

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, 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

Tuesday, August 26

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

7:00 pm Social Justice - Fr. Wack Library

Wednesday, August 27

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
5:00 pm Feed the Hungry - Parish Dining Room
6:30 pm CRHP Babysitting - Library
6:45 pm Women's CRHP - Faith Formation Room

Thursday, August 28

7:30 pm Dad's Group - Library

Friday, August 29

10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, August 30

9:00 am Clean Church
3:00 pm Confessions

FAMILY TALK – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Matthew 16:13-20) Jesus gives us the stability of the Church which he instituted on the foundation of Peter and the apostles.

REFLECTION: We are frail, yet Jesus chooses us as he chose Peter to continue his work in a particular way.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: How is Jesus choosing you to continue his work?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died Thomas Fineis. 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, Gino Dimario 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 II: Jeremy Sullivan and Molly Owens
September 6, 2008 at St. Thomas Moore

BANNS I: Eli Hayden and Carrie Harris
September 13, 2008 at St. Thomas Moore

School News



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS: Hopefully you have had a restful summer and are ready to begin another great year at STM School! The 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** for Grades 6-8 will take place on Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 pm. **School Picture Day** will be Tuesday, September 2. **Welcome back to all!**

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.

Youth Ministry

ROC (RELY ON CHRIST) YOUTH MINISTRY: will resume for the year on September 7, from 6-8 pm in MMH and will meet every Sunday except school holidays. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome and invited to join us! We will be working on our calendars to help us plan our year so be sure to be there if you have any ideas you want us to try. Bring your school and sports schedules.

Please pray for all our youth as they return to a new school year. We wish them all a prayer filled and successful 2008-09 school year. Plan to join us for something new this year and keep checking the bulletin for information all year long!

Readings for: August 31 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Sept. 17 – Mom's Monthly

Sept. 21 – Catechist Sunday and PSR Preschool Orientation

Sept. 28 – PSR Preschool Sessions begin

PSR (FORMALLY CCD) BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

On **Sunday, September 7**, all public school children registered in grades one through eight in our Parish School of Religion (PSR) will be joining us for their first day of this new school year. Classes begin at 8:30 am. **ATTENTION PARENTS:** All parents of registered children and teens are invited to come to the **PARISH DINING HALL** after dropping your children off in their new classrooms. We will be offering a Presentation on how home and church can work together more effectively in the faith formation of all our children and teens. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other parents, gather practical ideas, and learn new information. We also have created a new survey we are giving to every PSR family and will be discussing it at this morning gathering. So mark your calendars now. We are looking forward to seeing you all for this new year of opportunities and grace.

CATECHISTS VITALLY NEEDED: We are still in need of a lead catechist for 3rd grade and assistant catechists for grades 2, 3 and 4. 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? The *JOURNEY OF FAITH* begins with your questions. What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? Sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. 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. The process begins with an "Inquiry" period, when questions lead to exploration. Drop in—no obligation, no commitment, no pressure—at our Q & A sessions. Our inquiry sessions will be every **Sunday in September at 11:00 am in the Faith Formation Room starting September 7.** If you have any questions, call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

PSR PRESCHOOL PARENT ORIENTATION: Parents of all registered preschool children ages 3, 4, and 5 are invited to our orientation session in the parish dining hall at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 21. You will have an opportunity to meet the catechists and to learn more about the schedule for the year. We also have a new survey that we would like to explain to you at this gathering. If you have any questions, please email Michele at MINIDALA4@yahoo.com or Leslie at lfehlinger@adelphia.net.

SUNDAY CHILD CARE: On Sunday, September 7, we will again be offering Child Care for children ages 1 - 2 during the 10:00 am mass in the kindergarten room. If you are interested in your child participating, please fill out a registration form found in the vestibule, in the parish office or on line at www.sttm.org. The child care schedule will follow the PSR schedule which is also on our website. In order to maintain safety guidelines, parents will be asked to assist the coordinator on a rotating schedule so that two adults are present at all times which necessitates registered parents to have attended the orientation for the Decree on Child Protection and also have been fingerprinted and approved by the archdiocese. **Remember:** your child **MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE** he/she can participate. This is a great opportunity to allow your child to have fun while at the same time allowing you, the parent, to participate more fully in the mass. If you have any questions, please email Kate at kroelker@sttm.org or Becky at bready@sttm.org.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
August 17, 2008	\$11,709.10	\$13,000.00
YTD thru August 17:	\$114,201.25	\$120,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$5,798.75
445 Envelopes Returned August 17:		\$10,958.10
Loose Change August 17:		\$751.00
OTHER COLLECTION: August 15, 2008		
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		\$1,821.37

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

EXPENSES:

Total Expenses week ending 8/16/08:	\$56,532.41
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Health Care Premium – Aug.	\$16,918.06

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 30

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Richard Schuler
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michelle Emerling, Ginny Rottinghaus, Jane Pearce, Chris Bell, Donald Weber, Patricia Rieck, Lisa Miller
Servers – Marissa Miller, Emily Osterling, Austin Shaffer, Olivia Witt, Brian Roberts
Greeters – Sylvia Guthrie, Hannah Schoolfield, Jane Pearce
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am **Lectors** – Janelle Jessie, Barbara Comello
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Michele Lamping, Patti McMullen, Vickie Ditchen, Dianna Kennedy, Charlotte Molitor, Mary Opp, William Fehn
Servers – Lauren Lamping, Haley Stultz, Benjamin Schmidt, Peter Conrady, Garrett Guthrie
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Connie Stricker, Eva Grachek
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Catalina Handleton, Patricia Lindsey, Tammy Schneider, Estelle Wolfe, Tim McGrath, Karen Klysz, Garry Burke
Servers – Brian Rastani, Brett Blaha, Sarah Bouley, Ethan Johnson, Rachel McGrath
Greeters – Charlene Kiefer, David Kiefer, Ray Neltner
Ushers – Mike Hicks, David Wynn, Rob Pairan, Shelby Pairan, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Doreen Noble, Ann Tekulve
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Patricia Tekulve, Jacqueline Moore, Jim O'Donnell, Darline Foltz, Robyn Yates, Terrill Denton, Melissa Kellerman
Servers – Kiley Palmer, Lacey O'Connell, Becky Kellerman, Michele Cabel, Sarah Lindsey
Greeters – Dee Archer, Laurie Bagley, Terrill Denton
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 8/25	8:30 am Communion Service
TUES. 8/26	8:30 am † Anna Siegl
WED. 8/27	8:30 am † Helen Chirco/Carl & Nancy Stegbauer
THUR. 8/28	8:30 am † Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti
FRI. 8/29	8:30 am Gwen & Bob Bradford 50 th Wedd. Annv./The Kiefers
SAT. 8/30	4:00 pm † Joseph Chirco/Helen Chirco
SUN. 8/31	8:00 am People of the Parish
	10:00 am † Glenna Bartley/Gene & Kathy Johnson
	12:00 pm † Lorraine Gorman/Michael Gorman

† = Deceased

Parish Information



FRIDAY MASS SCHEDULE: There will be **no change** in the Friday Mass schedule once school starts. The Friday Mass time will remain at 8:30 am. **Please make a note of this.**

SUNDAY OFFICE HOURS: Starting on September 7, the **Parish Office** will be open on Sundays. The hours will be 9 am until 12 Noon, September through May. The office will be staffed by Leslie Molitor and will still be closed on Saturdays and Holy Days.

SECOND COLLECTION: Sunday, August 31, is the fifth Sunday of the month and the **second collection** will be for the work of our **SVDP Society**. Please be generous, as we have had many requests for assistance due to the state of the economy. **May God bless you all!!**



LET THE DRINKING BEGIN - Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners as well as the fund raising efforts of the Summer Bible Camp participants and their families and members of the Elizabeth Ministry we have obtained sufficient funds to start the drinking water well project in Southern Chad. Thanks to your charitable efforts some of the citizens of Chad, as well as the refugees from Darfur, will now be able to obtain the water they need without walking miles for it. **Thank you!!!** A check for \$1,250 will be given to Fr. Peter of the Comboni Missions to fund the project. We will ask Fr. Peter to provide Progress Reports and pictures if possible to keep you updated on the project's progress.

*The youth office would like to say **Thank You** to everyone who came to either or both Bible Camps. We **Thank You** all, for your generosity and support of our Camps. I would like to personally **Thank** all the coordinators: **Julie Beattie, Jenny Somerville, Pat Rieck and Paul McDonald!** Your hard work and organization made the two camps a huge success. Be sure to*

