

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

October 20, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2005  
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Illinois</b> (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>0-21923</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>36-3873352</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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**727 North Bank Lane  
Lake Forest, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**60045**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(847) 615-4096**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 20, 2005, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company ) announced earnings for the third quarter of 2005. A copy of the press release relating to the Company s earnings results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by reference. Certain supplemental information relating to non-GAAP financial measures reported in the attached press release is included on page 10 of Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

99.1 Third Quarter 2005 Earnings Release dated October 20, 2005.

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ David L. Stoehr

David L. Stoehr  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 20, 2005

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