

April 24, 2011

"Your Parish Family for Life"



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule
Saturday Anticipation 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:45 am, 7:00 pm
Weekday: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am
Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm
Holy Days: Please call the office

Perpetual Exposition & Adoration
24 hours a day. Call the office to sign up for an hour.

ST. THOMAS MORE (1478-1535)

His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ caused him to be beheaded.

He was a scholar, chancellor, lawyer, father and gentleman.

One of his most well known prayers is:

"Pray for me as I will for thee that we may merrily meet in heaven."

✠ Parish Mission Statement ✠

Christ-centered people living as a family in God, we are inspired by our patron Saint Thomas More and his life's work being called upon to become "defenders of the faith". Collectively rich in the blessings bestowed on us, we are committed to our communities near and far to:

- ◆ Give Praise and Love to God as we have been shown by his Son Jesus Christ,
- ◆ Be good stewards of the gifts we have been entrusted with and rejoice in them,
- ◆ Embrace, Love and Affirm our sisters and brothers in Christ in the ministry of our Savior, Serve God and man, teach and learn in our community, renew ourselves in spiritual growth and sacramental grace and celebrate the liturgy and the Mass in the respect of the Roman Catholic way.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 25
8:30 am-NO MASS
Tuesday, April 26
8:30 am-Dan Eaton
Wednesday, April 27
6:00 pm-Sharon Barnes
Thursday, April 28
8:30 am-A .J. Biskup family
Friday, April 29
8:30 am-Maurice & Lou Ann Ashby
Saturday, April 30
5:00 pm-Herta & Otto Jochum
Sunday, May 1
8:00 am-Heim, Mayer, Rihm families
10:45 am-Parishioners of St. Thomas More
7:00 pm-Stanley Swiech

Ministry Schedule for April 30 & May 1, 2011

Ushers

Sat. 5 pm- Knights of Columbus
8:00 am-Alan & Pauline Mangin
10:45 am-Eileen Egenolf, Margie Welter

Lectors

Sat. 5 pm-Knights of Columbus
8:00 am-Myron Cassidy
10:45 am-Bonnie Kenney
7:00 pm-Martha Swanson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 5 pm-Knights of Columbus
8:00 am-Larry Schubert
10:45 am-Paul Gall, Pat Bowen, Jim Muskat
7:00 pm-Jan Russell, Ron Birchler

Altar Servers

Sat. 5 pm-Drew Bix, Rebecca Dreher
8:00 am-Elizabeth & Jasmine Johnson
10:45 am-Rachel Petersson, Kaya Rose, Zach Sheets

Mass Coordinators

Sat. 5 pm-Knights of Columbus
10:45 am-Eileen Egenolf

ADORATION CHAPEL Need Adorers:

Mon. 5-6 am, noon-1 pm; Wed. 3-4 am, 4-5 am,
Wed. 10-11 pm; Thurs. 3-4 am;
Fri. 11 am-noon, 4-5 pm, 5-6 pm, 6-7 pm,
7-8 pm; Sat. 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 4-5 am,
11-12 am, 3-4 pm, 7-8 pm; Sun. 2-3 am,
3-4 am, 10-11 am, 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm,
4-5 pm, every/other Sun. 11-12 pm;
Can you help? Call Rose, 831-0782 or
Maureen 490-2383

SACRAMENT AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the office at least six months in advance to allow for Marriage Preparation Program and meeting with Priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptisms are celebrated the 3rd Sunday. Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Call office during pregnancy. 831-4142.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Those considering the Priesthood or a Religious Vocation, Contact Fr. Mark or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office-236-1490

Parish Pre-school

Please call the Parish Office for information at 831-4142

Religious Education

Pre K, Kindergarten-during 10:45 am mass,
Grades 1-8, H.S.-Sunday, 9:15 am-10:30 am Call Marianne, 831-4142

Pastoral Care

Annulments, Marriage Preparation, Faith Formation, Questions and Concerns, Emergencies: Contact Fr. Mark

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please contact the office for registration forms and information. 831-4142

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm, Wednesday 5:30-5:55 pm, or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

In an emergency, contact the Parish Office any time. The hospitalized, those confined to home, and nursing home residents should contact the Parish Office to receive the Eucharist and/ or Anointing. 831-4142.

Interested in the Faith

Inquiry sessions as part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Call Maureen at 490-2383 or the office at 831-4142

ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Administrative/Finance: Mike Noth, 821-4965

Adoration Chapel: Rose Warthen, 831-0782, Maureen Shea, 490-2383

Applefest: 831-4142

Beggars for the Poor: Cheryl Hildenbrand, 996-4635

Bereavement Committee: 831-4142

Bible Study: 831-4142

Board of Education: Ron Nagel, 834-5034

Christ Renews His Parish: Dana Noel, 831-4142

CYO Sports: 831-4142

Knights of Columbus: Dave Allen, 839-5902

Liturgy: Maureen Shea, 490-2383

Moms Day Out: 831-4142

Parish Life: 831-4142

Parish Nurse: Cathy Gray, 831-9991

Parish Council: Wes Fry, 831-5946

Project Rachel: 236-1569, 800-382-9836 Abortion Healing

Respect for Life Committee: Kim Barnett, 417-2521

RCIA: Maureen Shea, 490-2383

Returning Home: 831-4142

St. Thomas More Free Clinic: 831-1697

St. Thomas More Social Hall: 834-4251

St. Vincent dePaul: Dennis Love: 831-6256

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry: 834-4252

Stewardship: 831-4142

Sunshine Club: Brian Petersson, 856-6668

Technology Committee: 831-4142

Vocation Promotion: 831-4142

Welcoming Committee: 831-4142

Women's Club: Carolyn Clements, 996-3755, Judy Lentz, 831-5219

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAILY

8:30 am Mass,-Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

WEEKLY

Mon. 6:15 pm-Adult Choir-Church

Tues. 9:15-11:00 am-Bible Study, Library

Tues. 6:30 pm-RCIA, Library, Sept.-Easter

Wed. 11:30 am- Rosary at Meadow Lakes

Wed. 6:00 pm-Mass, Reconciliation, 5:30 pm

Sat. 5:00 pm-Mass, Reconciliation, 4:15 pm

Sun. Masses-8:00 am, 10:45 am, 7:00 pm

No eve Mass 2nd Wednesday

MONTHLY

2nd Mon.- Liturgy Mtg., 6:30 pm, Parish Center

1st Mon.-Board of Ed, 6:30 pm, Classroom area

1st Fri.-Women's Club, after 8:30 am Mass

2nd Wed.-11:30 am-Mass, lunch & activity for Senior Citizens

2nd Sat.- K of C Paper Drive, Big O, Mooresville

3rd Sun.- Baptisms, after 8:00 am Mass

3rd Mon.- Admin. Board, 6:30 pm, Parish Center

3rd Wed.-Pastoral Council-6:30 pm, Library

3rd Thurs.- St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm

3rd Fri.- Churches in Mission, 9 am-noon

3rd Sat.-Beggars of the Poor

Year To Date Financial Report thru 4/11/11

Budgeted Amt	Actual Amt
Sunday Collection 4/10/11	
7,019.23	6,452.94
Total Sunday Collections	
287,788.43	281,439.20
Building Fund 2010-2011	45,143.00
ADLF 2010-2011	20,337.24
Savings prior to July 1, 2010	21,746.28
Total Savings	85,528.52

ST. THOMAS MORE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE MAY 1, 3:00 PM

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS

Samantha Bartlett	Wilma Hunt	Don Wewe	Mike Viles
Terrin Krawczyk	Sandra Hall	Jim Musters	
Bob Medsker	Mary Lou Schlagen	Bill O'Neal	Don Trusty
Jack Moon	David Minardo	Mary Gilbert	Toni Grieeser
Bill Biltz	Donna Knuckles	George Mountain	Mary Ann Rihm
Terry Saucerman	Larry Stipe		Mary Beth Brown

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHRONICALLY ILL PARISHIONERS

Gene Bednarek	Clara Taylor	Vaden & Jan Brizendine
Caitlyn Brown	Tricia Rausch	Barry Catt
Steve Denning	Carolina Trischler	Marge Engelbert
Caleb Llewellyn	Ryan Long	Matthew Gregg
Stephanie Lamoureux	Nancy McKinney	Nicola Morgan
Laura Jasinsky	Marjorie Wagoner	Peg Palmer
Brittany Wells	Lyla Tomaszewski	Jennifer Denney
Kathryn Sappington	Beth Somers	Katie Wells
Nancy Sutton	Connie Tomaczewski	Melinda Rito
Kathy Webb	Julie Wiser	Kim Wright
Nancy Wells	David Miller	Shamus & Pamela Light

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Julie Fulkerson	Margaret Anderson	Rosemary Antonelli
Genevieve Ardencyk	Kyle Askey	Madeline Baar
Debbie Baker	Diane Ball	Ronald Barr
Traci Baugh	Joseph Beber	Donna Becktel
Michael Begley	Nick Bell	Beth Bednarek
Patrick Bell	Mike Bennett	Rev. James Bennett
Donna Blackman	John Murphy	Mike Boyd
Kathy Brown	Kay Leonard	Angel Ablog
Kevin Bryan	Stephanie Cassidy	
Marcia Byrnes	Charles Costa	
Margie Collins	Mike Dowling	Linda Cap
Dodie Crawford	John Creed	
Don Davis	Amy Stone	Doug Debruhl
Flo Drewenski	Ron Gall	Don Drewinski
Ruby Farley	Rick Gall	Connie Fernelz
Judy Grannan	Linnie Shellberg	Rudy Gagliardi
Earl Gaston	Jerry Funk	Doris Gatheridge
Nicole Gibson	Steve Funk	Glenda Graber
Curtis Grannan	Donald Grannan	
Tina Grannan	Laura Leis	Dymple Green
Jim Martin	Dorothy Grady	Angela Hoffman
Sharla Hackney	Dorothy Hardin	
Katelyn Gehl	Tom Frentz	Janet McDevitt
Rita Holt	Jennifer Reed	Denney Kelli White
Wilma Hutch	Jim Hutchinson	
Laurie Jerin	Virginia Eskew	Tom Johnson
Brandon Winegar	Judy Kerr	
Rosemary Kinman	Rita Kluemper	
Kyle Leis	Ann Kendall	
Geraldine Liffick	Mary Lindop	
George Llewellyn	Betty Lollar	
Martha Lozano-Morony	Irma Marion	
Shirley Martin	J. R. Parsley	
Linda Massie	Terry Lee Smith	Jeanne Mathews
Jack McCardle	Charles Guerriero	
Ardith Mauck	George McMannis	
Tammy Minardo	Bret Neylon	
Glenda Norris	Becky Oaldon	
Phyllis O' Neal	Rebecca Orloff	
Joseph Palmer Sr.	Megan Patterson	
Elmer Price	Sue Miller	Crissy Quinn
	Ruth Ramey	
Andres Linsey & baby	Matthew Reynolds	
Shirley Richman	Christopher Rizzuto	
Jennifer Robins	Darla Sanders	
Mimi Schoon	Rose Schroedle	
Noni Schumaker	Aaron Scott	
Alexis Sherrow	Jean Broadstreet	
Patricia Simanton	Judy Siner	
Kelsey Smith	Ed Rotella	
Rhonda Stagner	Lee Stigger	
Robert Svendsen	Becky Thomas	
Grace Tucker	Bob Turner	
Vanessa Unterreiner	Jinnie Vonder Wal	
Linda Cap	Kathy Webb	
Thomas Wellspring	Jackie Wheeler	
Anna Whited	Donna Witt	
Mike Witt	Mike Witt II	
Lisa Zabst	Freida Terrell	Jennifer Eaton
Lucy Ann Muniz	Oycie Henderson	
Nicholas, Michael & Andrea	Stockman	
		Tiffany Rhew
		Shelia Robert
		Barbara Schmidtke
		Carol Schulteis
		Doris & Earl Sharp
		Sydney Crane
		Sherril Schlagen
		Ron Smith
		Christopher Sutton
		Sherry Thompson
		Amy Unger
		Kelly Moon
		Robert Richey
		Larry White
		Jim Witt
		Lisa Wuertz
		JoAnna Desmeul
		Laura Pierce
		Darryl Becctal

Homily for April 10, 2011 5th Sunday of Lent

Dear People of St. Thomas More,

The readings mention “Resurrection” this week. While Ezekiel is not talking about personal resurrection, he is talking about the resurrection of the Jewish kingdom. They are a conquered people, a small nation that has lost their kingdom, their temple and has been forced into exile from their boundaries. By all odds, they ought to have vanished into history; but Ezekiel is prophesied that God will “resurrect” the nation, the people of Judah.

Now, resurrection is an idea that develops very late in Jewish faith. By the time of Jesus a sizeable section of the Jewish people believed in resurrection. For the disciples of Jesus, Resurrection is central to our faith. Jesus died and ROSE. In today’s world there are people who suggest that you can be Christian and not believe in Resurrection, life after death.

Today in the Gospel of John, we hear the story of Lazarus. The gospel of John uses very simple vocabulary—probably what we consider 4th or 5th grade level. The gospel, though, is the most complex of the 4 gospels because of its use of symbols and keywords which have layers of meanings. One of those keywords is glory. With the raising of Lazarus, the gospel writer is definitely talking about person, body resurrection. And he is talking about Jesus’ ability, as the Messiah, to effect that. The church for which the gospel of John was first written had by this time suffered some martyrs, so the message is that there is a resurrection. Now the raising of Lazarus is done so that the Glory of God might be revealed. The Glory of God—the universe, the stars, the galaxies, the Glory of God—life, in all its thousand forms. The Glory of God—the Exodus, freeing of slaves, the movement to free all peoples, then and now. The Glory of God who is faithful to the Jewish people, who gave them a significant history when they could have been wiped out numerous times. The Glory of God in His mercifulness in not letting our stupid mistakes make an end of us. Now this God, through Jesus, is revealing a new dimension of His Glory—He is raising people from the dead.

Now, this glory is something that we can here and now participate in. If an aspect of glory is resurrection, then when we participate in some other aspect of glory, we are beginning to share in the resurrection as well. Jesus shows God’s care by healing—God glory. And you and I can be part of the glory in some aspect even now. In the other three gospels, Mark, Matthew and Luke, we are told to love one another as we love ourselves. In this gospel of John, we are told by Jesus at the end of the Last Supper to love one another as Jesus loves us. Love of self is not the measuring stick in John; Jesus Christ is the measuring stick. If we love as Jesus did—then we share in Jesus’ glory—the glory of God here and now—the glory that entails resurrection.

By loving as Jesus loves, we are beginning to share in the resurrection. So we can here and now participate in God’s glory by loving as Jesus did. And as we share in Jesus’ glory by loving as He did, we begin to share in the resurrection. Jesus loved Lazarus, his friend, a good man, and through that Love brought Lazarus back to life. Today, this week, think about the glory of God, one form of it being resurrection, and think about loving as Jesus did—let us share in God’s glory and also in the Resurrection.

May God Bless,

Fr. Mark

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE
STAFF, I WANT TO WISH YOU A
BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!!!



Mail to the military

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STM CLASSIFIEDS

Available: Babysitting in my home in Mooresville-Waverly area, for more info, call Christine at 317-831-4960

For Sale: Used upright piano, excellent condition, approx. 15 yrs old, \$900.00, 834-3371

For Sale: Cut glass punch bowl w/ 17 cups, \$10.00, call Cheryl 996-4635

Daycare Openings: College educated Christian mom has openings in her in-home daycare. Call Debbie 539-5430

For Sale: Discovery Toys. Terri Harris, www.discoverytoyslink.com/terriharris, 317-319-3535, harriste@rocketmail.com

Work wanted: college student looking for summer work. Can do yard work, mow grass, house sit, has truck/can haul. Please call Shelby-317-750-4679

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs
Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, chef Boyardee meals, Tuna, canned meat, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Mac & cheese, crackers, cereal, laundry soap, dish soap. Thank you for your generosity to St. Vincent de Paul

Music for April 23 & 24 piano or organ
Music for April 30 & May 1 piano or organ

Easter Sunday Looking Good

In today's gospel, we see two different reactions to the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene thinks that Jesus body had been stolen from the tomb. Because it was still dark when she looked into the tomb, she may not have seen the burial cloths. When Peter and John come, it probably had gotten a little lighter and they could see the cloths. John does a sort of double take: I can imagine him saying, "She's right, Jesus' body is gone.... Wait a minute, the burial cloths are still here." The gospel makes the point that it was the cloths, not just the empty tomb, that helped them to believe Jesus was risen.

Today we may ask why some people believe in Jesus and others do not. We may know someone who was raised Catholic, went to Catholic schools, and yet does not seem to believe. Like the gospel, it may be a matter of looking versus seeing.

Looking is a more passive activity. We can look quickly at something without actually seeing it. I might look up when someone familiar comes into the room, but not see that they are wearing a new sweater. Seeing is more active: When we truly see something, we notice if it looks unusual or if anything about it is out of place. Remember how Sherlock Holmes could see clues in a room that Watson missed, though they both were looking for them. The difference was that Holmes saw the clues for what they were; he was able to understand their relevance and use them to solve the case.

So also, believers and non-believers look at the world around them and see different things. Some look at the good in another person and see God acting in that person. Some look at a person in need, and see a chance to show God's love to them. Some look at their family and see a gift from God. Some look at their own successes and failures and see God's blessings and forgiveness. Yet others look at all of these and see nothing of God. Want to deepen your faith? Open your eyes and see.



St. Thomas More Preschool
 Now Enrolling
 Ages 3-5 (potty trained 2 1/2s)
 Call the office 831-4142

Needed for Beggars for the Poor
Men's items: Pants, t-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, blue jeans, gym bags, shorts, short sleeved dress shirts.
Please leave items in the social hall. These items are given to the homeless in Indy
Call Cheryl at 996-4635

3 Leisure Tours, LLC Presents
July 10, 2011 Church Basement Ladies Show & Dinner at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre
 Enjoy front row seats and dinner at Beef & Boards. Last year the event sold out early. This musical comedy offers a sweet showing of life in one church basement kitchen. It could be any church in Monrovia, Mooresville, or Martinsville. Price includes transportation, show and dinner. Price \$75.00 per person.

Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, Black Hills of S. D.
 Sept. 24-Oct. 2 Price \$729.00 each (dbl Occ.)
 Price includes transportation, 8 nights lodging, 14 meals, visit to Crazy Horse Memorial, Admission to Journey Museum, tour of Wildlife Loop Rd. at Custard State Park, guided tour of Deadwood, a spectacular tour of Badlands National Park, a visit to the unbelievable Mt. Rushmore National Memorial and a trip to the Corn Palace. Put this trip on your "Bucket List." Contact Brenda Mattingly at www.3LLeisuretours.com or call 317-831-3974 or 437-5991

Plainfield Family Adventure Race June 4, 2011
 Plainfield Recreation Center
 Looking for a fun family event to start off the summer? Check out the 1st Plainfield Family Adventure Race.
 Your team of 2 or 3 members will race on bike and foot from the Plainfield Recreation Center through the Plainfield trails and parks. You will follow maps and clues to find your locations.
 The race will be from 9am-12pm. Registration is \$40 per team. All proceeds go to the Plainfield Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society.
 Find more information about this event at www.plainfieldfamilyar.com or call Brian Petersson at 317-374-0481

Faith Formation Calendar
 April 24-Easter, no Faith Formation
 26-First Communion Make-up class for 2nd graders missing more than 3 classes
 May 1-1st Communion retreat-noon
 4-Adult Catechism class
 7-1st Communion
 14-West deanery Junior High fun day-6th grade invited
 15-Last day of Faith Formation
 VBS Registration
 22-Elementary catechists' meeting-noon
 June 2-K of C baseball at Victory Field
 20-24-Pandemonia VBS
 July 16-Canoe trip to Turkey Run
 27-King's Island



The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men dedicated to promoting Families, Concepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. If you're 18 or older and want to know more about the Knights, contact Les at 831-4015 or Dave at 831-1935 Here is the activity schedule:
 ** Business Mtg, 2nd Mon., 7 pm, Library
 **Social Mtg, 4th Mon., 7 pm, Social Hall
 **Paper Drive, 2nd Sat., Mooresville
 **Breakfast, 3rd Sunday after 8 am mass-
 Oct.-May
 **Ministry at 1st Saturday, 5 pm mass

Faith Formation Attendance April 10, 2011

Kindergarten	5/8=63%
1st grade	17/25=68%
2nd grade	15/18=83%
3rd grade	12/13=92% <u>winner</u>
4th grade	8/16=50%
5th grade	11/15=73%
6th grade	17/22=77%
7th grade	8/14=57%
8th grade	8/14=57%
9th grade	23/28=82%
10-12th grade	10/15=67%

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Here's a brief look at what goes on at St. Thomas More. Please call the office at 831-4142 for more info.

Administrative/Finance Committee-assists in the oversight and responsible use of the financial and physical resources entrusted to the parish by the parish community. In addition, the committee assists the pastor and pastoral council in a consultative manner on matters regarding the financial administration of the parish.

Adoration Chapel-open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All are welcome!

Applefest Committee-responsible for organizing and executing the largest social & fundraiser in the parish.

Beggars for the Poor-takes food and clothing downtown Indianapolis to the homeless.

Bible Study-provides members an opportunity to study the life of Jesus as presented in the Bible and other reading materials. Currently have Tuesday am, Wednesday am, and Thursday evenings (twice a month.)

Christ Renews His Parish-a renewal process for members of the parish to experience personal conversion and Christian community.

CYO Sports-wide range of athletics offered for various grades-volleyball, kickball, basketball.

Faith Formation-preschool & kindergarten (meet during Sunday 10:45 am mass), grades 1-12 (meet Sundays 9:15-10:30 am), adults (9:30-10:30 am Sundays). Designed to increase knowledge of the Catholic faith & prepare for sacraments.

Financial Peace University-yearly offering-13 week program with videos from Dave Ramsey-to help attain financial freedom.

Knights of Columbus-Catholic men's organization for men 18 & older: provides fraternal & charitable service and social opportunities for men of the parish.

Liturgy Committee-with the pastor formulates policy regarding sacramental prayer of the parish and planning & preparing liturgical celebrations. Also recruits, trains & coordinates liturgical ministries including: lectors, servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers.

Long Range Planning Committee-concentrates on the parish physical property & buildings and how they will meet the future needs of the parish. Looks beyond daily maintenance needs, concentrating on major renovation and/or expansion needs.

Music Ministry-instrumentalists and singers who provide music for weekend and special liturgies.

Parish Council-along with the pastor, the main policy formulating body of the parish. Makes decisions for the parish, guides, gives spiritual leadership in ministries, organizations and pastoral activities.

Parish Life Committee-helps with parish family & community needs with the Giving Tree at Christmas, etc.

R.C.I.A.-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-process is for people who are not Catholic but wish to inquire into the Catholic faith and for baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed or want to refresh & renew their faith.

Respect for Life Committee-keeps parishioners informed on life issues & encourages participation in archdiocesan events.

Rosary-Wednesdays at 11:30 am at Meadow Lakes Retirement Community.

St. Thomas More Free Clinic-operates the 1st & 3rd Saturdays at the facility across the street from St. Thomas More Church. Opportunities to serve those without insurance or underinsured in various ways.

St. Thomas More Preschool-St. Thomas More Preschool offers classes for children ages 2 1/2 to 5.

St. Thomas More Women's Club-goal of the group is to bind together the women of the parish in a common effort for the good of the church. Every woman over 18 is considered a member. Group provides mercy meals after funerals.

St. Vincent de Paul Society-exists to help those in need. The society works with a local food pantry, Churches in Mission, to provide food & necessities for parishioners and the community at large.

Youth Ministry-provides opportunities for archdiocesan retreats, youth group, activities & service for students in jr. high & high school, such as World Youth Day, National Catholic Youth Conference & more.