

# St. Thomas More Church



## Directory of Ministries 2011-2012

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## Parish Office Hours

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 ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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## A Stewardship Message from Father Pat...

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;  
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. ~ Hebrews 13:16*

Brothers and sisters,

When you hear the word “stewardship”, what comes to mind? Stewardship is not a burden but an opportunity, a need on the part of the giver to return a portion of the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon us. It is to be embraced as a way of life. Implemented in 2005, St. Thomas More Church’s three-phase stewardship effort renews annually. Each Advent we begin with ***Stewardship of Prayer***, when we reflect upon and make a personal commitment to increase prayer in our lives. During Lent, we prayerfully discern our financial support to our parish through ***Stewardship of Giving***. In late summer, our ***Stewardship of Ministry*** campaign encourages us to evaluate how we can best utilize our gifts and talents by volunteering in parish ministry.

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

Take some time to review the ministries in this directory and determine how you and your family members can lend your time and talent to serve fellow parishioners and the larger community.

I am continually grateful for the generous sacrifices that you make on behalf of the Church. We all have many demands on our busy lives, yet I am confident that you will discover that the joy which flows from serving the Lord and others will be blessed and multiplied. May God’s blessings be with you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



# Stewardship of Ministry

## Commitment Form Instructions

- ✦ Review the ministry selections and then complete the *Stewardship of Ministry* commitment form. Only one form is needed per family; include all family members on the enclosed form (*a sample form is enclosed for your reference.*) Ministry commitments are in effect for approximately one year.
- ✦ Please return your form by **September 15, 2011**. Prompt return of your form is essential for proper recordkeeping and ministry planning.
- ✦ Forms may be returned in the offertory basket at Mass, by mail, or by email (the form is available online at [www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org)).



### A Stewardship Prayer

Lord, it is You who calls us  
to stewardship in our lives.  
Help us to be faithful stewards,  
to share abundantly from the  
many gifts You have given us.  
Help us to place our trust firmly in You,  
secure in Your promise to multiply Your  
goodness to those who seek You  
and Your kingdom.  
All that we have is Yours.  
Bless us with a spirit of generosity. Amen.

# Questions and Answers About Serving in Parish Ministry

**Q: I am already serving in parish ministry; do I still need to complete a ministry form?**

**A:** Yes. Submitting your form helps ensure that your ministry selections are properly noted in our database (*whether you continue serving in a particular ministry or make new ministry selections*) and enables us to provide ministry coordinators with current volunteer information. Please complete and return the form by **September 15, 2011**.

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

**A:** No. For your convenience you may use one form for all family members serving in ministry. A sample commitment form is included in this packet.

**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.

**Q: Which ministries are available for youth participation?**

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

## Q&A About Parish Ministry *(continued)*

### **Q: What is Safe Environment Certification?**

**A:** The mission of the Diocese of Owensboro’s “Safe Environment Program” is to insure the safety of children, young people, and vulnerable adults who have been entrusted to our care in our parishes, schools, religious education classes, and other programs. *Adults age 18 and older who serve in a parish ministry or program in a position of authority, trust, or supervision involving contact with minor children or vulnerable adults must have current Safe Environment Certification and a current background check from the Diocese of Owensboro.* To provide adequate safety, non-supervisory individuals are required to complete and submit Form B (Emergency Medical Release and Health Information for Adults) or its equivalent and the accompanying Non-Supervisory Adult/Adult Participant Code of Conduct (Form D-5). For information or assistance with Safe Environment requirements, contact Lois at the Parish Office at 534-9000 / [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org) or Molly Thompson at the diocesan Office of Safe Environment at 270-683-1545 / [molly.thompson@pastoral.org](mailto:molly.thompson@pastoral.org).

**Ministries for which Safe Environment requirements may apply are indicated with an asterisk (\*) next to the ministry title.**

***For questions or assistance regarding Stewardship of Ministry, please contact Donna at the Parish Office at 534-9000 or [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)***

# Worship and Music

## Liturgical Ministries

### Altar Server (Acolyte) †

Open to all youth ages **fourth** grade and older. Training and ongoing formation are mandatory.

*Terry Larbes: 210-3514 / [tlarbes@bellsouth.net](mailto:tlarbes@bellsouth.net)*

### Eucharistic Minister †

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist in distributing communion at Mass. Training and ongoing formation are required. Open to adults and high school youth who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Rose Ann Walker: 554-8397 / [Rose.Walker@airgas.com](mailto:Rose.Walker@airgas.com)*

### Greeter †

Greeters welcome everyone arriving for liturgies, distribute the worship aids/bulletins before Mass and serve as Gift-Bearers. Recommended for adult and high school youth; younger volunteers welcome with adult supervision.

*Lois Bell: 534-9000 / [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org)*

### Lector †

Lectors proclaim the appointed Scripture Readings at Sunday and weekday liturgies. Training and ongoing formation are required. Open to adults and high school youth. Sunday and weekday lectors are scheduled separately.

*Dave Krueger: 554-4066 / [krueger5691@att.net](mailto:krueger5691@att.net)*

### Sacristan

Sacristans prepare Mass vessels and the altar, facilitate liturgical ministers, and assist the Celebrant in preparation for parish liturgies. They also supervise the general cleanup after Mass. Training is required.

*Judy Bufford: 554-4618 / [jabufford2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jabufford2002@yahoo.com)*

# Worship and Music (continued)

## Liturgical Ministries (continued)

### Usher †

Ushers assist in seating the assembly at parish liturgies, assist parishioners if needed, organize the Offertory Procession, and ensure the church space is orderly after liturgies. Adult and high school youth volunteers are recommended; younger volunteers may serve with adult supervision.

*Lois Bell: 534-9000 / [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org)*

## Music Ministries

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

### Handbell Choir

The STM Ringers Handbell Ensemble plays at various Masses and special liturgies. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. It is necessary to possess basic music reading skills and good hand coordination.

### 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.

### 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.

# Worship and Music (continued)

## Music Ministries (continued)

### Treble Choir †

The Treble Choir sings monthly and is open to all parish youth grades 2 through 8. Rehearsals are held on Saturday mornings.

### Saint Thomas More Choir

The choir provides musical leadership for weekend Masses and other liturgical events. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings with a warm-up rehearsal 45 minutes prior to any scheduled liturgy. Potential singers must be able to match pitch, and membership is open with a brief voice placement interview. The ability to read music is helpful.

### Spanish Choir

This ensemble leads the singing at the 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish each Sunday. Rehearsals are held on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

*A complete schedule of rehearsal times and singing activities for Music Ministry will be available in September.*

## Service Ministries

### Altar Society

Adult volunteers are needed to help provide light cleaning for our church as well as laundering of purificators and priests' and servers' albs. Fundraisers and social events are hosted throughout the year to help fund the purchase of hosts, wine, and candles for our parish.

***Rita Mayo: 554-1536 / [jofus@comcast.net](mailto:jofus@comcast.net)***

# Worship and Music (continued)

## Service Ministries (continued)

### Ministry to Homebound \*

Adult volunteers are needed to visit, pray with, and administer Communion to Catholics who are homebound or live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Some training is required. Transportation and a valid driver's license are also required.

***Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)***

### Hispanic Ministry

Services include sacramental preparation, financial aid where possible (rent, meals, prescriptions, etc.), or emergency assistance with clothing or household goods when available. Adult volunteers are needed for teaching classes, office work, working at health fairs, providing transportation, assisting with retreats, and other tasks.

***Sister Esther Ordoñez: 534-9000 / [sr.esther@stmore.org](mailto:sr.esther@stmore.org)*** or

***Miguelina Sunderland: 744-3394***

***[/miguelinabs29@hotmail.com](mailto:miguelinabs29@hotmail.com)***

### Spirituality Ministries

#### Hour of Prayer †

Volunteers offer an hour of prayer on a scheduled basis for our parish 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](mailto:lois@stmore.org)***

## Worship and Music (continued)

### Spirituality Ministries (continued)

#### Rosary Group

Rosary Group meets on Tuesday mornings after 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](mailto:fburch42001@yahoo.com)*

#### Serra Club

The Paducah Serra Club is comprised of members from the Catholic churches of the area and is devoted to fostering vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and the consecrated life (men and women) and to nurturing and supporting our active priests and religious. There are monthly meetings, as well a monthly Holy Hour for vocations (first Monday of each month at St. Mary High School Chapel from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.). Adults are needed to serve at a variety of levels and functions. Monthly dues (\$10.00) help support various outreach efforts.

*Jim Shumaker: 534-4204 / [JANDCSHU@aol.com](mailto:JANDCSHU@aol.com)*

## Religious Education and Formation

#### Bible Study

Adult Bible studies are offered Tuesday am, Thursday pm, and Sunday am and pm. Registration information and schedules are published in the parish bulletin.

*Melody Walker (Sun. am): 898-7220 / [GrammyMel59@yahoo.com](mailto:GrammyMel59@yahoo.com)*

*Amy Garrett (Sun. pm): 444-0188 / [amydgarrett@comcast.net](mailto:amydgarrett@comcast.net)*

*Camilla Shumaker (Tues. am): 534-4204 / [JANDCSHU@aol.com](mailto:JANDCSHU@aol.com)*

*Lori Meredith (Tues. am): 534-1176 / [lorimeredith7@comcast.net](mailto:lorimeredith7@comcast.net)*

*Frank Burch (Thurs. pm): 443-5523 / [fburch42001@yahoo.com](mailto:fburch42001@yahoo.com)*

# Religious Education and Formation *(continued)*

## Catholics Returning Home

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

*Contact Parish Office: 534-9000*

## Faith Formation \*

This program provides religious education/formation for parish students in preschool (4-5 years old) through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who attend public school. Classes are held at St. Mary Elementary School on Wednesdays during the school year from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Catholics in good standing with the Church are needed to serve as catechists and aides. Each volunteer must be approved by the pastor. Safe Environment certification and background check are required.

*Ging Smith: 443-0295 / [paducahfaithformation@smss.org](mailto:paducahfaithformation@smss.org)*

## JustFaith

JustFaith is an educational experience, a formation process and a spiritual journey. Participants gather weekly for 7-8 months for prayer, discussions, presentations by guest speakers, retreats, and immersion experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the justice tradition of the Church. Participants are afforded the privilege of becoming a small faith community and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

*Martha Argotte Thomas: 556-6837 / [margotte@lourdes-pad.org](mailto:margotte@lourdes-pad.org)*

## Liturgy of the Word for Children † \*

Children Pre-K through 2nd grade are guided through Sunday readings, apart from the adult assembly, so that the Word of God can come alive for them at their level. Adults and youth (age 12 and over) are needed to serve as leaders and assistants during weekend Masses.

*Donna Tarantino: (270) 534-9000 / [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)*

# Religious Education and Formation *(continued)*

## **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 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 / [jtidwell928@comcast.net](mailto:jtidwell928@comcast.net)*

## **Parish Catechists** \*

Adult volunteers are needed to instruct elementary, middle school, and high school students who have not received Sacramental preparation through Catholic school or Faith Formation. Materials and training are provided.

*Nicole Strasser: 534-9000 / [nicole@stmore.org](mailto:nicole@stmore.org) or*

*Pat Cairney: 534-9000 / [pcairney@stmore.org](mailto:pcairney@stmore.org)*

## **Parish Retreats (Koinonia)**

Parish retreats offer opportunities to deepen and share one's faith and prayer life. Adult volunteers are needed for planning, team leaders, hospitality/refreshments, and other tasks.

*Contact Parish Office: 534-9000*

## **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. Each candidate will need a sponsor, so a great opportunity exists for those who wish to volunteer to help build the Body of Christ. Adult volunteers are also needed to help provide hospitality/refreshments, child care, and other assistance.

*Pat Cairney: 534-9000 / [pcairney@stmore.org](mailto:pcairney@stmore.org)*

# Religious Education and Formation (continued)

## Sacramental Preparation Programs \*

Adult volunteers are needed to serve as class facilitators, provide assistance with service projects, hospitality, set up/clean up, or other tasks.

### Baptism

*Lori Hatton: 554-5255 / [lori.hatton@wwlcpa.com](mailto:lori.hatton@wwlcpa.com)*

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

*Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)*

### Confirmation

*Nicole Strasser: 534-9000 / [nicole@stmore.org](mailto:nicole@stmore.org)*

### Sponsor Couples (Marriage Preparation)

*Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)*

### Hispanic Community Sacramental Preparation

*Sister Esther Ordoñez: 534-9000 / [sr.esther@stmore.org](mailto:sr.esther@stmore.org)*

## Youth Ministry

### The Edge and LifeTeen Youth Ministries \*

These youth 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 struggles they face both spiritually and socially, and participate in community service projects. Adult volunteers are needed to serve on a core teams; core teams would be responsible for teaching and forming relationships with our youth. Volunteers are also needed for meal and refreshment preparation, transportation, and other tasks. Safe Environment certification and background check are required.

*Nicole Strasser: 534-9000 / [nicole@stmore.org](mailto:nicole@stmore.org)*

## Youth Ministry (continued)

### Easter Egg Hunt † \*

An Easter Egg Hunt is held for our parish children following the 11:00 am Mass on Easter Day. The event takes place on the parish grounds, weather permitting. Volunteers are needed for advance planning as well as assistance on the day of the event. Adult and high school volunteers are welcome.

*Nicole Strasser: 534-9000 / [nicole@stmore.org](mailto:nicole@stmore.org) or*

*Amy Sullivan: 554-6596 / [tabsullivan@comcast.net](mailto:tabsullivan@comcast.net)*

### Families in Christ (formerly Friends in Christ) \*

Have you ever thought, “we should do more things together as a family”? Here’s your chance! Families in Christ will sponsor family activities approximately every 2 months such as ice skating, baseball games, “church search” night, “walk through” Mass, bike rides, swimming parties, movie nights, and more.

All families welcome. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

*Lori Meredith: 534-1176 / [lorimeredith7@comcast.net](mailto:lorimeredith7@comcast.net) or*

*Sherri Speis: 519-9762 / [speisfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:speisfamily@bellsouth.net)*

### 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 details are published in the bulletin). Adult and high school volunteers are needed.

*Nicole Strasser: 534-9000 / [nicole@stmore.org](mailto:nicole@stmore.org)*

## Youth Ministry (continued)

### Vacation Bible School † \*

VBS (a deanery-wide program open to the community) is held one week each summer for children ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 youth volunteers age 14 and over are recommended. Safe Environment certification and background check are required. Volunteers who sign up during this ministry campaign will serve at the summer 2012 VBS.

*Sherri Speis: 519-9762 / [speisfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:speisfamily@bellsouth.net)*

## Social Concerns

### Parish Outreach

#### Bereavement

This ministry provides support to bereaved family members of our parish. The coordinator offers a bereavement visit along with literature on the grief process and information on support groups and services offered in our community. Adult volunteers are needed for sending cards/letters and delivering memorial candles during the Christmas season.

*Cathy Trussell: 554-8888 / [cstrussell@bellsouth.net](mailto:cstrussell@bellsouth.net)*

#### Funeral Meals

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

*Maria Stuckenberg: 442-0844 / [mstuckenberg@comcast.net](mailto:mstuckenberg@comcast.net)*

## Social Concerns (continued)

### Parish Outreach (continued)

#### Handy Helpers † \*

This ministry helps with minor tasks such as painting, small repairs, yard work, grocery shopping, meals, transportation for doctor's appointments, occasional companionship for elderly or homebound parishioners, or similar tasks on an as-needed basis. Adult volunteers are needed; high school youth are welcome with adult supervision.

**Bill Wade: 554-9680 / [wade7875@bellsouth.net](mailto:wade7875@bellsouth.net)**

#### 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/or visits to homebound parishioners. Nurse volunteers are needed; training is required. *(Sign up for Parish Nurse Program and/or Blood Pressure Checks separately on the Stewardship of Ministry Form.)*

**Sr. Lucy Bonifas: 444-2375 / [srlucy@lourdes-pad.org](mailto:srlucy@lourdes-pad.org)**

#### Transportation \*

Volunteers transport parishioners who need a ride to and from the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Drivers serve on a rotating basis and must be 21 years of age or older with a valid Kentucky drivers' license and auto insurance. Drivers may use the Saint Thomas More van.

**Lois Bell: 534-9000 / [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org)**

## Social Concerns (continued)

### Catholic Service Organizations

#### 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). Youth volunteers are welcome with adult supervision.

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

#### Daughters of Isabella

This spiritual and charitable organization of Catholic women meets twice monthly for business and social events including fundraisers, charity projects, potlucks, ice cream socials, and a Christmas Tea. Membership is open to females 18 years of age and older.

*Sherri Speis: 519-9762 / [speisfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:speisfamily@bellsouth.net)*

#### Sisters of Service †

This service organization, open to girls 10-18 years old, is sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella. The group meets at the KC hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month. New members are always welcome and adult leaders are needed. Service projects include preparing Christmas food baskets, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, projects for Hope Unlimited, and more.

*Sherri Speis: 519-9762 / [speisfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:speisfamily@bellsouth.net)*

#### Knights of Columbus

This Catholic fraternal, community, service, 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 / [babbsse@comcast.net](mailto:babbsse@comcast.net)*

## Social Concerns (continued)

### Catholic Service Organizations (continued)

#### Columbian Squires †

Columbian Squires is a leadership program for young Catholic men 10-18 years old. It helps develop young men as leaders who understand their Catholic religion, have a strong commitment to the Church, and are ready, willing, and capable of patterning their lives after Christ. Squires meet new friends, play sports, and participate in social activities but are also involved in promoting Catholic education and vocations, marching in defense of unborn life, serving the needy, supporting Special Olympics, and other activities. The program allows individual Squires to advance through five levels of training, involvement and advancement in leadership.

**Frank Bosh: 415-3520 / [frankbosh@gmail.com](mailto:frankbosh@gmail.com)**

### Community Outreach

#### Community Kitchen † \*

Community Kitchen prepares and serves lunch daily for needy residents in our community. St. Thomas More provides volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (supervised by a Community Kitchen leader) and donates \$400 per month to support this effort. Volunteers are needed, and/or monetary donations are gratefully accepted (send checks to Parish Office. Make payable to St. Thomas More and note *Community Kitchen* on the memo line). Community Kitchen is located in the New Covenant Church, 1200 Jefferson Street. Adult volunteers are recommended; youth are welcome with adult supervision.

**Sheree Halicks: 554-7320 / [william.halicks@comcast.net](mailto:william.halicks@comcast.net)**

## Social Concerns (continued)

### Community Outreach (continued)

#### HEART USA

This community-based assistance program provides free prescription medications for those in need. Adult volunteers are needed to answer phones or perform general office tasks. Flexible hours are available.

*Nancy Smith: 442-2590*

#### Hope Unlimited † \*

This community organization provides services, resources, and counseling for women facing crisis pregnancies. Adult volunteers are recommended; youth volunteers are welcome with supervision. Flexible hours are available.

*Hope Unlimited: 442-1166*

#### Juvenile Detention Facility Visitation

Adult volunteers help meet the spiritual needs of incarcerated youth at the local detention center through discussion, listening, and offering encouragement. Training is required.

*Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)*

#### 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 and training will be provided.

*Merryman House: 443-6001*

#### Paducah Cooperative Ministry (PCM)

This ecumenical organization provides food pantry assistance, a homeless shelter, emergency relief, and more. Volunteers age 21 and over are needed to assist with food pick up or delivery, sorting/collecting donations, special events, and more.

*Paducah Cooperative Ministry: 442-6795*

## Social Concerns (continued)

### Community Outreach (continued)

#### 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 affiliate of Kentucky Right to Life offers information about life issues from abortion and euthanasia to stem cell research and cloning. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Pasta House restaurant in Paducah. Meet for a meal and discussion at 6:00 pm before each meeting.

***West Kentucky Right to Life: email: [life@wkrtl.org](mailto:life@wkrtl.org)***

#### Mandeville Diocese Mission † \*

Support is provided to our sister diocese in Jamaica through collections of school supplies, eyeglasses, and other essential items we so often take for granted. Volunteers are needed to transport, sort, and prepare items for shipping which normally takes place biennially. Volunteers are also needed to participate in trips to Jamaica for building houses, providing companionship for orphaned children, and other services. Adult volunteers recommended; youth may participate with adult supervision.

***Don Page: 331-6037 / [depage@brtc.net](mailto:depage@brtc.net)***



# Parish Life

## Advent Celebration † \*

This annual event includes wreath making and other activities for a variety of ages; a light meal is also served. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, set up, clean up, and supervising activities. Adult and youth volunteers are welcome.

**Contact Parish Office: 534-9000**

## Celebrate Your Marriage

Hosted each February, this event begins with a prayer service in church followed by a reception and dance in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to plan, decorate, set up, and clean up.

**Sherri Speis: 519-9762 / [speisfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:speisfamily@bellsouth.net)**

## Coffee and Doughnuts

Coffee and doughnuts are served in the Parish Hall on Sundays between the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses, providing an opportunity for fellowship and to extend hospitality to new parishioners or visitors. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts, which includes picking up doughnuts, drinks, and other items, as well as set up/clean up.

**Mari Lurtz: 519-8276 / [lurtz96@comcast.net](mailto:lurtz96@comcast.net)**

## Couples in Christ

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

**Eric or Connie Hein: 554-3489 / [conniehein@comcast.net](mailto:conniehein@comcast.net)**

## Families in Christ (formerly Friends in Christ) \*

*Please refer to Families in Christ information under “Youth Ministry” section of this directory.*

## Parish Life (continued)

### Grounds Committee † \*

This group helps maintain the parish property and landscaping. Volunteers are needed for planned clean-up days for mulching, pruning, planting, or other projects. Youth are welcome with adult supervision.

*Jim Sanders: 534-0106 / [jsan1535@comcast.net](mailto:jsan1535@comcast.net) or*

*Steve DuPerrieu: 534-9000 / [steve@stmore.org](mailto:steve@stmore.org)*

### Mothers On Monday (MOMs Group) \*

This mother's group meets quarterly for Ladies' Night Out, provides meals for new parents, participates in bake sales for Hope Unlimited, maintains an email prayer list, and plans shopping trips twice per year. Various summer activities such as story hour, movies, pottery making, etc., are also planned. New members always welcome. Information and schedules are published in the parish bulletin and sent via email reminders.

*Lori Meredith: 534-1176 / [lorimeredith7@comcast.net](mailto:lorimeredith7@comcast.net) or*

*Beth Haas: 534-1680 / [bethmhaas@att.net](mailto:bethmhaas@att.net)*

### Mt. Carmel Cemetery † \*

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the "Garden of Angels", trim and plant trees and bushes, remove out-of-season floral tributes, or other tasks. Adult volunteers are needed; youth volunteers are welcome with adult supervision.

*Steve DuPerrieu: 534-9000 / [steve@stmore.org](mailto:steve@stmore.org) or*

*John Bufford: 554-4618 / [jbfd69@hotmail.com](mailto:jbfd69@hotmail.com)*

### Office Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist the Parish Office staff with greeting visitors, answering phones, preparing mailings, and other tasks. Flexible hours are available.

*Lois Bell: 534-9000 / [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org)*

## Parish Life (continued)

### Over 50's Group

Potluck dinners are held in the Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of every other month for parishioners over age 50. Occasionally a guest speaker is featured. Volunteers are needed to plan, decorate, set up, bring side dishes, and clean up.

*Carolyn Murphey: 554-7211 / [crwm@bellsouth.net](mailto:crwm@bellsouth.net)*

### Parish Events Photography

Volunteers are needed to take photographs for parish events and provide the photos to the Parish Office for use in the bulletin, website, or newsletter.

*Missy Eckenberg: 534-9000 / [missy@stmore.org](mailto:missy@stmore.org) or*

*Lois Bell: 534-9000 / [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org)*

### Parish Picnic † \*

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

*Martha Argotte Thomas: 556-6837 /*

*[margotte@lourdes-pad.org](mailto:margotte@lourdes-pad.org)*

### Special Meals and Receptions

Adult volunteers are needed to plan, set up, serve food/drinks, and clean up for parish events such as Sacramental receptions, liturgical celebrations, and other special occasions.

*Donna Tarantino: 534-9000 / [donna@stmore.org](mailto:donna@stmore.org)*

### Welcoming Committee

This ministry contacts new parishioners and hosts an annual dinner. Volunteers are needed to make calls and to assist with planning, decorating, and set up/clean up for the annual dinner.

*Lisa Zakutney: 554-2113 / [zakutney@bellsouth.net](mailto:zakutney@bellsouth.net)*







# Saint 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.