



“Serve the Lord with gladness...”

Psalm 100

Stewardship of Ministry
Booklet 2009 – 2010

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Monday & Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Friday 7:00 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:30 p.m.
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1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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A Stewardship Message from Father Pat...

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At St. Thomas More, we embrace stewardship year round...not as a one-time event, but giving back to God as a way of life. Our annual three-phase process begins with the *Stewardship of Prayer* during Advent, in which we are asked to make a commitment to enhance our personal prayer lives. In Lent, we pray and discern our financial pledge to support parish spiritual and material needs through *Stewardship of Giving*. Each summer, our *Stewardship of Ministry* campaign encourages us to evaluate how we can best utilize our God-given talents to serve others and our community through volunteering in parish ministry.

With an abundance of blessings also comes the responsibility as Christian stewards to serve and share. We are a richly blessed church alive with numerous liturgical and non-liturgical ministries and opportunities. The efforts of many volunteers contribute greatly to the growth, success, and fulfilling the mission of St. Thomas More Church.

This *Stewardship of Ministry* booklet contains descriptions of parish ministries and activities; I ask that you please review the information and select the ministries to which you (and your family members) can devote your time and talent to serve fellow parishioners and the larger community.

I am deeply grateful for the generous sacrifices that you make on behalf of the Church. With the many obligations in our busy lives, your time is very valuable; yet I am confident that you will discover that the joy that flows from serving the Lord and others will be blessed and multiplied through your participation in parish ministry. May God’s blessings be with you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Stewardship of Ministry **Commitment Form Instructions**

Enclosed with this booklet is a *Stewardship of Ministry* Commitment Form. Please take a few moments to review this booklet and then complete the form, indicating your ministry choices for the 2009-2010 ministry year. You only need to use one form for all family members who will be serving in ministry; simply write the family member's first name on the line next to the ministry title(s) selected. (*Please refer to the enclosed sample form.*) Stewardship commitments are in effect for approximately one year.

Please return the form in the offertory at Mass, by mail, or in person to the Parish Office. An envelope is provided for your convenience. God bless you for your commitment to volunteering in parish ministry.

Please help us prepare for our ministries and programs by returning your form by August 31. Prompt return of the form helps our ministry coordinators plan for the coming year. Thank you!



St. Thomas More Church **Mission Statement**

We are St. Thomas More Parish,
members of the living Body of Christ,
born again in Baptism
and strengthened through the Eucharist
to promote the Gospel values
of our Catholic faith.

Questions and Answers about Volunteering in Parish Ministry

Q: I am already active in parish ministry; do I still need to complete and return a commitment form?

A: Yes, please! Whether you will be involved in ministry for the first time or have volunteered previously, submitting a ministry form annually is essential for maintaining current volunteer information. Simply complete and return the form in the offertory, by mail, or in person at the Parish Office by **August 31, 2009.**

Q: Is it necessary to complete a separate form for each family member?

A: No...just one form is needed to indicate ministry choices for all family members. Use the line provided next to each ministry title to write the name(s) of family members who will participate in that particular ministry (*refer to the sample form included in this packet*).

Q: What is Safe Environment Certification?

A: Adults age 18 and older who serve in any parish ministry or program involving contact with minor children must receive Safe Environment Certification from the Diocese of Owensboro. This involves completion of a training session and a background check. A convenient on-line session is available from the Diocese of Owensboro; simply visit our website at www.stmore.org and click on the Safe Environment link. Contact Lois at 534-9000 or lois@stmore.org if you have questions.

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Questions and Answers about Volunteering in Parish Ministry (Cont.)

Q: Is training required to volunteer in ministry?

A: For some ministries, training and/or ongoing formation is required. Refer to individual ministry descriptions for more information or contact the ministry coordinator (coordinator names and contact information are listed after each ministry).

Q: Which ministries are available for youth participation?

A: Ministries in which youth may serve are marked with a cross graphic next to the ministry title (✝). Refer to individual ministry descriptions for age recommendations.

*For additional assistance please contact Donna
at the Parish Office at 534-9000 or donna@stmore.org*



“Give thanks to God, bless his name;
good indeed is the Lord,
Whose love endures forever,
Whose faithfulness lasts through every age.”

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Liturgy and Worship

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server (Acolyte) †

Open to all, fourth grade and older. Training and ongoing formation are required. Adult servers are also welcome.

Fr. Daniel Dillard: 534-9000 / fr.dcd@stmores.org

Eucharistic Minister †

Eucharistic Ministers assist in the distribution of the Bread and Cup at Mass. Training and ongoing formation are required; those who would like to serve in this ministry must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation (Confirmed youth are welcome).

Rose Ann Walker: 554-8397 / Rose.Walker@airgas.com

Ministry to Homebound

Adult volunteers are needed to visit, pray with, and administer Holy Communion to our parishioners who are homebound or live in nursing homes. Some training is required; transportation and a valid Kentucky driver's license are also required.

Sharon Scheer: 443-8470 / rabbit15@comcast.net

Greeter †

Greeters welcome everyone attending parish liturgies as they arrive for prayer. They also distribute the worship aids before Mass and the bulletins after Mass, and serve as Gift-Bearers. Adult and teen volunteers are recommended; younger volunteers are welcome with adult supervision.

Lois Bell: 534-9000 / lois@stmores.org

Liturgical Ministries (Continued)

Lector †

Lectors proclaim the appointed Scripture Readings at Sunday and weekday liturgies. Training and ongoing formation are required. Adult and high-school age volunteers are welcome. Sunday and weekday lectors are scheduled separately.

Dave Krueger: 554-4066 / dkkruege@bellsouth.net

Sacristan

Sacristans prepare Mass vessels and the altar, facilitate liturgical ministers, and assist the Presider in preparation for parish liturgies. They also supervise the general cleanup after Mass. Training is required; adult volunteers are recommended.

Judy Bufford: 554-4618 / jabufford2002@yahoo.com

Usher †

Ushers assist in seating the assembly at parish liturgies, assist parishioners when needed, organize the Offertory Procession, and help ensure the church space is orderly after liturgies. Adult and youth volunteers age 12 and up are recommended.

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stmore.org

Music Ministries

For further information about any of our music programs or to arrange an audition for any of the ensembles, please contact **Jim Hess, Director of Music and Liturgy**, at **534-9000** or [***jhess@stmore.org***](mailto:jhess@stmore.org).

Cantor Program †

The Cantor Program trains our parish cantors. ***Membership is by audition only.*** Cantors must be able to read music and possess outstanding musical skills and the ability to engage the Assembly in prayer. Adults and high school students are welcome to audition.

Music Ministries (Continued)

Handbell Choir

The STM Ringers Handbell Ensemble rehearses Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and plays at various Masses and special liturgies. It is necessary to possess basic music reading skills and good hand coordination.

High School Choir †

The High School Choir meets on the 4th Saturday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and sings for the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on that day. The choir is open to parish youth in grades 9 through 12.

Instrumental Music †

Instrumental Music provides opportunities for talented musicians to perform a wide range of repertoire for preludes or postludes and to accompany the assembly in song. In addition to the use of professional instrumentalists, the parish is looking to further expand this area of music ministry with volunteer woodwind, string and percussion instrumentalists. Middle and high school students are encouraged to consider this ministry. An audition is necessary.

Living Nativity †

Living Nativity presentations take place before and after selected liturgies during the Christmas season. Adult volunteers are needed to help with preparations and costumes. Adults, teens, and children are needed as actors.

Nativity Play †

Parish children participate in a performance (with music and the spoken word) during the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with preparations and costumes. Children who participate must attend scheduled rehearsals.

Music Ministries (Continued)

Resurrection Schola

The Resurrection Schola provides music leadership at Parish Funeral Liturgies. There are no rehearsals or auditions—a desire to minister through music is all that is necessary to participate.

Treble Choir †

The Treble Choir sings seasonally (Christmas and Easter) and is open to all students in grades 2 through 8. Four rehearsals are held before each singing event and are announced via the bulletin and parish website.

Saint Thomas More Choir

The choir provides musical leadership for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses and other liturgical events. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a warm-up rehearsal 30 minutes prior to any scheduled liturgy. Membership is open with a brief voice placement interview. The ability to read music is helpful. The combined choir sings at various Masses throughout the year.

Spanish Choir

This ensemble leads the singing at the 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish each Sunday. Rehearsals are held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Sr. Imelda Quechol: 534-9000 / sr.imelda@stmore.org or

Jim Hess: 534-9000 / jhess@stmore.org

Service Ministry

Altar Society

This ministry provides light housekeeping of the Worship Space, Gathering Space, and Hospitality Room as well as laundering of purificators and priests' and servers' albs. Fundraisers and social events are hosted to help fund the purchase of hosts and wine for our parish. Adult volunteers are always needed.

Rita Mayo: 554-1536 / jofus@comcast.net

Spirituality Ministries

Hour of Prayer †

Volunteers pray for an hour one day a week on a scheduled basis for the parish, its members, and for world needs. Prayers may be offered at church, home or whatever location is convenient for the volunteer. This ministry is open to adults and youth.

Lois Bell: 534-9000 / lois@stmore.org

Rosary Group

This group meets on Tuesday mornings after the 7:00 a.m. Mass to pray the Scriptural Rosary and Intercessory Prayers. During Lent, the group prays the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. New participants are always welcome.

Nancy Burch: 443-5523 / fburch42001@yahoo.com

Serra Club

The Paducah Serra Club is a group of persons from churches of the Paducah Deanery and vicinity devoted to praying for and encouraging vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and the religious life (men and women) as well as nurturing and supporting the vocations of our active priests and religious.

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Spirituality Ministries (Continued)

Serra Club (Continued)

There are monthly meetings which feature guest speakers, and a monthly Holy Hour for vocations is held the first Monday of each month at St. Mary High School Chapel from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adult volunteers are needed to serve at a variety of levels and functions.

Jim Shumaker: 534-4204 / JANDCSHU@aol.com

Parish Education and Formation

Bible Study

Adult Bible study sessions are available Tuesday mornings, Thursday evenings, and Sunday evenings. Registration information and schedules are published in the parish bulletin.

Cyndi Dickens: 554-5201 / keithdickens@bellsouth.net

Amy Garrett: 444-0188 / amydgarrett@comcast.net

Camilla Shumaker: 534-4204 / JANDCSHU@aol.com

Lori Meredith: 534-1176 / lorimeredith7@comcast.net

Frank Burch (Thurs.): 443-5523 / fburch42001@yahoo.com

Catholics Returning Home

This program provides outreach to inactive Catholics. Sessions are held at St. Thomas More. Adult volunteers are needed.

Terry Larbes: 554-1271 / tlarbes@bellsouth.net

Faith Formation (CCD)

This program provides religious education and formation for students in preschool through 12th grade who attend public school. Classes are held at St. Mary Elementary School on Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as catechists (teachers) and aides.

Ging Smith: 443-0295 / gsmith@smss.org

or Michael Chesnut: 534-9000 / mchesnut@stmore.org

Liturgy of the Word for Children †

This program is provided at weekend Masses for children ages Pre-K through 2nd grade. The children are led through the Sunday readings along with appropriate activities, apart from the adult assembly, so that the Word of God can come alive for them at their level. Volunteers are needed to serve as leaders and assistants; adults and teens age 14 and up recommended.

Donna Tarantino: (270) 856-3348 / donna@stmore.org

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Adult men meet for fellowship, prayer, and exploration of "Faith beyond Mass" through group discussion of scripture-based motivational books by current Catholic authors. The breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Participants take turns preparing and serving breakfast. New members are always welcome.

Jim Tidwell: (270) 816-3916 / jtiddwell928@comcast.net

Parish Catechists

Adult volunteers are needed to help provide individual instruction for children who have not received Sacramental preparation through the Catholic school or the Faith Formation program. Materials and training are provided.

Danny Thomas: 534-9000 / danny@stmore.org

Parish Retreats (Koinonia)

Parish retreats offer opportunities to deepen and share one's faith and prayer life. Volunteers are needed for planning, team leaders, hospitality, and more.

Danny Thomas: 534-9000 / danny@stmore.org

***or Sister Imelda Quechol: 534-9000 / sr.imelda@stmore.org
(Hispanic Community Retreats)***

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is available for non-Catholics who are interested in studying and learning more about the Catholic faith. Age-appropriate instruction is also available for children. Adult volunteers are needed to help provide hospitality, child care, and other formation assistance.

Michael Chesnut: 534-9000 / mchesnut@stmore.org

Sacramental Preparation Programs

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with our various Sacramental preparation programs. Volunteer opportunities include class facilitators, assistants, set up and clean up, and transportation for service projects.

Baptism

Lori Hatton: 554-5255 / lori.hatton@wwlcpa.com

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Patty Hughes: 488-3651 / pattykhughes@yahoo.com

Confirmation

Danny Thomas: 534-9000 / danny@stmore.org

Sponsor Couples (Marriage Preparation)

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stmore.org

Hispanic Community Sacramental Preparation

Sister Imelda Quechol: 534-9000 / sr.imelda@stmore.org

Vacation Bible School †

VBS (a deanery-wide program open to the community) is held one week (Monday-Friday) each summer for children age 4 years through 5th grade for religious education in an atmosphere of music, crafts, and fun. Volunteer opportunities include teachers, aides, child care, registration, meal planners and servers, and more. Adult and teen volunteers age 14 and up are recommended. Volunteers who sign up during this ministry campaign will serve in the summer 2010 VBS program.

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stmore.org

Youth Groups

Friends in Christ - Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade meet once a month on Sunday evenings for social, spiritual, and community service activities. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with planning, activities, food preparation, and other tasks.

Danny Thomas: 534-9000 / danny@stmore.org

or Lori Meredith: 534-1176 / lorimeredith7@comcast.net

The Edge and LifeTeen Youth Ministries

These ministries (The Edge serves middle school students; LifeTeen serves high school students) meet regularly to help youth learn more about their Catholic faith, deal with the struggles they face both spiritually and socially, and participate in community service projects. Volunteers are needed to serve on a core team for both middle school students and high school students; core teams would be responsible for teaching and forming relationships with our youth. Volunteers are also needed for food preparation, transportation, and other tasks.

(On the ministry sign up form, please indicate your interest to volunteer for Edge or LifeTeen)

Danny Thomas: 534-9000 / danny@stmore.org

Outreach

Parish Outreach

Bereavement

This ministry offers support to family members through funeral home visits, crisis calls, cards/letters, referrals for services or informational books, and delivering memorial candles during the Christmas season. Adult volunteers are needed.

Sheree Halicks: 554-7320 / william.halicks@comcast.net

Parish Outreach (Continued)

Funeral Meals

This ministry provides a meal to bereaved families following the funeral Mass. Adult volunteers are needed to provide side dishes (e.g., casseroles, salads, vegetables, or desserts), serve, and set up/clean up.

Maria Stuckenborg: 442-0844 / mstuck@paducah.com

Handy Helpers/Emergency Services †

This ministry (newly combined this year) provides assistance for minor tasks such as painting, small repairs, yard work, grocery shopping, meals, and companionship to elderly or homebound parishioners who need a little extra help. The ministry also provides emergency assistance to parishioners who have suffered a traumatic event (e.g., fire or flood). Volunteers are needed for the tasks listed above as well as to collect and transport donations, provide meals, or other tasks. Adult and teen volunteers are welcome. Volunteer time required depends on the amount of requests for assistance received.

Bill Wade: 554-9680 / wwade0001@yahoo.com

or Trish Durst: 554-0075

Juvenile Detention Facility Visitation

Adult volunteers are needed to visit incarcerated youth at the local juvenile detention facility (monthly or more frequently if possible). Volunteers help meet the spiritual needs of the youth through discussion, listening, and offering encouragement. Training, Safe Environment certification, and background checks are required.

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stmore.org

Parish Outreach (Continued)

Parish Nurse Program

This ministry integrates resources of health care and the faith community to nurture the concept of holistic health for our parishioners. Parish nurses provide monthly blood pressure screenings between Sunday Masses, and visits are provided to homebound parishioners. Nurse volunteers are needed; training is required.

Sr. Lucy Bonifas: 444-2375 / srlucy@lourdes-pad.org

Hispanic Ministry

Services include “English as a Second Language” classes, preparation for the GED, assistance to gain U.S. citizenship, and financial aid (rent, meals, prescriptions, etc.). Adult volunteers are needed to assist with teaching classes, working at health fairs, providing transportation, and other tasks.

*Sister Imelda Quechol: 534-9000 / sr.imelda@stmcore.org or
Miguelina Sunderland: 444-3394 or 217-4442 (cell) /
miguelinabs29@hotmail.com*

Catholic Service Organizations

Daughters of Isabella

This spiritual/charitable organization of Catholic women meets twice a month for business and social gatherings including fundraisers, projects for charity, potluck dinners, ice cream socials, and a Christmas Tea. Membership is open to female parishioners 18 years of age and older.

Martha Floyd: 443-1640 / m.jfloyd@apex.net

Catholic Service Organizations (Continued)

Knights of Columbus

This Catholic fraternal, community, and family-oriented organization is devoted to furthering the goals of the Pope and the Catholic Church. Membership is open to male parishioners 18 years of age and older.

Scott Babbs: 442-2885 / sbabbs@comcast.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society †

This Catholic charitable organization operates a budget store, food pantry, and help-line. Adult volunteers are needed for sorting and organizing donations, food pantry help, and screening Help-Line calls (training is provided for Help-Line). Teen volunteers may perform some tasks with adult supervision.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Vicki Elliott, Director: 575-1008

Ecumenical Service Organizations

Habitat for Humanity †

This community program builds and repairs homes for needy families. Skilled and unskilled volunteers perform tasks such as carpentry, yard work, cleaning, painting, and providing refreshments. Volunteer work may be offered as an STM group or on an individual basis. Adult volunteers are needed; teen volunteers welcome with supervision.

Pam McDaniel, Director of Habitat: 444-2060

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stm.org

Hope Unlimited †

This community organization provides a variety of services, resources, and counseling for women facing crisis pregnancies. Volunteer hours are flexible; adult and teen volunteers are welcome.

Hope Unlimited: 442-1166

Ecumenical Service Organizations (Continued)

Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center

This organization provides free services to victims of domestic violence, including shelter for those in need. Adult volunteers are needed; orientation will be provided.

Merryman House: 443-6001

Paducah Cooperative Ministry (PCM)

Paducah Cooperative Ministry provides services including food pantry assistance, a homeless shelter, emergency relief, Meals on Wheels, and more. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks such as food pick up or delivery, sorting or collecting donations, special events help, and some tasks at the PCM facility.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry: 442-6795

St. Nicholas Clinic

This Paducah clinic provides primary care and medications to working individuals and families without health insurance or who cannot receive Medicare or Medicaid insurance. Adult volunteers are needed for clerical and professional services.

St. Nicholas Clinic: 415-0467

West Kentucky Right to Life

This new affiliate of Kentucky Right To Life is headquartered in Paducah and offers information about many important life issues from abortion and euthanasia to stem cell research and cloning. West Kentucky Right To Life is looking for new members to join and become involved. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at *Little Castle* restaurant on Lone Oak Rd (Hwy 45); meet for a meal and discussion at 6:00 pm before each meeting.

West Kentucky Right To Life: life@wkrtl.org

Missions

Mandeville Diocese Mission †

Support is provided to our sister diocese in Jamaica through collections of school and medical supplies, eyeglasses, and other items. Volunteers are needed to transport, sort, and prepare items for shipping. Volunteers may also participate in trips to Jamaica for building houses, providing companionship for orphaned children, and other services. Adult and teen volunteers recommended; younger children welcome with adult supervision.

Don Page: 331-6037 / page@pgdp.ussec.com

Family Life

Advent Celebration †

This annual event provides an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy the true meaning of Advent. Activities are offered for all ages, and a light meal is served. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, clean up, planning and supervising activities, and to provide items for the meal. Adult and teen volunteers recommended.

Kristy Peters: 564-0442 / chrispcpeters@aol.com

Celebrate Your Marriage

Hosted each February, this annual event includes a prayer service in church followed by a reception and dance in the Parish Hall. Adult volunteers are needed to help plan, decorate, set up, and clean up for the event.

Sherri Speis: 554-0276 / speisfamily@bellsouth.net

Coffee and Doughnuts †

Coffee and doughnuts are served in the Parish Hall on Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, providing an opportunity for fellowship and to extend hospitality to new parishioners or visitors. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts (pick up doughnuts, drinks, and other items; set up, and clean up). Adults recommended; younger volunteers welcome with adult supervision.

Mari Lurtz: 534-8281 / lurtz96@comcast.net

Couples in Christ

A group of married couples meets once a month for bible study and marriage/family life discussions and social activities. Child care is provided; new participants are always welcome.

Sheila Rea: 534-9091 / reafamily5@comcast.net

Dinner for Eight

This program provides opportunities for parishioners to become acquainted in a casual atmosphere in parishioners' homes on Saturday evenings four times per year. Gatherings are structured around an evening meal and typically involve 6 to 10 people in a group. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as hosts (hosts select and serve the main dish, condiments, beverages, and a place to share the meal). Guests are asked to bring side dishes for the meal. Registration dates will be announced in the bulletin.

Tony and Cecelia Toren: 534-1871

Mothers On Monday (MOMs Group)

Mothers of children 12 years of age and under meet one night monthly to discuss family topics. Childcare is provided. The group also meets monthly for "ladies night out" and weekly for a morning playgroup. Group members also provide meals for new parents and parish families as needed (due to illness, etc.). Information and schedules are published in the parish bulletin.

Stacy Bush: 443-9371 / sbkermi@netzero.com

Over 50's Group

This group hosts a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of every other month for parishioners age 50 and over. The dinner occasionally features a guest speaker. Adult volunteers are needed to help plan, decorate, set up, bring side dishes, and clean up. *Mary Galvin: 443-2674*

Parish Picnic †

The annual picnic provides an afternoon of fellowship, food, and activities for all ages. Picnic schedule and details are published in the parish bulletin. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, supervise games, and for other tasks.

Martha Argotte: 556-6837 / margotte@lourdes-pad.org

Special Meals and Receptions

Adult volunteers are needed to help plan, set up, serve meals/refreshments, and assist with clean up for various parish events such as Sacramental receptions, liturgical celebrations, ice cream socials, and other special events. Volunteers are not required to be available for every event.

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stmore.org

Trunk or Treat †

Trunk or Treat is offered as an alternative to traditional “trick or treating” for parish children. This event is held on Halloween evening each year (schedule and information are published in the bulletin). Volunteers are needed for planning, decorating, set up, serving, and clean up (adults and teens recommended).

Coordinator Position Vacant – To apply, contact:

Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / donna@stmore.org

Welcoming Committee

This committee extends a welcome to new parish members. Committee members contact newcomers to invite them to parish events and host an annual dinner in recognition of new parish members. Adult volunteers are needed to help with welcoming calls and cards, and to assist with planning for the annual dinner.

Lisa Zakutney: 554-2113 / zakutney@bellsouth.net

Administration and Finance

Mt. Carmel Cemetery †

Volunteers are needed help maintain the “Garden of Angels”, trim and plant trees and bushes, remove out-of-season floral tributes, and similar tasks. Adult and teen volunteers are recommended.

*Marisa Cooper: 534-9000 / marisa1@stmore.org
or John Bufford: 554-4618 / jbfd69@hotmail.com*

Office Volunteers †

Volunteers assist the parish office staff with greeting visitors, answering phones, computer input/typing, mailings, and other tasks. Flexible hours are available. (College and high school students are welcome during school breaks.)

Lois Bell: 534-9000 / lois@stmore.org

Parish Grounds Committee †

This group helps maintain the parish property and landscaping. Volunteers (adults and teens recommended) are needed for occasional clean-up days for mulching, pruning, planting, or other projects.

*Contact Jim Sanders: 534-0106
or Marisa Cooper: 534-9000 / marisa1@stmore.org*

Transportation

Volunteers transport parishioners who need a ride to and from Mass (available for the 9:00 a.m. Mass or 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass). Drivers serve on a rotating basis; they must be 21 years of age or older and hold a valid Kentucky drivers' license. Drivers may use the St. Thomas More van.

Lois Bell: 534-9000 / lois@stmore.org

Development

Grant Writing

Volunteers with previous successful grant writing experience are needed to research grant opportunities that match parish need and assist in writing proposals.

Missy Eckenberg: 534-9000 / missy@stmore.org

Parish Newsletter

St. Thomas More's newsletter, "THE WORD", is published twice yearly, reporting on parish activities, events, and topics. Adult volunteers are needed to assist in editing the publication as well as preparation and mailing of the newsletter.

Missy Eckenberg: 534-9000 / missy@stmore.org

Parish Photography

Volunteers are needed to take photographs during ministry activities and events and forward the photos to the Parish Office for use in the bulletin, website, newsletter, or other publications.

Missy Eckenberg: 534-9000 / missy@stmore.org

or Lois Bell: 534-9000 / lois@stmore.org

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