

◀ PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK ▶

1/9	7:00 pm	YOUTH MINISTRY – MMA&B
1/10	7:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul – Conf. Rm. D
1/11	6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Children’s Choir – Library Child Protection Class – Conf. Rm. B PTO Meeting – Parish Hall Women’s CRHP – Fr. Wack Library CRHP Continuation – Faith Formation Choir Practice - Church
1/12	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Faith Formation Contemporary Music Practice – Church Catholics Returning Home – Faith Formation
1/13	9:00 am	Adoration – Church
1/16	7:00 pm	YOUTH MINISTRY – MMA&B

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION DATES

January 19th – More Book Club
January 27th – First Gathering for Confirmation Preparation
January 29th-30th – Men’s CRHP Weekend

FAMILY TALK: *Baptism of the Lord*

- **Gospel Focus** on Matthew 3:13-17: Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
- **Reflection:** At this event God announced to the whole world that Jesus is God’s own Beloved One!
- **At Home:** Talk about why we also are God’s beloved people. List things God loves about each family member.

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 12th 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 bready@sttm.org.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

will begin this month for our 8th 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 bready@sttm.org.

THANK YOU: A big “thank you” to all the parishioners who participated in buying Scrip gift certificates for their pre-holiday purchases. The school’s profit for the last two weeks before Christmas was almost \$1,800 – this really adds up and we thank you. Keep those purchases coming in!

Readings for: January 16th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	
First Reading:	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel:	John 1:29-34

MEN’S CRHP WEEKEND: It’s not too late to sign up to attend the men’s Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend to be held January 29th – January 30th. Please join us for an energizing weekend of prayer, sharing and renewal. Call John Grachek 753-3802 to make a reservation or to ask questions.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISH WOMEN: Are you living stressful lives? Are you feeling demands on your time and energy? Are you feeling the need for more spiritual nurturing? If so, we have an excellent opportunity for you! Come and join the support of other women as we discover together a greater depth to our spirituality during the upcoming session in our new MOMS program beginning in just five weeks. MOMS stands for Ministry of Moms Sharing and it is a program for spiritual growth geared towards moms but welcoming to all women. It’s a marvelous way to journey through Lent with others. Look for registration brochures in our literature centers for more information. The first session will be Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm. For any questions, call 752-2080 (Diane Ext. 114) or (Becky Ext. 128).

LADIES NIGHT OUT is only four weeks away – Friday night, February 4th. We know a lot of you may have it on your calendar, but you want to make sure to get the pre-paid ticket price of \$20.00. If you’re not sure you can make it until the last minute, you can pay \$25.00 at the door. All proceeds from this event go towards the 8th Grade class trip. Call Lisa Clyde at 752-5242 to make a reservation or to get more information.



CHRISTMAS SNOW REMOVAL

The big storm a few days before Christmas called for extraordinary measures to get our lot and sidewalks cleared in time for our Masses. A big thanks is extended to parishioner Dave Habig of Evans Landscaping who dispatched his "A Team" to get our parking lots in shape. He and his crews did an outstanding job.

- *Thanks for coming to the rescue, Dave!* -

TSUNAMI RELIEF: Those wishing to make a donation to assist the victims of the tsunami may do so by sending a check directly to Catholic Relief Services at P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-7090, or you can make a donation with a major credit card by calling Catholic Relief Services at 1-877-435-7277, or by going online at www.crs.org. You can also send a donation to the Office of Social Action of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at 100 E. 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 noting that it is for Catholic Relief Services for the *Victims of the Tsunami*. **If you wish you can make a check payable to St. Thomas More, noting *Victims of the Tsunami* in the memo section of the check, and we will forward it to Catholic Relief Services.**



Let’s keep the victims of this tragedy in our prayers and may God be with all of our brothers and sisters suffering through this crisis.

COLLECTION REPORT:

	Actual	Budget
January 2nd	\$18,421.50	\$ 16,000.00
Year to Date:	\$390,956.26	\$400,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i>		-\$ 9,043.74
# Envelopes Returned: 498		\$ 17,719.05
Loose Change:		\$ 702.45
Debt Reduction		\$ 2,390.27
Vision 2000		\$ 2,517.00
Outstanding Debt:	<u>\$1,139,533.11</u>	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$ 286,304.52</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,425,837.63</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Total Expenses Paid Week Ending 1/1/05:		\$6,153.96
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Water & Sewer		\$676.14
OH 125 Stop Light Maintenance		\$500.00

**DEBT REDUCTION
NEW YEARS RESOLUTION**

Starting this year, we are going to make monthly payments on our debt to the Archdiocese. At a minimum, we will forward all funds collected during the previous month from the Debt Reduction and Vision 2000 collections. Since the middle of December, this amount is \$5,949.27.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please keep in your prayers Connie Dufresne, 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 27th weekly winner of \$100.00 is Tim Misch, Winning No. 248

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you celebrated a 25th, 40th or 50th 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 12th.

EUCHARIST MINISTERS TRAINING: If you have an interest in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, there will be a training workshop on January 18th at 6:30 pm in the church. Please call Deacon Jerry Cain **752-2080 Ext. 125** if you are interested in attending.

SEM FOOD PANTRY collection is next Sunday (*third Sunday of the month*). Please support by bringing food, paper and cleaning products, and any other items families need. A box will be in the vestibule for your contributions. We also accept cash donations.

MUSIC CHANGE: Beginning in January the Contemporary Group will play the music at the 4:30 Masses on every third Saturday instead of the Noon Mass. This will begin on January 15th.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 15th

4:30 pm **Lectors** – Diana Henke, Mary Lou Mulvey
Eucharistic Ministers – Rose Randolph, Donald, Weber, Dennis Lahey, Danielle Carroll, Jenny Barnes, Genevieve Ivers, Deacon Jerry Cain
Servers – Amanda Piening, Michelle Mersman, Justin Mulloney, Sam Ivers
Greeters – Gail Convery, Tara Molitor, Leslie Molitor
Ushers – Don Tate, Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson

Sunday, January 16th

8:00 am **Lectors** – Janelle Jessie, Charles Randolph
Eucharistic Ministers – Lisa Miller, Tony Ramundo, Tim McGrath, Penny Barton, Diane Meisman, Mary Opp, Deacon Jerry Cain
Servers – Robert Farwick, Michelle McCarthy, Jacob Tetrault, Peter Conrady
Greeters – Helen Fehn, Steve Friebele, Nancy Guertin
Ushers – Wes Carroll, Joe Guertin, Bob Guenther, Bill Imbus

10:00 am **Lectors** – Gary Cowens, Erin Phelps
Eucharistic Ministers – Cindy Robinson, Margie Keck, Tony Schulte, Joseph & Lisa Feistritzer, Ashley Neltner, Ray Neltner
Servers – Jacob Powers, David Kiefer, Melissa Clement, Andrew Clement
Greeters – Charlene Kiefer, David Kiefer, Sandy Phelps
Ushers – Joanne Buchanan, Joe Thumann, Lee Knause, Lynn Austin

12:00 pm **Lectors** – John Aicholtz, Caty Farwick
Eucharistic Ministers Vickie Ditchen, Gregory Snodgrass, Kelly Lyons, Elizabeth Tekulve, James O'Donnell, Susan Colwell, Bill Crawford
Servers – Chaelon Brennan, Andrea Rutherford, Michael Callahan, Hannah Aicholtz
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Bob Eberts, Julie Kiefer
Ushers – Charlie Tekulve, Joe Rickard, Mike Harrington

COMMUNION SERVICES: While Fr. Bill is away, Communion Services will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning on January 10th through January 31st.

MASS INTENTIONS

Intention/Requested By

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

Friday, 1/14

11:00 am Lisa Parrett/Bob & Sandy

Saturday, 1/15

4:30 pm Deceased Relatives/Carol & Edmund Henriques

Sunday, 1/16

8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am Peter Krimmer/Rose Krimmer
 12:00 Noon Eric Thompson/Susan & Bill