



# SAINT THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH & CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG  
"Providing Catholic Campus Ministry to the Entire IUP Community"

## DECEMBER 25, 2011 • THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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### EMAIL

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

### WEBSITES

Parish Website: [www.STMUP.org](http://www.STMUP.org)  
Diocesan Website: [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### OTHER HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Catholic Charities..... 724-463-8806  
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Saint Bernard Regional Catholic School ..... 724-465-7139  
Rev. Timothy Kruthaupt, Catholic Chaplain  
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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The regular schedule for Reconciliation, Tuesday at 7:30 AM and Thursday at 5:00 PM when daily Mass is scheduled, will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at least four months prior to the birth of your child for scheduling information.

#### **Baptismal Preparation Sessions for 2012**

*February 19, May 20, August 19 and November 4*

Please call 724-463-2277, ext. 113 to register.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office 724-463-2277, ext. 113 at least one year prior to your anticipated wedding date for an appointment.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office at 724-463-2277.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Willie at 724-463-2277, ext. 112

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Willie at 724-463-2277, ext. 112 or the Diocesan Office for Clergy Vocations at 724-837-0901.

### PRAYER CHAIN & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

For those in need of prayer or a prayer shawl, please contact the Parish Office for details.



**1200 Oakland Avenue, Indiana, PA 15701**  
**Phone: 724.463.2277 • Fax: 724.463.7116**

## The Nativity of the Lord

### Saturday, December 24, Vigil of Christmas

4:30 PM - Members of the Parish

10:00 PM - Members of the Parish

### Sunday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day

10:00 AM - Members of the Parish

*Note: There will be NO 7:00 PM Regional Mass today.*

### Monday, December 26 - Saint Stephen, first martyr

*In observance of Christmas, all Parish and Diocesan Offices will be closed today.*

### Tuesday, December 27 - Saint John, apostle and evangelist

*In observance of Christmas, all Parish and Diocesan Offices will be closed today.*

### Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, martyrs

### Thursday, December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr

### Friday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### Saturday, December 31

4:00 PM - Members of the Parish

### Sunday, January 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM - Special Intention - *Corky & Barb Hastings*  
(25th Wedding Anniversary)

*Note: There will be NO 7:00 PM Regional Mass today.*

<b>Vigil of Christmas Readings</b> Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25	<b>Nativity of the Lord 10:00 PM</b> Isaiah 9:1-6 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14
<b>Nativity of the Lord 10:00 AM</b> Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	<b>Next Week's Readings</b> Number 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

### A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We Joyfully welcome into our faith community the following who have registered at St. Thomas More University Parish during the month of November 1 through December 19:

*M/M James and Kathleen Matyas, M/M Ricardo and Loretta Innocenti, M/M Danile and Kristen Weber, Ms. Joanne Sorrell, M/M Nicholas and Kathryn Irwin and Ms. Tracey Missien.*

### 6th Annual Parish Epiphany Party & Brunch

ALL ARE INVITED to join us on Sunday, January 8, 2012 immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass for our 6th Annual Parish Epiphany Party & Brunch!

For those who are able to do so, please drop off any "covered dish" treats in the Parish Lounge / Kitchen before 10:00 AM Mass. Your culinary contribution is a tremendous help!

There will be music and games for teens, special activities for younger children and Christmas caroling for kids of all ages! Come celebrate the Christmas Season with the entire parish family as we rejoice on this great feast!

### Saint Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of December 25, 2011

Monday, December 26	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, December 27	6:30 PM Mass
	12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, December 28	7:30 AM Mass
Thursday, December 29	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, December 30	7:30 AM Mass
Saturday, December 31	7:30 AM Mass
	8:30 - 10:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, January 1	7:30 AM Mass & 9:30 AM Mass

## FROM THE PASTOR

With so many other bulletin articles this weekend, there is little space for me to add my thoughts, however, it does not take many lines to simply wish one and all a Blessed and Joyful Christmas!

On behalf of the parish staff, I want to personally thank all who have helped in any way to prepare our parish for the Yuletide Season, especially for our holiday liturgies. Your support and enthusiasm to help us make Saint Thomas More University Parish a prayerful, welcoming, and joyful community is deeply appreciated.

May God bless our parishioners, friends of STMUP, and all in the IUP community abundantly as we celebrate Christ's birth!

May the newborn King fill you and your loved ones with peace, hope and all that is good throughout 2012! Rejoice! *Fr. Willie*

## PARISH NOTES

### Holiday Modification of 7:00 PM Regional Mass at STMUP

There will be no 7:00 PM Regional Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Sunday, January 1, 2012).

The 7:00 PM Regional Mass will return to its normal schedule on the Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday, January 8, 2012).

### Simply Christmas CDs NOW AVAILABLE

The Christmas CD's, *Simply Christmas I, II, and III*, produced by Lynne Jones, Chuck Potthast and other STMUP musicians are available after all weekend Masses before Christmas or at the Parish Office during the week.

The suggested donation for these wonderful CDs is \$10 each or 3 for \$25. As in the past, all proceeds go to STMUP's Emergency Assistance Fund. These CDs make great stocking stuffers!

### Catholics Come Home" Evangelization Initiative

We joyfully welcome back to the Catholic Faith those who are returning "home" after being away (for perhaps a long period of time) and those who may be exploring Catholicism for the first time.

We especially embrace and pledge our ongoing support to those who have been away from the Church and have decided to return, seek healing and hunger for the truths we offer. We have missed you!

Some deciding to come "home" may be doing so because of television commercials they have seen through the effort called *Catholics Come Home*.

*Catholics Come Home* commercials are running on major television networks from December 16, 2011 - January 9, 2012 and will encourage people to return if they have drifted away.

The goal of this advertising effort is to bring a message of hope and invitation to the population at large and to rekindle a desire to participate in the Catholic Faith by those who may be moved by the Holy Spirit to deepen their faith.

We encourage you to contact Father Willie or any parish staff member at 724.463.2277 if you have questions on how you can make the journey "home" one that is both rewarding and inspirational.

### Saint Thomas More Community Day

Our 5th annual *Saint Thomas More Community Day* at IUP is scheduled to coincide with the 7:30 PM Men's Basketball game on Saturday, February 18.

If you would like to submit (in writing) a nomination for our 2012 recipient(s), please do so no later than January 15, 2012. Call Father Willie at 724.463.2277, ext. 112 for details.

Free tickets will be available for parishioners, IUP students and friends of the parish. During the game's half-time festivities, our 2012 Saint Thomas More Community Leadership Award will be presented.

Refreshments will be available before the game. Watch the bulletin for details and for news on our 2012 honoree(s).

Plan to attend this fun, family event and celebrate the wonderful gift of leadership demonstrated here at STMUP!

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS****Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Holiday Schedule**

So that all may enjoy the beautiful solemnity of Christmas with family and friends, CGS sessions will not meet this week.

CGS will resume on Monday, January 2, 2012.

**2012 Children and Youth Stewardship Envelopes**

STMUP children and youth aged 5 through 18 (whose parents currently receive envelopes), will begin receiving their own envelopes quarterly, via US mail, in 2012.

This new approach will allow us to more easily maintain our youth envelope database and, in turn, will save time, effort and associated costs.

If parents or youth have any questions or would like additional details concerning this new process, please contact the Parish Office at 724.463.2277.

**Do you have questions about becoming Catholic?**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wondering how an adult can join the Catholic Church? We would be glad to talk with you and tell you about the process for adults called RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please contact Fr. Willie or Mary Beth Palko at the Office or call Theresa Marcus at 814.446.6794 for more information.

**OUT AND ABOUT****Knight of Columbus January Schedule**

January 4 - 7:00 PM - Officer's meeting [Lodge]

January 11 - 7:00 PM - Council meeting [Lodge]

January 22, 2012 - Pig Roast [Lodge]

January 25, 2012 - 7:00 PM Fourth Degree Assembly meeting [Lodge]

**A Heartfelt Thank You from BCF**

*"The Bethlehem Christian Families mission would like to express humble appreciation to the parishioners of Saint Thomas More University Parish for your generosity.*

*It was really a great excitement for us to observe so many kind people who were interested in our religious articles and some expressed their intention to visit the Holy Land in the future.*

*Please remember that all at Saint Thomas More are included in our prayers. Again, thank you for your support in helping us and our brothers and sister in Christ with compassion, dignity and respect. May God bless you."* Roni & Anan Salso

**Catholic Charities offers Natural Family Planning Session**

CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective Natural Family Planning method that can be used to plan pregnancy while following the teachings of the Catholic Church. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning instruction is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Catholic Charities Office in Greensburg.

Participants need only to attend one session. The instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT professional. Pre-registration is required.

Contact Catholic Charities at 724.837.1840, ext. 658 for additional information or to register for an upcoming session.

**March for Life, 2012**

Please reserve, Monday, January 23, 2012 and plan to join us for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Buses will leave the CMA Church parking lot at 6:00 AM and return by 11:00 PM. Please watch future bulletins for more details.

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724.837.0901, extension 221.

**St. Thomas More University Parish  
Holiday Office Schedule**

*Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27, 2011. The Office will reopen on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 9:00 AM.*

*Also... Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012, in observance of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.*

**Let Us Know...**

Let us know... if you or a loved one is ill or at home after being hospitalized and would like prayers or a pastoral visit.

Let us know... if you have a special prayer request(s) and would like your intention(s) to be remembered by those who share in the Ministry of our Parish Prayer Chain.

Let us know... if you, your family members or friends would like to be "links" in our Prayer Chain and provide the spiritual support for those in need of prayer.

Please feel free to contact Fr. Willie or our Pastoral Associate, Cindy Schillinger, at the Parish Office at 724.463.2277, extension 113 or via email at [cschillinger@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cschillinger@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for these and any other pastoral needs or questions you might have!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH****Sunday, December 25**

*A Blessed Christmas to all from Father Willie and the entire staff of Saint Thomas More University Parish & Catholic Student Center!*

**Monday, December 26**

CGS Level I & III will not be in session.

*In observance of Christmas, all Parish and Diocesan Offices will be closed today.*

**Tuesday, December 27**

CGS Level II will not be in session.

*In observance of Christmas, all Parish and Diocesan Offices will be closed today.*

**Wednesday, December 28**

CGS Level I & II will not be in session.

**Thursday, December 29**

CGS Level I & II will not be in session.

**Sunday, January 1**

*Join us in the Lounge for coffee and donuts after the 10:00 AM Mass.*

Just a reminder that YOU can be a sponsor for  
"Donation for Donuts"  
Contact Cindy at 724-463-2277, ext. 113

**OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**December 11, 2011**

Adult: \$6,355.00 Children: \$7.00 Loose: \$1,087.00  
*PledgeConnect: \$829.00*

**Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$8,278.00**

Utilities: \$31.00 Christmas Flowers: \$650.00  
Thanksgiving *Emergency Assistance Fund*: \$2.00

**Children & Family Services Appeal: \$10.0**

**GATHER HYMNALS : \$267.00**

**Immaculate Conception: \$1,284.00**

Envelopes Issued: 650 Envelopes Returned: (49%)  
*PledgeConnect Enrollment: 29 Households*