources and help to run your class and make it special. Parents, college students or retired—all are welcomed as well as teaching pairs that would share a class. If you are interested call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

MANDATE TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: Everyone who works around children including those who teach them, must be certified by having taken the child protection workshop, by being fingerprinted and approved by the Archdiocese. **If you are interested in becoming a catechist, before you begin working with the children you must be certified. SEE PARISH INFORMATION FOR DATE AND TIME OF NEXT CLASS.**



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is the church's process for preparing people to be initiated as Catholic Christians and to join the Church's communal life. Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? If so, call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

ARE YOU ONE WHO SEEKS SPIRITUAL PASSAGES? The title of the next book the St. Thomas More Book club will be starting in August is *Spiritual Passages* by the wise and witty Fr. Benedict Groeschel. If your heart is drawn to pursuing the spiritual life, come and join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 in the Faith Formation Room. Call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org to order your book.

PSR STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 7: You still have time to register your children if you have not already done so. Forms can be found in the church vestibule and on our website at www.sttm.org. Please call the parish office at 753-2550 if you have any questions or need help with the forms.

Miscellaneous

JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER AT MILFORD: is seeking a person to do **HOUSEKEEPING** (making beds, vacuuming, etc.) Usually 10 – 15 hours per week. If you are interested, call their office at 248-3500, ext. 22.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: Guardian Angels is forming a junior high Cross Country team this fall. The team will compete in two-mile races against Cincinnati area schools. Eastside boys and girls in 7th and 8th grade that are interested in running Cross Country should contact Brian Gardner at 254-8415 for more information.



SEM: would like to thank all who donated so generously to the July food collection. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help to stock the shelves of the Southeastern Ecumenical Ministry (SEM) Food Pantry in Mt. Washington. **God bless all of you!!**

Readings for: August 17 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
August 3, 2008	\$22,000.21	\$21,000.00
YTD thru August 3:	\$88,881.63	\$94,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$5,118.37
575 Envelopes Returned August 3:		\$21,421.27
Loose Change August 3:		\$578.94

OTHER COLLECTION:

Debt Reduction:	\$1,683.00
Vision 2000	\$790.00

Outstanding Debt:	\$966,550.01
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$521,513.02</u>
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,488,063.03</u>

EXPENSES:

Total Expenses week ending 8/2/08:	\$6,551.00
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Cincinnati Bell	\$817.51
Summer Maintenance School Cost	\$2,155.00

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 16

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Richard Schuler, Ginny Rottinghaus
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Charles Rottinghaus, Michelle Emerling, Donald Weber, Patricia Rieck, Lisa Miller, Chris Bell, Larry Bush
Servers – Jena Molitor, Gabrielle Quesnell, Matt Mersman, Megan Schaefer, Tedra Bush
Greeters – Hannah Schoolfield, Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry Edwards
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Nelson Seip
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Charlotte Molitor, Dianna Kennedy, William Fehn, Patti McMullen, Mary Opp, Vickie Ditchen, Paul Brandt
Servers – Alex Willenbrink, Christopher Feist, Jeff Casavant, Sean McNamara, Peter Brandt
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Barbara Hammond, Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Gregory Snodgrass, Margaret Pangburn, James Smith, Ann Kamphaus, Penny Barton, Tom Kiefer, Charlene Kiefer
Servers – Hannah Taylor, Paxton Knight, Tatenda Mandizha, Holly Ortalano, John Meisman
Greeters – Laurie Bagley, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan, David Kiefer
Ushers – Mike Hicks, David Wynn, Christopher Pairan, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Darlene Foltz, Jacqueline Moore
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Chaelon Brennan, Gloria Saliceti, Patricia Tekulve, Robyn Yates, Jeffrey Moore, Mary Brock, Jim O'Donnell
Servers – Matthew Welage, Taylor Cunningham, Nicholas Rutherford, Matt Ketchum, Erin Ketchum
Greeters – Dee Archer, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 8/11

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 8/12

8:30 am † Helen Chirco/Thomas & Cathy Cushman

WED. 8/13

8:30 am † Bob Lamping/ Margie & Family

THUR. 8/14

8:30 am † Anthony Perrino/Angela Iannitti

FRI. 8/15

8:30 am † Mary Rosenfelder/Victor Rosenfelder

12:15 pm † Patricia Ritter/Denny & Jan Sutter

7:30 pm † Ed Fritz/Mr. & Mrs. Paul Middendorf

SAT. 8/16

4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUN. 8/17

8:00 am † Pam Rettinger/The Perry Family

10:00 am † Lillian Gosney/Ann Witschger

12:00 pm † Betty Morris/ Bob & Jeanette

† = Deceased

Youth Ministry

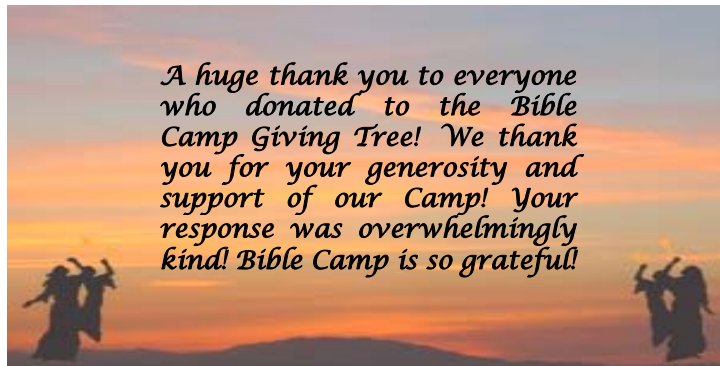
ROC Youth Meeting: No Youth meetings during the summer.

Crop til you Drop Pajama Party! August 16, from 5 pm-midnight or later if you can stay awake, in the parish dining hall. Pre-registration by August 8th for preferred price of \$25.00 after that cost is \$30.00, special youth rate of \$15.00. Dinner is included. Join us for scrapbook, paper crafting and plenty of fun!

Rosarymakers has been changed to August 22 due to the Holy Day for the feast of the Assumption on the 15th. We are making the World Mission rosaries for our special guest, Fr. David Byrne, who is coming on October 7. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for both days.

SEWING MINISTRY: *Special Project Night* is August 13, from 6-8 pm in MMH! **FREE** - Have you been needing some time and some space to get that craft project off your to do list? Join us for an open work night and get it done! Bring anything you need to sew, knit or crochet and join us for fun and fellowship as we make time to do what needs to be done on our summer lists.

The **Sewing Ministry** will meet for their regular meeting on August 21, from 6-8 pm in MMH. Thanks to a very generous donation, we now have a serger to add to our tools for making the baptismal garments and baby blankets that are made for the various parish organizations. We have also received several donations of fabric. If you have any skill in sewing, please join us as we try to use what we have been given.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Bible Camp Giving Tree! We thank you for your generosity and support of our Camp! Your response was overwhelmingly kind! Bible Camp is so grateful!