

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](mailto:kroelker@sttm.org).

*We warmly welcome new members to our parish family. Please call the Parish Office or register online at [www.sttm.org](http://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 8

#### NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

### Tuesday, September 9

7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall  
7:00 pm Choir - Church

### Wednesday, September 10

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room  
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room  
6:30 pm Babysitting PTO - Kindergarten Room  
7:00 pm PTO Meeting - Fr. Heider Hall  
7:00 pm Market Day Pick Up - Parish Dining Hall  
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

### Thursday, September 11

#### PATRIOT DAY

7:00 pm Elizabeth Ministry - Faith Formation Room

### Friday, September 12

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

### Saturday, September 13

9:00 am Clean Church  
3:00 pm Confessions  
6:30 pm Wedding - Church

### Sunday, September 14

8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall  
9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room  
10:00 am Children’s Liturgy - Library  
11:00 am RCIA Inquiry - Faith Formation Room  
11:00 am Baptismal Prep Class  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry - More Martyr Hall

## FAMILY TALK – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**GOSPEL FOCUS:** (Matthew 18:15-20) The very life of the church as a community requires tireless reconciliation.

**REFLECTION:** Those who genuinely love have the ability to correct and be corrected.

**AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION:** What methods do you use to resolve disputes?

## 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, Jerry Barnes 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 Nazarovech, Randy Damron and Adam Wenstrup.



## Banns of Marriage

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

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

## School News



**SCHOOL MAGAZINE DRIVE:** STM School's annual Magazine Drive is coming in September! If you need to renew your favorite publication or subscribe to a new one, please consider ordering through our school. There are great prices on renewals and good deals on new subscriptions as well. Proceeds help to support many events and programs for our school. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year, so please renew or subscribe through your favorite student. If you do not have a student enrolled in our school, you may call the school office at 753-2540 to obtain a catalog and order form. Watch the Sunday bulletin and school update for more details.

**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.



**DISHES:** We have had many crock pots, bowls, platters etc. left behind after parish sponsored events.

These dishes and cookware have been collecting in the cafeteria for some time. If you have left behind a dish, bowl, crock pot, etc. please stop by the cafeteria, during school hours, to pick up your cookware. **Anything left after Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!**

**Readings for: September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4b-9

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** John 3:13-17

## Faith Formation

### UPCOMING DATES:

**Sept. 17** – Mom's Monthly

**Sept. 21** – Catechist Sunday and PSR Preschool Orientation

**Sept. 28** – PSR Preschool Sessions begin

**PSR ASSISTANTS STILL NEEDED!** We are still in need of assistant catechists for grades 2 and 4. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:MINIDALA4@yahoo.com) or Leslie at [lehlinger@adelphia.net](mailto:lehlinger@adelphia.net).

**SUNDAY CHILD CARE:** 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](http://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 to have been fingerprinted and approved by the archdiocese. **Remember:** your child **MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE** he/she can participate. If you have any questions, please email Kate at [kroelker@sttm.org](mailto:kroelker@sttm.org) or Becky at [bready@sttm.org](mailto:bready@sttm.org).

## 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 Sept. 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 Sept. 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

### Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
August 31, 2008	\$12,303.28	\$13,000.00
YTD thru August 31:	\$137,974.97	\$146,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$8,025.03
439 Envelopes Returned August 31:		\$11,673.56
Loose Change August 31:		\$629.72
<b>OTHER COLLECTION:</b>		
St. Vincent de Paul		\$2,893.10
Outstanding Debt:	\$959,883.34	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$536,954.36	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,496,837.00</u>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Total Expenses week ending 8/29/08:		\$12,339.05
Notable Expenses Paid:		
School Textbooks – Religious Ed		\$3,585.57
School Supplies		\$3,684.37

**REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!**

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, September 13

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Mary Lou Mulvey  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Donald Weber, Michelle Emerling, Jane Pearce, Lisa Miller, Chris Bell, Duane Bradley, Theresa Bradley  
**Servers** – Megan Schaefer, Matt Mersman, Gabrielle Quesnell, Jena Molitor, Stacy Howell  
**Greeters** – Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer, Emily Bradley  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

#### Sunday, September 14

8:00 am **Lectors** – Janelle Jessie, Nelson Seip  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Dianna Kennedy, Charlotte Molitor, Patti McMullen, Mary Opp, Vickie Ditchen, Patricia Rieck, Paul Brandt  
**Servers** – Benjamin Schmidt, Justin Farwick, Paul Conrady, Caroline Dugan, Peter Brandt  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin  
**Ushers** – Paul Guertin, Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman

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10:00 am **Lectors** – Darline Foltz, Sam Geonetta  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Tony Schulte, James Smith, Dan Casnellie, Lori Casnellie, Larry Robben, Karen Klysz, Charlene Kiefer  
**Servers** – Connor Nelson, Samuel Bechtol, Andrew Clement, Leah Bartel, Max Bartel  
**Greeters** – Staderman Family  
**Ushers** – Mike Hicks, Lynn Austin, David Wynn, Joanne Buchanan

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12:00 pm **Lectors** – Patricia Tekulve, Victoria Aicholtz  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Karen Trautmann, Melissa Kellerman, Gloria Saliceti, Chaelon Brennan, Mary Brock, Robyn Yates, Carol Woerner  
**Servers** – Matthew Welage, Jimmy Lindsey, Katie Farr, Kiersten Scales, Megan Desrosiers  
**Greeters** – Maureen Crowley, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer  
**Ushers** – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

### Mass Intentions

**MON. 9/8**  
 8:30 am Communion Service

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**TUES. 9/9**  
 8:30 am † Lillian Burke/John Burke

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**WED. 9/10**  
 8:30 am † Joan Szczegielniak/Diane McMullin

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**THUR. 9/11**  
 8:30 am † Rita Doud/The Gleason Family

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**FRI. 9/12**  
 8:30 am † Michelle Smith/Mom & Dad

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**SAT. 9/13**  
 4:00 pm People of the Parish

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**SUN. 9/14**  
 8:00 am William & Helen Fehn 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 10:00 am † Neil Kamphaus, Sr./Greg & Kim Steinmetz & Family  
 12:00 pm † Lillian Gosney/Jody Bridges

† = Deceased

### Parish Information

**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.



**Calling All Catholics!** Pray for justice, peace, and life with the *Novena for the Faithful Citizenship*. Download the Podcast and/or the actual novena prayer

at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts) and join Catholics throughout the United States in prayer. Options for praying the Novena for Faithful Citizenship:

- ✦ Start the Novena on any day of the week, whenever people gather, and pray on the day of the week.
- ✦ Begin praying the Novena on October 26, nine days before the election, and continue each consecutive day.
- ✦ Create any combination that works for you and your community – and feel free to pray the Novena more than once (1 Thes 5:17).

**CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH:** We are required by the Archdiocese to pay for a subscription for a minimum of 50% of all registered households. The annual cost can be as high as \$18,000 a year. There is an envelope in your boxed set on Sept 14 to help us defray this cost. A subscription costs \$24 a year. What you are able to assist us in offsetting this cost will be posted as a contribution. If you are receiving the Catholic Telegraph, we would appreciate you paying our parish for the subscription. Please make your checks payable to St. Thomas More.



**EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Starting September 10, Fr. Bill's Evening Bible Study will resume with a guest speaker. Fr. Tim Schehr, Ph.D., professor of the Old Testament at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, will give an introduction to the Books of Kings.

**ZUMBA FALL CLASSES:** are starting September 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More Parish. **New Routines!! Get Ready to Zumba!!**

30% profits are going to the STM Boosters. If you need any further information contact Beth Farr at bfarr1@yahoo.com.