

January 1, 2012

"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, January 2
8:30 am-Julia Saylor
Tuesday, January 3
8:30 am- Bennett Family
Wednesday, January 4
6:00 pm-Ray Scholl
Thursday, January 5
8:30 am-Liz Koschnick
Friday, January 6
8:30 am-Les Schubert
Saturday, January 7
5:00 pm-Jerald Hannah
Sunday, January 8
8:00 am-Parishioners of St. Thomas More
10:45 am-Lawrence Hubbard
7:00 pm- Nancy Schreiner

Ministry Schedule for Jan. 7 & 8, 2012

Ushers

5:00 pm-Sally Yates, Judy Wilson
8:00 am-Bill & Carol Keller
10:45 am-Theresa Gomez
7:00 pm-Dana Noel & Christ Renews His Parish

Lectors

5:00 pm-Mary Fulkerson
8:00 am-Jan Musters
10:45 am-Jim Muskat
7:00 pm-Debbie Dotson

Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm-Rose Warthen, Carl & Judy Lentz
8:00 am-Dave Rihm, Mary Montgomery,
Tina Cassidy
10:45 am-Jerry & Peggy Weber, Bob & Patsy Lang
7:00 pm-Lisa Young & Christ Renews His Parish

Altar Servers

5:00 pm-Drew Bex
8:00 am-Elizabeth & Jasmine Johnson
10:45 am-Zach & Caleb Sheets, Lili Jones
Courtney Hollcraft

Mass Coordinators

8:00 am-Dave Rihm
10:45 am-Paul Gall

ADORATION CHAPEL Need Adorers:

Mon. 11-12 pm, 5-6 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: Mike Hein, 834-1838
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 Fri.- Churches in Mission, 9 am-noon,
 3rd Sat.-Beggars of the Poor

Year To Date Financial Report thru 12/19/11

Budgeted Amt	Actual Amt
Sunday Collection 12/18/11	
6,317.31	7,390.06
Electronic Giving	
701.92	1195.00
Total Sunday Collections	
175,480.77	161,248.45
Computer program error-figures don't reflect just 1 week difference from last week. Please pardon the error.	
Building Fund forward	64,604.25
Building Fund 2011-2012	20,688.50
Less expenses	(39,823.21)
Balance	45,469.54
ADLF savings forward	30,039.73
ADLF 2011-2012	305.00
Total Savings	75,814.27

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS

Samantha Bartlett	Wilma Hunt	Don Wewe
Terrin Krawczyk	Sandra Hall	Larry Stipe
Bob Medsker	Bill O'Neal	
Jack Moon	Mary Gilbert	Toni Grieeser
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 Caleb Llewellyn
Ryan Long	Matthew Gregg	Jim Musters
Stephanie Lamoureux	Nancy McKinney	Nicola Morgan
Laura Jasinsky	Mary Beth Brown	Marjorie Wagoner Peg Palmer
Brittany Wells	Toni Grieesser	Jennifer Reed
Kathryn Sappington		Beth Somers
Nancy Sutton	Connie Tomaczewski	David & Karla Miller
Kathy Webb	Julie Wisner	Kim Wright
Nancy Wells	Doug Blackburn	

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	Jean 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 December 18, 2011, 4th Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 6 Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38**



Dear People of St. Thomas More,

Today we hear the story of the annunciation from the Gospel of Luke. Like the gospel of Matthew, Luke is stressing the divinity of Jesus by stressing the virginity of Mary. This is one of the main points of this story; but there is another as well. Remember, Luke is a very subtle writer. Mary, all through the gospel of Luke, is the perfect disciple. So while Luke is talking about Jesus being the Son of God, he is also talking about Mary being the Perfect disciple—implication is that we need to be like Mary, and follow her example of being a disciple.

Too often we approach God like small children approach Santa Claus—we say “I want;”our prayers are petitions. Maybe we ought to think about what God might be asking for from us. The gospel of Luke is giving us an example.

First off, an angel appears. Angel is an English form of the Latin word borrowed from the Greek “angelos”, meaning messenger. So often we think of an angel as an 8 foot tall guy with wings, but maybe we ought to be looking for a messenger instead. He can come in many forms; the Bible doesn’t give any descriptions. The messenger to Mary is called Gabriel; the name in Hebrew means “The Lord is strong.”

So Luke is also preparing us for the fact that God might, through His messenger, be asking us to do the impossible, or what we think is impossible. He asked Mary to accept being pregnant without “knowing a man.”

Now what makes Mary great is that, after a couple of questions, Mary says “yes.” Without reservations, Mary says “yes.”

Now the good news: God answers prayers—Elizabeth and Zachariah are going to have a son. Elizabeth is 6 months pregnant—the reason for joy and surprise is that Elizabeth is advanced in years, barren.....God is strong.

Today, this week, let’s look for the messengers God sends to us—don’t expect them to have wings or to glow with heavenly light—and while we might fear that God will ask for the impossible, most times He doesn’t. Regardless, God’s request is a call to greatness.

Mary has more monuments (churches and other things) honoring her than any other woman in history—So look for God’s message in your lives and say “yes.”

May God Bless,

Fr. Mark

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF AND MYSELF, I WISH YOU A BLESSED,
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

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**Solemnity of the Mary, the Mother of God
Remember, Reflect, Respond**

This feast has had several names through history. Most recently, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision and then the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church finally settled on a more ancient title, Mary, the Mother of God. It also has a secondary title of the Octave of Christmas, the secular title of New Years Day, and an honorary title of World Day of Prayer for Peace. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one.

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. We honor Mary because God honored her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. In her humble response of "let it be done to me," she agreed to be part of God's plan for our salvation. And so today's gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart.

Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done and reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? How well do we know God's actions in Church history? And how much do we remember of the personal graces God has given us? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times He has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Am I more generous to others? Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.



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-provide music-instrumental and vocal- for weekend and holiday 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.

PLEASE NOTE

The archdiocese has called for a moratorium on building projects for 2 to 4 years while they evaluate parishes in the archdiocese for viability. Therefore, our building project is on hold. Thank you for your generosity. You may continue your pledges and contributions- they will go into savings for future project.

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



Pantry needs: Laundry soap, Toothbrushes, dry cereal, toilet paper, spaghetti sauce, dish soap

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FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**1st class Thurs., Jan. 12,
6:30 pm in Good Shepherd Room.
Call 831-4142**

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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

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**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**



**St. Thomas More Preschool
Now Enrolling Ages 2-5
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Call the office 831-4142**



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**

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Special Instructions:

Corrected copy. Thanks