

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

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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.

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

Wednesday, August 20

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
6:30 pm School Orientation K-3 - Parish Dining Room
7:00 pm MOMs Monthly - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Men's CRHP - Library

Thursday, August 21

6:00 pm Sewing Ministry
7:00 pm School Orientation 4-5 - Parish Dining Room

Friday, August 22

10:00 am Adoration
6:00 pm Rosary Makers - More Martyr Hall

Saturday, August 23

9:00 am Clean Church
9:00 am Catechist Orientation - Faith Formation Room
3:00 pm Confessions

FAMILY TALK - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Matthew 15:21-28) It is good to persevere in our trust and faith in God.

REFLECTION: We are asked to live with a pledge of faith, a consistent faith in making this old world into a new one.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: How much sacrifice are you willing to endure for your faith?

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, 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 Nazarovech, Randy Damron and Adam Wenstrup.



Banns of Marriage

BANNS I: Jeremy Sullivan and Molly Owens
September 6, 2008 at St. Thomas Moore



Parish Information

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**.



MANDATE TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: Everyone who works around children including those who teach them or volunteer, 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 or school/sports volunteer you must be certified before you begin working with the children.** Due to the huge volume of certifications done before school starts, we recommend volunteers start the certification process as soon as possible.

School News



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS: Hopefully you have had a restful summer and are ready to begin another great year at STM School! Our annual **Beautification Day** will be held on Saturday, August 16. Please meet in the Parish Dining Room at 9:00 am. We will clean our classrooms and get them ready for a new school year. Our first day of school will be **Tuesday, August 26. Reminder: The school day will begin at 8:00 a.m.** this year with morning assembly in the gym. (Jr. High students will go to lockers, and then report to the gym beginning at 7:45 a.m. - all other students report directly to the gym.) Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. will be considered tardy. **Orientation** will take place as follows: Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m. - Grades K-1.; 7:30 p.m. - Grades 2-3.; Thursday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. - Grades 4-5; Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. - Grades 6-8. **School Picture Day** will be Tuesday, September 2. Welcome back to all!

Readings for: August 24 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

CATECHIST ORIENTATION MORNING OF REFLECTION: On Saturday, August 23, all catechists will be meeting to discuss the partnership of home and church in forming the faith of our children here at St. Thomas More. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and end by 12:00. Food, fun, fellowship and also learning will be a part of this morning of reflection. If you can not attend, call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.



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.

Youth Ministry

ROC Youth Meeting: No Youth meetings during the summer.

Rosarymakers has been changed to Friday, August 22. 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: 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.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
August 10, 2008	\$11,789.15	\$13,000.00
YTD thru August 10:	\$100,670.78	\$107,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$6,329.22
424 Envelopes Returned August 10:		\$11,035.67
Loose Change August 10:		\$753.83

OTHER COLLECTION:

Outstanding Debt:	\$959,883.34
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$519,846.36
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,479,729.70</u>

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 8/15/08:	\$40,256.18
Total Expenses week ending 8/9/08:	\$24,252.49
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Debt & Interest Payment	\$8,333.33
Unemployment Compensation	\$865.36
Carpet Cleaning	\$920.00

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 23

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Sam Geonetta
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Patricia Rieck, Donald Weber, Richard Schuler, Dennis Lahey, Jenny Barnes, Chris Bell, Jane Pierce
Servers – Daniel Guerrette, Danielle Schaefer, Joy Neltner, Jessica Flake, Adam Stevens
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Nancy Bokenkotter
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michele Lamping, Thomas Brannen, Patricia Tussey, Kathy Senior, Gregory Senior, Pat Ramundo, Tony Ramundo
Servers – Katie Feldkamp, David Fehn, Caroline Dugan, Paul Conrady, Justin Farwick
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Jeff Burgess, Dan Casnellie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Lori Casnellie, Tony Schulte, Larry Robben, Ray Neltner, Tim McGrath, James Smith, Julie Smith
Servers – David Kiefer, Michael Mink, Sarah McGrath, Benjamin Gallivan, Jennifer Foltz
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Mike Hicks, Lee Knause, Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Mary Lou Mulvey, Victoria Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Chaelon Brennan, Patricia Tekulve, Karen Trautmann, Jim O'Donnell, Gloria Saliceti, Mary Brock, Paul Brandt
Servers – Ashley Taylor, Michael Nimmo, Anthony Luster, Steven Schimpf, Sarah White
Greeters – Sarah Nimmo, Julie Kiefer, Maureen Crowley
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 8/18

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 8/19

8:30 am † Luis Alfonso Coretjer/Catin Handleton

WED. 8/20

8:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society

THUR. 8/21

8:30 am † Pete Tekulve/The Tekulve Family

FRI. 8/22

8:30 am † Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad

SAT. 8/23

4:00 pm † Harry Holsinger/The Buchheit Family

SUN. 8/24

8:00 am † Arthur Runnels/Carol & Jim Kelly

10:00 am † Kathleen Cushman/Alfred & Ruth Dahlheimer

12:00 pm People of the Parish

† = Deceased

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.



ATHENAEUM OF OHIO LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday, August 23, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. You are invited for a day of prayer, reflection and learning on how God speaks to us and the many ways we can "listen in" to what God is saying. The day includes lecture, discussion, personal reflection time and Q&A. This day is a perfect opportunity for CRHP and Bible Study groups, catechists, students and all those who love scripture to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". For more information or to RSVP call the LPMP Office at 231-1200. Cost is \$45.00 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch.



CATHOLICS UNITED FOR THE POOR: is having their annual raffle – drawing date is August 31. All proceeds benefit eight local Catholic Social Service Agencies, providing direct assistance to those in need for over 20 years. Each donation (any amount) enters you in the drawing – no tickets, no forms. Information at or enter online at www.catholicunited.org or send your donation to CUP, PO Box 14548, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250.

*We can't do great things in this life . . .
We can only do small things with great love.*

-- Mother Theresa