

January 8, 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 9  
8:30 am–Ellen Llewellyn  
Tuesday, January 10  
8:30 am– Marlan Hildenbrand  
Wednesday, January 11–Golden Agers  
11:30 am–Julia Taylor  
Thursday, January 12  
8:30 am–Les Schubert  
Friday, January 13  
8:30 am–Barbara Vickers  
Saturday, January 14  
5:00 pm–Robert Kemp  
Sunday, January 15  
8:00 am–Jerald Hannah  
10:45 am–Patricia Clinton  
7:00 pm– Parishioners of St. Thomas More

## Ministry Schedule for Jan. 14 & 15 , 2012

### Ushers

5:00 pm–Anita Baran, Rose Warthen  
8:00 am–Kathy & John Phillips, Mary Jane Burns  
10:45 am–Jeff & Cheryl Niemeier  
7:00 pm–

### Lectors

5:00 pm–John Giovanoni  
8:00 am–Christa Cassidy  
10:45 am–Bonnie Kenney  
7:00 pm–Martha Swanson

### Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm–Larry Sutton, Sally Yates, Lauri Griffin  
8:00 am–Larry & Ruth Rudolf  
10:45 am–Renay Muskat  
7:00 pm–

### Altar Servers

5:00 pm–Rebecca Dreher  
8:00 am–Sara Cassidy  
10:45 am–Rhiannon & Victoria Turner,  
Bianca & Frankie Gomez

### Mass Coordinators

5:00 pm–Sally Yates  
8:00 am–  
10:45 am–

## ADORATION CHAPEL Need Adorers:

Mon. 5-6 pm, 11-12 pm;  
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



Homily for December 25, 2011



Dear People of St. Thomas More,

On behalf of all the staff and myself, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

The celebration of Christmas on the 25th of December is arbitrary. No one knows when Jesus was actually born. Around the year 400, the Roman church began to celebrate Jesus' birth on the pagan feast of the unconquered Sun—the Church's thinking was that Jesus is more important than the celebration of the natural lengthening of the daylight hours and besides, using the gospel of John, the church wanted to use the idea that Jesus is the light of the world. Hence, Christmas, the second most important feast of the year, came to be celebrated on December 25.

To celebrate Christmas, the birth of Christ, you have to 1) believe in God, and 2) believe that that God became fully human—that is what this feast is about. The Christmas stories come from two gospels, only two—Matthew and Luke. Both stress that Mary was a virgin, didn't "know" a man when she became pregnant; God was the Father, Mary the mother—Divine and human. Both Matthew and Luke have genealogies—Matthew stresses Jesus' Jewishness by connecting Jesus to Abraham. Luke uses the genealogy to connect Jesus to Adam—hence all humans. John's gospel, that we hear today, stresses as it were Jesus' divine 'genealogy'—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God...."

Think of God as being like consciousness—awareness. The Greek word for Word is 'Logos' and it can mean concept, idea, even plan—besides 'word.' So think of God as Awareness—having a Plan, an Idea, a Concept. It is this Plan/Idea/Concept/Word of God that becomes flesh—human. And the Plan becomes human to give us the message—the word—think gospel. This is what we are celebrating today, December 25, on Christmas.

Now let's think about this mystery—we can never fully understand it. God, God became human—the mystery. Think of God having an Idea about how creation ought to be. Now, here's a traditional gift to give children at this time of year—we have all probably received one in some form. It's a tricycle; I had a little red one. To get anywhere with this thing, you have to have all three wheels on the ground. Look at the structure: the three wheels are attached—firmly—see the frame. See the large front wheel, the two back wheels—note that faith in Christ doesn't work unless all three wheels are attached and on the ground. Love of God, (think the big front wheel) with everything we are...even our minds—using our minds to love God—If you love someone, don't you know them? Can you love without knowing?

Note the two small wheels—both firmly connected—the American idea of being a rugged individualist—does not fit here. We are all connected to the human race and to God. Note too—the way we love ourselves is the model for loving others—loving self is not self-indulgence. We could eat peppermint ice cream 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but would that be healthy? Love of self—love of neighbor—The Golden Rule in the Gospel "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:21), is just another recognition of the structure of God's tricycle—This Christmas, see the gift in celebrating that God is and that the Idea, the Word, became human. And let's let Jesus show us, the children of God, how we can ride home.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Mark

**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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**The Epiphany of the Lord  
Little Drummer Boy**

**Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.**

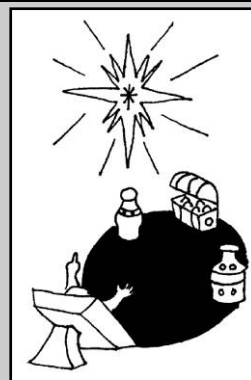
**When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.**

**So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.**

**A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.**

**As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.**

**The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.**



## RETROUVAILLE

4 Stages of Marriage—Romance, Disillusionment, Misery and Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages, then divorce before they experience the 4th stage. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage is experiencing Disillusionment or Misery, please attend Retrouvaille. Feb. 24-26 a program will be offered in Indianapolis Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 317-489-6811

### Education Quote

"A well informed mind is the best security against the contagion of folly and of vice. The vacant mind is ever on the watch for relief, and ready to plunge into error, to escape from the languor of idleness."

Ann Radcliffe (1764-1823),  
*The Mysteries of Udolpho*, 1764

## CHILI SUPPER

Jan. 21, 6:00 pm

Sponsored by St. Thomas More  
Women's Club

### Book Review

**The Eyes of the Dragon**

**By Stephen King**

**Well, I'm usually not a Stephen King fan but this book was pretty good (please omit the first couple chapters)**

**It seems to be set in medieval times. The main characters are the king, his sons, Peter (heir to the throne) and Thomas, and Flagg. Flagg is the evil king's magician. I feel Flagg represents the evil in our lives and portrays it very well. It is sly and weaves in and out for generations.**

**This is another good book (outside of the first couple chapters) that generates discussion. A good read for parents and teens from jr high and up.**

**Marianne Hawkins**

## Seminar on Human Trafficking - Modern Day Slavery

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will welcome Sr. Mary Jo Swift who will speak on human trafficking and who will help raise awareness of this very real danger in our society today. There are various forms of trafficking such as sexual, domestic service, forced labor and organ extraction. Millions of humans are trafficked world-wide and the numbers are growing daily in the US.

To learn more about human trafficking and how we can help fight this horrible crime join us on Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at Sacred Heart's hall located at 1125 S. Meridian, Indianapolis. For further information contact the parish office, 638-5551.

### Faith Formation Calendar

Jan 14, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat-10am-after 5pm mass-all 6<sup>th</sup> graders invited

Jan 20-24, March for Life in Washington DC-space still available, call Marianne at 831-4142

Feb 1, Adult Catechism Class-6:30pm-chapter 19-all invited 6:30-8pm

Feb 4, Jr. High Rally at Roncalli

Feb 7, Faith Formation Commission mtg

Feb 10-11, Senior Retreat/ Camp Rancho Framasa

### Stewardship Quote

"Getters generally don't get happiness; givers get it."

**Charles H. Burr**

**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.

Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



**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

**CRHP WOMEN**

**Are you interested in being part of a CRHP retreat in Spring 2012?**

**If so, contact Dana Noel at**

**[dln46157@gmail.com](mailto:dln46157@gmail.com) or call 996-2569**



**St. Thomas More Preschool  
Now Enrolling Ages 2-5  
(potty trained)  
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