

◀ PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK ▶

1/2	11:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	PSR & RCIA Classes Resume Breakfast with Baby Jesus – Dining Hall Carmelites – Conference Room B YOUTH MINISTRY – MMA&B
1/3	7:30 pm	Boosters – Conference Room B
1/4	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Children’s Choir – Library Women’s CRHP – Faith Formation Choir Practice - Church
1/5	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Contemporary Music Practice – Church MOMS Epiphany Party – Dining Hall
1/6	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Adoration – Church Pre-Baptism Class – Faith Formation
1/9	7:00 pm	YOUTH MINISTRY – MMA&B

**UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION DATES**

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Inviting Catholics Home Sessions Begin  
January 27<sup>th</sup> – First Gathering for Confirmation Preparation

**BREAKFAST WITH BABY JESUS:** On Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am in the Parish Dining Room we will celebrate our traditional breakfast with Baby Jesus for the Feast of the Epiphany. Sponsored by our Elizabeth Ministry, we will celebrate Jesus’ birth with food, songs, and a presentation by the preschool. Join us after the 10:00 Mass.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS**

will begin this month for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are a young or older adult who has never been confirmed and would like to join this year’s preparation sessions, call Becky Ready at 752-2080 Ext. 128 or e-mail [breadv@sttm.org](mailto:breadv@sttm.org).

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:** If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for a six-week series on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm beginning January 12<sup>th</sup> in the Faith Formation Room. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home here at St. Thomas More. If you have any questions, please call Becky Ready at 752-2080 Ext. 128 or e-mail [breadv@sttm.org](mailto:breadv@sttm.org).

**CRHP:** The next men’s Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend is January 29<sup>th</sup> – January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Please plan to join us for an energizing weekend of prayer, sharing and renewal. Call John Grachek 753-3802 to make a reservation or to ask questions.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** For those of you not familiar with this event, it is an awesome night of pampering and socializing held right here at St. Thomas More each year. We have ladies that come every year and wouldn’t miss it! It’s Friday night, February 4<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from this event go towards the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip. Call Lisa Clyde at 752-5242 to make a reservation or to get more information!

<b>Readings for: January 9<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of the Lord (A)</b>	
First Reading:	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading:	Acts 10:34-38
Gospel:	Matthew 3:13-17

**FAMILY TALK:** *Epiphany of the Lord*

- **Gospel Focus** on Matthew 21-12: Magi from the east followed a star to where Jesus was lying in a stable and they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
- **Reflection:** Each of us is called to follow our star, to search for truth and love in Jesus. We are all on a journey
- **At Home:** Talk about ways you can be a light to others. What are some of the best ways to show Jesus to others?



*to our STM Stars*

We are proud to have two of our STM students that were in the Cincinnati Ballet’s performance of the *Nutcracker*. **Clare Henning** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) was a mouse and **Allix Harrington** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) was a soldier. Way to go Clare and Allix!

**Larry Moore** (Youth Ministry sophomore & Amelia High student) made his way to the Community Journal. Coach Kesselring was quoted as saying about Larry and two other Amelia sophomores, “We feel like we have some sophomore linebackers that will do good next year... We had a lot of sophomores in skilled positions.” Great job Larry!

We have never before seen such a long list of STM’ers who made McNicholas’ Honor Roll – Father Bill was very pleased to see this lengthy list. Special congrats to **Ashley Neltner** who also made the Dean’s List!

Those names that are italicized made first honors: **Derek Archer, Alexandra Bailey, Ashley Barndollar, Sean Blevins, Anthony Bruno, Matthew Buchheit, Sarah Casnellie, Joseph Conrady, Angela DePuccio, Kathleen Doogan, Courtney Fangman, Paige Farwick, Cathryn Farwick, Lauren Farwick, Margaret Fehn, Jeffrey Foltz, Matthew Foltz, Benjamin Hansbauer, Margaret Hellebush, Holly Kellerman, Regina Krusling, Amanda Kyle, Andrew Lohbeck, Daniel Luehrmann, Michelle McCarthy, Shannon McCarthy, Sean Meagher, Jennifer Mitchell, Jessica Mitchell, Julia Noschang, Jon O’Hara, Katie O’Hara, Jacob Oester, Amanda Piening, Jessica Powers, Nina Randolph, Alexis Rhinehart, Joseph Ritter, Michael Robinson, Andrea Rutherford, Nicholas Rutherford, Anne Schoettelkotte, Fritz Schoolfield, Linda Stricker, Erica Suer, Laura Sutter, Elizabeth Tekulve, Jessica Thompson, Amber Webb, and Christopher Westendorf.** Congratulations to all of you for your hard work!

Also, congratulations are in order for **Nicholas Schneider** who made First Honors at St. Xavier and **Dominic Randolph** who made Second Honors. Nick Schneider also made the freshman basketball team – way to go!

**COLLECTION REPORT:**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas</b>	\$22,234.86	\$ 28,000.00
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday</b>	\$11,415.71	\$ 13,000.00
<b>Year to Date:</b>	\$372,534.76	\$384,000.00
<b>YTD Collection <u>Under Budget</u></b>		- \$ 11,465.24
<b># Envelopes Returned Christmas:</b>	480	\$ 19,825.00
<b># Envelopes Returned Dec 26:</b>	302	\$ 10,578.50
<b>Loose Change Christmas:</b>		\$ 2,409.86
<b>Loose Change Dec 26:</b>		\$ 837.21
<b>Outstanding Debt:</b>	\$1,145,482.38	
<b>Unpaid Interest on Debt:</b>	<u>\$ 286,304.52</u>	
<b>Total Due Archdiocese:</b>	<u>\$1,431,786.90</u>	

**EXPENSES:**

<b>Payroll &amp; Taxes Paid 12/31/04:</b>	\$40,060.55
<b>Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 12/25/04:</b>	\$4,779.00

*If you were unable to make it to Mass over the Christmas weekend due to the inclement weather, you are welcome to bring your Christmas donation the next time you come. Thank you!*

**If you have not picked up your 2005 envelopes, you will find them outside Fr. Wack Library.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 pm **Lectors** – Sam Geonetta, John Convery  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Jessica Thompson, Melissa Kellerman, Patricia Rieck, John Evans, Tommy Russell, Charles & Ginny Rottinghaus  
**Servers** – Zachary Stultz, Heather Denison, Nicole Piening, Haley Wilson  
**Greeters** – Gail Convery, Jane Pearce, Hannah Schoolfield  
**Ushers** – Don Tate, Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Nancy Bokenkotter, Nelson Seip  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Michele Lamping, Charlotte Molitor, Timothy Hornscheimeier, Gregory & Kathy Senior, Patricia Tussey, Pat Ramundo  
**Servers** – Joe Schoettlekotte, Taylor Bechtol, Connor Bechtol, Andrew Lamping  
**Greeters** – Helen Fehn, Christine Ruzsa, Nicole Mulvaney  
**Ushers** – Joe Guertin, Paul Guertin, Wes Carroll, George Hofmann

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10:00 am **Lectors** – Miranda Burgess, Jeff Burgess  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Jessica Powers, James & Julie Smith, Margaret Pangburn, Tom & Donna Buchheit, Estelle Wolfe  
**Servers** – Matthew Buchheit, Sarah Buchheit, Angela Feist, Samantha Robinson  
**Greeters** – Ray Neltner, Darline Foltz, Carol Farwick  
**Ushers** – Mike Hicks, Ed Lorentz, Mike Salzarulo, David Wynn

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12:00 pm **Lectors** – Victoria Aicholtz, Jacqueline Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Susan Colwell, Mary Brock, Terrill Denton, Margaret Fangman, Patricia Tekulve, Gloria Saliceti, Thomas Brannen  
**Servers** – Courtney Fangman, Nick Fritz, Emily Fritz, Jessica Murphy  
**Greeters** – Maureen Crowley, Carol Woerner, Dee Archer  
**Ushers** – Charlie Tekulve, Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Intention/Requested By**

**Sunday, 1/2**

8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Rosemary Reifenberger/Philip & Mary Beretta  
 12:00 Noon Jane Hoobler/Harold & Gladys Spencer

**Monday, 1/3**

8:30 am Robert Handleton/Catin Handleton

**Tuesday, 1/4**

8:30 am Bob Volz/Gail Perry Finn

**Wednesday, 1/5**

8:30 am Gest Megrue/Rev. Jeremy Harrington

**Thursday, 1/6**

8:30 am Ruth Dean/Al, Craig & Carol Meisman

**Friday, 1/7**

11:00 am Ryan Kiefer/Sandy

**Saturday, 1/8**

4:30 pm Laura D'Andrea/Jim & Nancy Snow

**Sunday, 1/9**

8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Jonathan Palmer & Family/Pangburn Family  
 12:00 Noon Patricia Drozda/Pat Tekulve

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Please keep in your prayers Mary Rettig, Eric Thompson, Eugene Drozda, Eileen Lang, Rose Krimmer, Sandra Bishop and Rose Marie Ogle who are sick and have asked for our prayers.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB:** The 27<sup>th</sup> weekly winner of \$100.00 is Sandi & Larry Bechtol, Winning No. 219.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you celebrated a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the year 2004, please call Diane McMullin in the Parish Office at **752-2080 Ext. 114** so that you can be honored at the World Marriage Celebration on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**BOOSTERS MEETING:** There will be a Boosters Meeting on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in Conference Room B.

**CHILD PROTECTION CLASSES** will be held January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm and February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in Conference Room B.