

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

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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

Monday, December 15

7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

7:00 pm Choir - Library

Wednesday, December 17

9:30 am Bible Study - Faith Formation Room

1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room

1:15 pm Christmas Musical - Gym

5:00 pm Feed the Hungry - Parish Dining Hall

7:00 pm Christmas Musical - Gym

7:00 pm MOMS Monthly - Faith Formation Room

NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 18

7:30 pm CRHP Men's - Library

Friday, December 19

8:30 am School Mass

10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, December 20

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall

9:00 am Clean the Church

3:00 pm Confessions

FAMILY TALK - 3rd Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL FOCUS: (John 1:6-8, 19-28) John the Baptist was sent by God to proclaim the coming of his son among us.

REFLECTION: John was not Elijah. John reveals himself as "a voice" crying in the wilderness: "Make a straight way for the Lord."

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: While you wait, what do you think God has sent for you to accomplish?

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, Linda Reed, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Connie Dufresne, Rita Iding, Robin Vestring, Ann Indovina, Nick Uremovich, Nick Kellerman, Tex Meranda, Jerry Barnes, Janet Myrick, Jean Doogan, Courtney Langenbahn, Dorothy Brokamp, Peg Pangburn, Dave Vogelgesang, Dan Jones 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, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovch, Randy Damron and Adam Wenstrup.



Banns of Marriage

BANNS I: Brian Craft and Miranda Braun
January 3, 2009 at St. Thomas More



Parish Information



ADVENT GIVING TREE PROJECT: All unwrapped gifts with tags need to be returned by noon Sunday, Dec. 14. **Thank you to all who helped to make the Christmas season a little brighter for those in need!**

ST. THOMAS MORE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT: Will be available for purchase the month of December in the parish office during office hours or see Deacon John Convery. **A donation of \$10 is requested. Funds will be used for the STM Scholarship Fund.**



2009 ENVELOPE SETS: Can be picked up outside the Fr. Wack Library, underneath the front of the Church. **Please be sure to pick up your envelopes!**

SERVSAFE ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM: We will be hosting a **ServSafe Alcohol** certification class, Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1:00 p.m. in Fr. Heider Hall. If you are planning to work the beer booth, sell beer tickets at JulyFest or WinterFest you will need to take this class in order to work those areas in 2009. **If you are interested in taking this class, but forgot to register, please feel free to join us. All are welcome!**



CONGRATULATIONS!!! To the following STM School graduate who made **FIRST TERM – SECOND HONORS** at St. Ursula Academy: **Natalie Welage.**



There will be no Evening Bible Study the rest of the year. Evening Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 14.

There will be no Rosary Makers or Sewing Ministry in December. They will both resume in January.

Readings for: December 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 21 & 28 – NO PSR or RCIA/Y due to Christmas Holiday

Jan. 4 – Epiphany Party

Jan. 7 – Catholics Returning Home

Jan. 8 – Confirmation Session #1

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: There will be no PSR or RCIA/RCIY on Sundays, December 21 and 28. Enjoy your Christmas holiday with family and friends! And remind everyone that Jesus is the reason for the season!

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION: Celebrate the Epiphany with a fellowship in the Parish Dining Hall after all masses, January 4. Coffee and donuts will be served. Just as the Three Kings came bearing gifts for our “new king” on this special day, you are invited to bring a gift for the “new baby”. After the 10 am mass, the preschoolers from PSR, their families, and the Elizabeth Ministers will come together to celebrate and join in a special activity. All “baby” gifts will be donated to A Caring Place. They are especially thankful for: New or Gently used maternity clothes; New or Gently used Baby and Children’s clothes (size 0 up to 4x); New or Gently used baby blankets and crib sheet as well as wipes, formula, and baby food.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: St. Thomas More will offer a three-week series entitled “**Catholics Returning Home**” beginning Wednesday, January 7, at 7 pm in the Faith Formation Room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church and would like to return, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Becky Ready at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

IN CASE OF SNOW AND ICE: NOTE: If we should cancel PSR due to inclement weather, we will call “School Watch” and that will be reported on channel 12, 700 WLW-AM, 55KRC-AM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM and also channel 5. It will also be listed on their websites: www.wkrc.com and www.wlwt.com.

Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: Next meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 14, starting with the **Youth Ministry Retreat** at 5:00 pm in the church followed by the **Cookie Exchange** in the Parish Dining Hall at 6:00 pm.



Parish Events



LADIES NIGHT OUT: Mark your calendars!!! The Annual 8th Grade **Ladies Night Out** is January 9, 2009 from 7 pm - 12 am. Drinks, food, music and fun! Gift Certificates for Ladies Night Out are available for holiday giving; \$20 prepaid or \$25 at the door. For more information call Janie Powers - 753-0953, Susan Kamphaus - 943-1667 or Michele Lamping - 752-6502. For reservations call Mindy Blaha at 752-7014.

WINTERFEST 2009: Be sure to join us on Saturday, January 17, for the 3rd annual **WinterFest** sponsored by the STM Boosters. From 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. the gym becomes a carnival complete with games, raffles, food and FUN! Beginning at 5 pm a lasagna dinner complete with salad, roll, dessert and drink will be served in the parish dining hall. At 6:00 p.m. the St. Thomas More Casino complete with Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, 7 Card Stud, Let it Ride, Money Wheel and Split the Pot will open.



We are also holding a raffle for the grand prize of \$1,000. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 and may be purchased from your favorite STM Cardinal or by calling 513-752-2080 Ext. 124.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
December 7, 2008:	\$20,527.40	\$21,000.00
YTD:	\$348,325.44	\$360,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$11,674.56
547 Envelopes Returned Dec. 7:		\$19,809.60
Loose Change Dec. 7:		\$717.80
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Debt Reduction Dec. 7:		\$1,960.50
Vision 2000		\$988.00
Immaculate Conception		\$2,075.95
Outstanding Debt:	\$933,216.66	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	\$547,033.72	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,480,250.38</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Total Expenses Paid 2 weeks ending 12/6/08		\$47,688.64
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Debt Interest Payment		\$8,333.33
Sound System Upgrade		\$15,188.77
Cincinnati Bell		\$826.49

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Janet Tate, Larry Bush
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Ginny Rottinghaus, Charles Rottinghaus, Dennis Lahey, Jane Pearce, Donald Weber, Michelle Emerling, Chris Bell
Servers – Austin Shaffer, Allie Kamphaus, Tedra Bush, Nicole Piening, Danielle Piening
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jane Pearce, Jerry Edwards
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Janelle Jessie
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Tony Ramundo, Pat Ramundo, Paul Brandt, Thomas Brannen, Barbara Comello, Gregory Senior, Kathy Senior
Servers – Benjamin Schmidt, Jeff Casavant, Paul Conrady, Garrett Guthrie, Alex Willenbrink
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Bob Guenther, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Paul Guertin

10:00 am **Lectors** – Sam Geonetta, Barbara Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Kathy Hornschemeier, Catalina Handleton, Cindy Robison, Penny Barton, Patricia Tussey, Ray Neltner, Ann Kamphaus
Servers – Travis Gallivan, Mackenzie Mahon, Holly Ortalano, Brian Rastani, Jennifer Foltz
Greeters – Staderman Family
Ushers – Joanne Buchanan, David Wynn, Lee Knause, Mike Hicks

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Richard Schuler, Doreen Noble
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Megan Farwick, Melissa Kellerman, Chelsea Ritter, Robyn Yates, Mary Brock, Gloria Saliceti, Jim O'Donnell
Servers – Stacy Howell, Jimmy Lindsey, Matthew Welage, Ashley Taylor, Adam Vickers
Greeters – Maureen Crowley, Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 12/15
 8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 12/16
 8:30 am † Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

WED. 12/17
 8:30 am † Brian Rosenberger/Mom & Dad

THUR. 12/18
 8:30 am † Betty Sheldon/Nina Smith

FRI. 12/19
 8:30 am † Al Miller/Charles & Marie French

SAT. 12/20
 4:00 pm † Kathleen Cushman/Barbara Dahlheimer

SUN. 12/21
 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am † Louis Iannitti/Angela Iannitti
 12:00 pm † Mary Lee Burbage/The Trimmell Family

† = Deceased

St. Vincent de Paul

The SVDP Society would like to thank the many parishioners who supported them financially and with food during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

"We are most appreciative of your support, especially at this time of economic crisis. Our requests for help are constantly increasing. We appreciate your continued support to help us help those in need."

May God bless you abundantly!

SEM

SEM FOOD PANTRY: would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to the food collection in November. Your contributions helped the pantry to serve over 700 people in November. The food pantry also was able, with your contributions along with those from other sources, to assemble 60 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in our area. THANKS AGAIN for your help!

Miscellaneous



MCNICHOLAS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE DEPARTMENT: presents the musical *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* for your family's holiday enjoyment on December 18 – 20, in the beautiful theatre in Anderson Center, on Five Mile

Rd in Anderson Township. Performances are 7:00 pm on Thursday, 12/18 and Friday, 12/19, and 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Saturday, 12/20. Tickets are \$7.00 for adult and \$5.00 for students and seniors. **Call 513-310-9928 for tickets!**



We would like to **THANK** all 27 people who came to help with our special cleaning day. If you notice how clean and shiny the pews, kneelers, doors and other areas of the church are, you can thank the 27 men, women and 4th grade Girl Scouts! We wish we could list your names, but space is limited.

THANKS AGAIN...WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU!