

December 25, 2011

"Your Parish Family for Life"



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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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."

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00
Parish Office (Fax) 834-2947 831-4142
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Emergency Calls **ONL Y** 532-7352

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.

✠ 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 26

8:30 am-NO MASS

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 am- NO MASS

Wednesday, December 28

6:00 pm-NO MASS

Thursday, December 29

8:30 am-Mary Clinard

Friday, December 30

8:30 am-Leonarda Schubert

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm-Bob Brinkmann

Sunday, January 1

8:00 am-Barbara Vickers

10:45 am-Jerry Schlangen

7:00 pm- NO 7:00 PM MASS JANUARY 1

***USHERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
SERVERS & SCREEN PEOPLE FOR
NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S,
PLEASE SEE SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE
SOCIAL HALL***

Lectors for December 31 & January 1

Saturday 5:00 pm-K of C

Sunday 8:00 am-Myron Cassidy

Sunday 10:45 am-Mary Leonard-Bohney

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: 439-4179

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 12/12/11

Budgeted Amt	Actual Amt
Sunday Collection 12/11/11	
6,317.31	6,109.01
Electronic Giving	
701.92	330.00
Total Sunday Collections	
151,615.38	152,613.39
Building Fund forward	64,604.25
Building Fund 2011-2012	17,840.50
Less expenses	(37,333.86)
Balance	45,110.89
ADLF savings forward	30,039.73
ADLF 2011-2012	305.00
Total Savings	75,455.62

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	George Mountain	Mary Ann Rihm
Terry Saucerman	Dawn Rogier	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
Ryan Long	Matthew Gregg	Jim Musters
Stephanie Lamoureux	Nancy McKinney	Nicola Morgan
Laura Jasinsky	Mary Beth Brown	Marjorie Wagoner
Brittany Wells	Toni Griesser	Jennifer Reed
Kathryn Sappington	Beth Somers	Carl Jones
Nancy Sutton	Connie Tomaczewski	David & Karla Miller
Kathy Webb	Julie Wisner	Kim Wright
Nancy Wells		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	Norman Bell
Michael Begley	Nick Bell	Beth Bednarek
Patrick Bell	Mike Bennett	Paul Casey
Donna Blackman	John Murphy	Mike Boyd
Kathy Brown	Kay Leonard	Stephanie Cassidy
Kevin Bryan	Stephanie Cassidy	Charles Costa
Marcia Byrnes	Charles Costa	Linda Cap
Margie Collins	Linda Cap	John Creed
Dodie Crawford	John Creed	Doug Debruhl
Don Davis	Doug Debruhl	Don Drewenski
Flo Drewenski	Ron Gall	Don Drewenski
Ruby Farley	Rick Gall	Connie Fernelz
Judy Grannan	Linnie Shellberg	Doris Gatheridge
Earl Gaston	Jerry Funk	Glenda Graber
Nicole Gibson	Glenda Graber	Donald Grannan
Curtis Grannan	Donald Grannan	Laura Leis
Tina Grannan	Laura Leis	Angela Hoffman
Jim Martin	Dorothy Grady	Angela Hoffman
Sharla Hackney	Dorothy Hardin	Janet McDevitt
Katelyn Gehl	Tom Frenz	Janet McDevitt
Rita Holt	Kelli White	Bob Jacobs
Jim Hutchinson	Bob Jacobs	Jerome Hickerson
Laurie Jerin	Jerome Hickerson	Brandon Winegar
Al & Millie Grannan	Brandon Winegar	Laura Pierce
Teddy Kwansy	Laura Pierce	Rita Kluemper
Rosemary Kinman	Rita Kluemper	Ann Kendall
Kyle Leis	Genny Larkin	Mary Lindop
Geraldine Liffick	Mary Lindop	Betty Lollar
George Lielwellyn	Betty Lollar	Irma Marion
Martha Lozano-Morony	Irma Marion	Jeanne Mathews
Shirley Martin	Jeanne Mathews	Terry Lee Smith
Linda Massie	Terry Lee Smith	Tracie McCardle
Jack McCardle	Tracie McCardle	George McMannis
Ardith Mauck	George McMannis	Bret Neylon
Kendra Springs	Bret Neylon	Becky Oaldon
Glenda Norris	Becky Oaldon	Rebecca Orloff
Phyllis O' Neal	Rebecca Orloff	Megan Patterson
Joseph Palmer Sr.	Megan Patterson	Crissy Quinn
Elmer Price	Sue Miller	Mona & Armando Mendieta
Ruth Ramey	Mona & Armando Mendieta	Tiffany Rhew
Matthew Reynolds	Tiffany Rhew	Shelia Robert
Veronica Stolach	Shelia Robert	Darla Sanders
Jennifer Robins	Darla Sanders	Rose Schroedle
Mimi Schoon	Rose Schroedle	Aaron Scott
Noni Schumaker	Aaron Scott	Jan Broadstreet
Alexis Sherrow	Jan Broadstreet	Judy Siner
Lucy Ann Muniz	Judy Siner	Ed Rotella
Kelsey Smith	Ed Rotella	Lee Stigger
Rhonda Stagner	Lee Stigger	Becky Thomas
Robert Svendsen	Becky Thomas	Bob Turner
Jim Lanning	Bob Turner	Jinnie Vonder Wal
Vanessa Unterreiner	Jinnie Vonder Wal	Kathy Webb
Linda Cap	Kathy Webb	Rudy Gagliardi
Thomas Wellspring	Rudy Gagliardi	Donna Witt
Anna Whited	Donna Witt	Mike Witt II
Mike Witt	Mike Witt II	Jennifer Eaton
Lisa Zabst	Freida Terrell	Jennifer Eaton
Nicholas, Michael & Andrea Stockman		

**Homily for December 11, 2011 3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28**



Dear People of St. Thomas More,

There are what 13 days of shopping until Christmas?? At this time of year, there is emphasis on presents. Maybe we ought to think of some gifts we could prepare ourselves. Isaiah, the great prophet and poet of the Old Testament writes: “to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to the prisoners.”

Liberty—great word—powerful. Maybe one of the gifts we could give is liberty—think of a habit that causes you problems—think of a way to change that habit. Set yourself free—what a gift.

Or again—for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels...

A diadem was an ancient crown, a cloth headband worn by kings and maybe even heroes and grooms. Now think of one’s talents as crowning one’s life. You have heard “We come into this life with nothing and we are going to leave this life with nothing.” Well, that’s not totally true—we leave with the things we have done... our reputations—

So maybe one of the crowns we might give ourselves might be developing one of the latent talents we have—develop a new ability, practice love in a new fashion. God gives us the opportunities to crown our lives with beautiful diadems and those gifts that we prepare for ourselves can easily become gifts for others and for God.

Today, this week, think of Isaiah and having the spirit of God upon us.

May God Bless,

Fr. Mark

On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Holy, Healthy New Year.

Needed for Beggars for the Poor

Men's items: Pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, shoes, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, blue jeans, gym bags, hats, gloves. Please leave items in the social hall. These items are given to homeless in Indy Call Cheryl at 996-4635

Stewardship Quote

"Charity begins at home and generally dies from lack of outdoor exercise." Anonymous

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This week's advertiser is:

PETE MAJESKI

**The Nativity of the Lord
Great Expectations**

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, (unless you are reading this on a break from cleaning house before the grandkids arrive) we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. Or to have the baby born in a stable miles from their home in Nazareth. The shepherds never expected to be wakened by angels. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had his reasons for coming in this way.

The nativity scene looks so peaceful and beautiful, but the reality was not so romantic. The messiah came not to the sound of war horns, but the cry of a helpless infant. He was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. As an adult, he would continue to surprise: He ate with sinners and tax collectors, he challenged the religious leaders of Israel. He was executed as a criminal.

So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the illegal alien, the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we may find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.



OUR MILITARY

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Washington 98438



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



December Schedule

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

No mass Dec. 26,27 or 28

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

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!!!

Thank you for your generous support of St. Vincent de Paul!



Knowledge Quote

“The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”

Proverbs 18:15

FPU

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THE GIVING TREE!!!

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



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

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Maureen Shea

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Special Instructions: