

December 11, 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, December 12

8:30 am-Julie Saylor

Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am- Marie Richhart

Wednesday, December 14-Golden Agers

11:30 am-Jerald Hannah

Thursday, December 15

8:30 am-

Friday, December 16

8:30 am-

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm-Ida & Michael Wolff

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am-Parishioners of St. Thomas More

10:45 am-Larry Hubbard

7:00 pm- Larry Stipe

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 17 & 18, 2011

Ushers

Sat. 5 pm-Rose Warthen, Anita Baran

8:00 am-Kathy & John Phillips, Mary Jane Burns

10:45 am-Jeff & Cheryl Niemeier

7:00 pm-

Lectors

Sat. 5 pm-Yvonne Tom

8:00 am-John Drzakowski

10:45 am-Theresa Gomez

7:00 pm-Mike Foye

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 5 pm-Larry Sutton, Sally Yates, Lauri Griffin

8:00 am-Larry & Ruth Rudolf

10:45 am-Renay Muskat

7:00 pm-

Altar Servers

Sat. 5 pm-Drew Bex

8:00 am- Sara Cassidy

10:45 am-Madisyne Roberts, Rachel Petersson

Mass Coordinators

Sat. 5:00 pm-Sally Yates

Sun. 8:00 am-

Sun. 10:45 am-

ADORATION CHAPEL Need Adorers:

Mon. 11-12 pm; Tues. 12-1 am, 1-2 am;

Wed. 3-4 am, 4-5 am, 5-6 am, 10-11 pm;

Thurs. 3-4 am; Fri. 6-7 am, 5-6 pm, 6-7 pm;

Sat. 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 4-5 am, 11-12 am, 3-4 pm,

Sat. 7-8 pm, 9-10 pm; Sun. 2-3 am, 3-4 am,

Sun. 4-5 am, 5-6 am, 10-11 am, 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm,

4-5 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

Christ Renews His Parish: Dana Noel, 831-4142

CYO Sports: 831-4142

Faith Formation Commission: Jan Russell, 839-0981

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:

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 de Paul: 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: Sally Yates, 831-4992, Rose Draper, 831-2358

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAILY

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

WEEKLY

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

1st Wed.-Adult Catechism class, 6:30-8:00 pm
 1st Fri.-Women's Club, after 8:30 am Mass
 2nd Mon.- Liturgy Mtg., 6:30 pm, Parish Center
 2nd Tues.-Faith Formation Commission, 6:30 pm
 2nd Wed.-11:30 am-Mass, lunch & activity for Senior Citizens
 2nd Thurs.-Respect Life Mtg, 6:30 pm
 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 Mon.- St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm
3rd Thurs.-Bereavement group, 6:30 pm-Library
 3rd Fri.- Churches in Mission, 9 am-noon, 3rd Sat.- Beggars of the Poor

Year To Date Financial Report thru 11/28/11

Budgeted Amt	Actual Amt
Sunday Collection 11/20/11	
6,317.31	5,406.22
Electronic Giving	
701.92	255.00
Total Sunday Collections	
138,980.77	139,205.97
Building Fund forward	64,604.25
Building Fund 2011-2012	13,529.50
Less expenses	(37,333.86)
Balance	40,799.89
ADLF savings forward	30,039.73
ADLF 2011-2012	203.33
Total Savings	71,042.95

Please keep Marge Engelbert's family in prayer. Marge was a long time member of St. Thomas More. She died this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS

Samantha Bartlett	Wilma Hunt	Don Wewe
Terrin Krawczyk	Sandra Hall	Larry Stipe
Bob Medsker	Bill O'Neal	Doug Blackburn
Jack Moon	Mary Gilbert	Toni Grieser
Bill Biltz	Les Schubert	George Mountain
Terry Saucerman	Dawn Rogier	Mary Ann Rihm
		Les Schubert

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHRONICALLY ILL PARISHIONERS

Gene Bednarek	Clara Taylor	Vaden & Jan Brizendine
Caitlyn Brown	Dana Noel Barry Catt	Bonnie Criswell
Steve Denning	Nancy Wells	Michael Gibbons
Long Matthew Gregg	Jim Musters	Caleb Llewellyn Ryan
Stephanie Lamoureux	Nancy McKinney	Jenifer Reed
Laura Jasinsky	Mary Beth Brown	Marjorie Wagoner
Brittany Wells	Toni Grieser	Jennifer Reed
Kathryn Sappington	Beth Somers	Carl Jones
Nancy Sutton	Connie Tomaczewski	Marlan Hildenbrand
Kathy Webb	Julie Wisner	Kim Wright
Nancy Wells		David & Karla Miller
		Barbara Baldouf

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Julie Fulkerson	Margaret Anderson	Rosemary Antonelli
Genevieve Ardenczyk	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	
Donna Blackman	John Murphy	Mike Boyd
Kathy Brown	Kay Leonard	
Kevin Bryan	Stephanie Cassidy	
Marcia Byrnes	Charles Costa	
Margie Collins	Linda Cap	
Dodie Crawford	John Creed	
Don Davis	Doug Debruhl	
Flo Drewenski	Ron Gall	Don Drewenski
Ruby Farley	Rick Gall	Connie Fernelz
Judy Grannan		Linnie Shellberg
Earl Gaston	Jerry Funk	Doris Gatheridge
Nicole Gibson		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 Frenz	Janet McDevitt
Rita Holt	Kelli White	
Jim Hutchinson	Bob Jacobs	
Laurie Jerin	Jerome Hickerson	
Al & Millie Grannan	Brandon Winegar	
Teddy Kwansy	Laura Pierce	
Rosemary Kinman	Rita Kluemper	
Kyle Leis	Genny Larkin	Ann Kendall
Geraldine Liffick		Mary Lindop
George Lielwellyn		Betty Lollar
Martha Lozano-Morony		Irma Marion
Shirley Martin		Jeanne Mathews
Linda Massie		Terry Lee Smith
Jack McCardle		Tracie McCardle
Ardith Mauck		George McMannis
Kendra Springs		Bret Neylon
Glenda Norris		Becky Oaldon
Phyllis O' Neal		Rebecca Orloff
Joseph Palmer Sr.		Megan Patterson
Elmer Price	Sue Miller	Crissy Quinn
Ruth Ramey	Mona & Armando Mendieta	
Matthew Reynolds		Tiffany Rhew
Veronica Stolach		Shelia Robert
Jennifer Robins		Darla Sanders
Mimi Schoon		Rose Schroedle
Noni Schumaker		Aaron Scott
Alexis Sherrow		Jan Broadstreet
Lucy Ann Muniz		Judy Siner
Kelsey Smith		Ed Rotella
Rhonda Stagner		Lee Stigger
Robert Svendsen		Becky Thomas
Jim Lanning		Bob Turner
Vanessa Unterreiner		Jinnie Vonder Wal
Linda Cap		Kathy Webb
Thomas Wellspring		Rudy Gagliardi
Anna Whited		Donna Witt
Mike Witt		Mike Witt II
Lisa Zabst	Freida Terrell	Jennifer Eaton
Nicholas, Michael & Andrea	Stockman	

Homily for November 27, 2011 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2b-7 1Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Dear People of St. Thomas More,

Today we hear Isaiah—one of the trivia points of Isaiah has to do with the span of time his book was written over—close to 200 years. He begins writing about 720 B.C., roughly, and the end of Isaiah's book talks about things happening around 510 B.C. Today's passage comes from the last part of Isaiah—the Jews have returned to Jerusalem and Judea after the 70 some years of Babylonian captivity—they came with hopes and dreams and things had not panned out— 'Isaiah' is saying two things: first—pray for God to come, to intervene and second—give up sin. Sometimes we need to realize that if we are involved with sin—that can blind us to the presence of God. Think of someone very angry—to the point of doing evil—do they see God? Feel his presence? The time is now—pray for God's response and turn away from sin.

In the Gospel according to Mark, we are being told to expect the end of the world at any time. Jesus will return suddenly, unexpectedly. Mark's gospel is like St. Paul; both expected Jesus' second coming, in St. Paul's case, in his lifetime. Where we ought to take this passage is that life is fragile—we are not guaranteed tomorrow. My great grandmother used to say, "the old will die and the young sometimes die." We have all been shocked by someone's sudden death. "You do not know when the hour will come."

That being true, we need to use the opportunities we have now to be charitable, kind. This opportunity will never come again. "Watch." "Be alert." At dawn, midmorning, noon or evening time there might be an opportunity to love God or neighbor or self—we need to be alert to the Now.

Second thought about the gospel—every word, every action has consequences—we don't think about them but they're there. Doing good has good consequences we can live with—doing evil leaves consequences we can't live with. Ex, think of a grandfather or grandmother with whom we had a good experience—feel the warmth, even though it might have occurred decades ago? Now think about someone who was vicious to you—they did you evil—feel the change? Our opportunities today build our tomorrows. If our words, our actions are loving, then our future will be filled with the consequences, the good we do will cushion our future; if our words, our actions are evil, the evil will haunt the future.

Today, this week, reflect on Isaiah and the Gospel of Mark. Be watchful, alert, turn from evil and pray for God's aid.

May God Bless,

Fr. Mark

DON'T FORGET!!!!

**PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
AND FIRST RECONCILIATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM**

**Insurance agent's office
located in Mooresville looking
for a CSR. P&C license
preferred. Send resumes to:
CSR-St Thomas More,
PO Box 129,
Mooresville, IN 46158**

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

DECEMBER

11, 1st Reconciliation Retreat-noon
13, 1st Reconciliation & Advent Penance Service-7 pm
18, 11 & 12 grades meet 5 pm
25, no faith formation
28, Ski Trip to Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg

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shoes, socks, blankets, sleeping bags,
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leave items in the social hall. These items
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at 996-4635***

Stewardship Quote

**"You have not lived until you
have done something for
someone who can never repay
you."**

**John Bunyan (1622-88)
English Puritan writer and
preacher**



**Third Sunday of Advent
Reasons to Rejoice**

St. Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always? Who can do that?" It sounds absurd, but the next two lines give it context: If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Whatever happens is the will of God for us. Even the bad things, things we don't like, can be allowed by God, so that he can bring good out of them. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because he can bring us to eternal life.

The next two sayings may be a little obscure. When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1Thess 5:17) we won't be so distracted by the things of this world that we cannot hear the prompts of the Holy Spirit in us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? The next phrase helps with that: Test everything. Retain what is good. (1Thess 5:21) Use the Scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. And most of all trust God to help with all this because he wants us to be holy. God will make us holy if we only let him. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or his final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.



OUR MILITARY

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STM CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: '97 Chevy van, 9 pass., with w/c lift, \$2000.00, 317-809-1725

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

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

Cakes, cupcakes, more: for cost of materials only, Call Christina 317-690-5794

Needed: licensed RN 3 days/we (Wed, Thurs, Fri. 7:30 am-4:00 pm) A Caring Place Adult Day Services, Catholic Charities, Indy, 466-0015

For Sale: NASCAR bedrm set: twin bed, chest, nite stand, bookcase & acces., Excellent condition \$450.00. Call & Leave message 821-3136

**Christmas Card Box is in the Social Hall
to share cards with fellow parishioners.
Please sort alphabetically.**

December Schedule

**Tues. Dec. 13, 7:00 pm-Parish Penance Service
and 1st Reconciliation**

**Sun., Dec. 18, 11:45 am-Practice for Christmas Eve
5:00 pm mass**

**Sun., Dec. 18, 12:15 pm-Instrument practice for
Dec. 24 5pm mass**

Dec. 24: 5:00 pm Children's Mass--music starts 4:00 pm

Dec. 24: 11:00 pm Mass—music starts at 10:00 pm

Dec. 25: 8:00 am Mass

Dec. 25: 10:45 am Mass

NO 7:00 PM MASS DEC. 25

Dec. 31: 5:00 pm mass

Jan. 1: 8:00 am mass

Jan. 1: 10:45 am mass

NO 7:00 PM MASS JAN. 1



' Looking for that special, one of a kind gift this Christmas? Gordon Grindstaff will be signing his newest book 'Those were the days" after the 8:00 A.M. mass on Sunday, December 11th.'

In today's gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." As we prepare for Christmas, let us ask for the grace to hear the cries of the poor.
Thank you for your generous support of St. Vincent de Paul!



WANTED!!!!
 People with a special interest, hobby or talent they'd like to share with the folks at Worthington House Assisted Living?
 Call Ruth in activities 834-9892 & leave a message. They'd love to have you!!!


R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith??
 Sessions are-Tuesdays 6:30 pm in the Library Questions? Call 831-4142




Knowledge Quote
 "Education is not just learning dates and events from history but learning to apply lessons of lives well lived and lives poorly lived- and how to tell the difference."

FPU
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
 Coming in January!! Preview
 Thurs., Jan. 5, 6:30 pm in Good Shepherd Room. Call 831-4142

CRHP WOMEN
 Are you interested in being part of a CRHP retreat in Spring 2012?
 If so, contact Dana Noel at dln46157@gmail.com or call 996-2569


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 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 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


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

St. Thomas More Church

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Special Instructions: