

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

Monday, September 1

SCHOOL AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2

SCHOOL PICTURES

11:30 am	Chancellor's Club Luncheon - Pelican Reef
6:00 pm	Grade 8 Parent Meeting - Class Room 8
7:00 pm	Grade 6-8 Orientation

Wednesday, September 3

9:30 am	Bible Study - Faith Formation Room
1:00 pm	Book Club - Faith Formation Room

Thursday, September 4

7:00 pm	STMEC - Library
7:00 pm	Women's CRHP
7:30 pm	Men's Club - More Martyr Hall

Friday, September 5

8:30 am	School Mass
10:00 am	Adoration
6:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, September 6

7:00 am	Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall
8:30 am	Clean Church
3:00 pm	Confessions
6:30 am	Wedding - Church

Sunday, September 7

8:30 am	PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall
8:40 am	PSR Parent Meeting - Parish Dining Hall
9:45 am	Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room
10:00 am	Children's Liturgy - Library
11:00 am	RCIA Inquiry - Faith Formation Room
6:00 pm	Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

FAMILY TALK - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Matthew 16:21-27) Jesus lived by God's standards.

REFLECTION: Sometimes we make life difficult for ourselves by conforming instead to the standards of the world.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: Do you do what is good, pleasing and perfect for God?

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, Gino Dimario, Tex Meranda and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps.

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.



Banns of Marriage

BANNS III: Jeremy Sullivan and Molly Owens
September 6, 2008 at St. Thomas More

BANNS II: Eli Hayden and Carrie Harris
September 13, 2008 at St. Thomas More

BANNS I: Christopher Davenport and Julie O'Connor
September 19, 2008 at St. Thomas More

School News

SCHOOL NEWS: 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: Youth Ministry returns on Sept. 7! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in MMH from 6-8 pm as we kick off a new year. Refreshments will be provided! We will then meet on September 14, 21, and 28 for our regular sessions from 6-8.

SEWING MINISTRY meets September 18 from 6-8 pm in MMH. More donations of fabric goodies have arrived so come and help us make lovely things!

ROSARY MAKERS meet on September 19. This is the last chance to make our goal for our October 7 event, so please plan to join us and help us out!

Many thanks again for two wonderful bible camps! Just a reminder for all the youth helpers – don't forget to record your service hours and book us on your 2009 calendar for next summer on August 2 -7.

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.

PSR ASSISTANTS STILL NEEDED! We are still in need of assistant catechists for grades 2 and 4. The church needs us to participate in this critical ministry of teaching and passing on our faith. As an assistant you would offer support and help where needed to the lead teacher. Parents, college students or retired—all are welcomed. 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 & 1st SESSION

INFO: 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 on Sunday, September 21. **The actual first preschool session begins on Sunday, September 28 during the 10 mass.** 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, email Michele at MINIDALA4@yahoo.com or Leslie at fehlinger@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.

Readings for: September 7 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
August 24, 2008	\$11,470.44	\$13,000.00
YTD thru August 24:	\$125,671.69	\$133,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$7,328.31
439 Envelopes Returned August 24:		\$10,526.84
Loose Change August 24:		\$943.60

OTHER COLLECTION:

Outstanding Debt:	\$959,883.34
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$536,954.36
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,496,837.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Payroll & Taxes Paid 8/29/08	\$41,879.27
Total Expenses week ending 8/23/08:	\$19,453.48
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Duke Energy	\$5,567.80
Workers Comp – 6 months	\$5,635.23
Religious Education Books	\$1,841.60

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 6

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Larry Bush, Ginny Rottinghaus
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Charles Rottinghaus, Rose Fitzgerald, Jane Pearce, Jenny Barnes, Dennis Lahey, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley
Servers – Katherine Kelly, Nicole Piening, Danielle Piening, Emily Rivard, Maggie Mulloney
Greeters – Hannah Schoolfield, Jerry Edwards, Gail Convery
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Diane Meisman
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Sam Ivers, Genevieve Ivers, Thomas Brannen, Tony Ramundo, Pat Ramundo, Gregory Senior, Kathy Senior
Servers – Jeff Casavant, Christopher Feist, Alex Willenbrink, Haley Stultz, Logan Stultz
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther, George Hoffman

10:00 am **Lectors** – Charles Randolph, Lisa Hartman
Eucharistic Ministers – Margaret Pangburn, Cindy Robinson, Kathy Hornschemeier, Tom Kiefer, Penny Barton, Ann Kamphaus, Jeff Burgess, Patricia Tussey
Servers – Leah Bartel, Allie Kamphaus, Abby Simpson, Trevor Lynd, Travis Gallivan
Greeters – Christopher Pairan, Ray Neltner, Rachel Neltner
Ushers – Mike Hicks, Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann, Lee Knause

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Barbara Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers – Richard Schuler, Karen Trautmann, Mary Brock, Chaelon Brennan, Gloria Saliceti, Jeffrey Moore, Susan Crawford, Bill Crawford
Servers – Ryan Winkler, Mackenzie Mahon, Adam Vickers, Abby Jones, Paige Jones
Greeters – Julie Kiefer, Sarah Nimmo, Rosemary Weimer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 9/1

8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 9/2

8:30 am † Pauline Kess

WED. 9/3

8:30 am † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

THUR. 9/4

8:30 am † Norma Zoz/Linda Shore

FRI. 9/5

8:30 am † Dwight Long/Peg Pangburn

SAT. 9/6

4:00 pm † Catherine Ernst/Linda & Fred Haas

SUN. 9/7

8:00 am † Joseph & Lena Dahlheimer/Helen Chirco

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † Bernice Wilmers/Sandy Singer

† = 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.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION: is asking for help in cooking hot meals for 20 people at the **Clermont County Homeless Shelter**, the first Tuesday of every month. They can use meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, desserts, drinks, etc. The next meal will be on **Tuesday, September 2**. All donations are to be dropped off by 4:00 pm at St. Thomas More west side parking lot. If you can help, please contact Charlene at 752-0134.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, 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!!**

THE CHANCELLOR'S CLUB: will be meeting on Tuesday, September 2, at 11:30 am for lunch at Pelican's Reef Restaurant, 7261 Beechmont Ave. Please call the parish office at 753-2541 to let us know you are coming.

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS: If you are anticipating having your child initiated into our Catholic community through the Sacrament of Baptism, you will need to have participated in a baptismal preparation program. Our next scheduled baptismal preparation class will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 11:00 am in Conference Room B. Please call the parish office to register – 753-2550.



A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR: Men and women, high school age and older, are encouraged to consider membership in our parish **Adult Choir**. Responsible for leading the congregation as well as providing choral music at the

10:00 am Sunday Liturgy (September-May) as well as at other celebrations, this group **rehearses in church Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Our **FIRST** rehearsal is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**. Auditions, musical expertise, or 100% attendance are NOT prerequisites. If you are interested or someone you know should be, contact **Terry Wenninger** at **513.753.2546** or e-mail twenninger@sttm.org.

Please give us a try - it's virtually "risk-free" AND fun.

