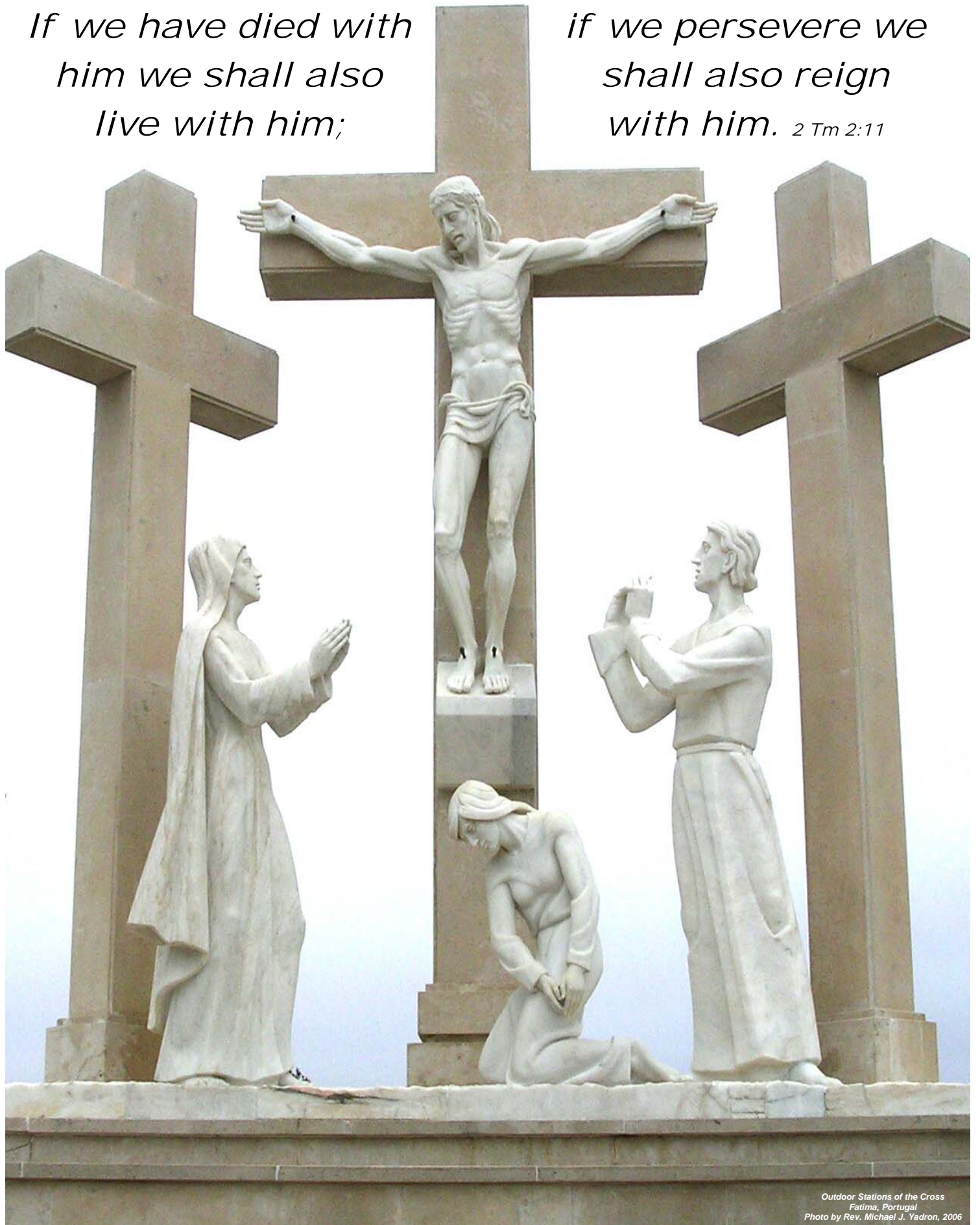


This saying is trustworthy:

*If we have died with
him we shall also
live with him;*

*if we persevere we
shall also reign
with him. 2 Tm 2:11*





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Enriching Catholic Life
New Beginnings
 at St. Thomas More

"To live as a Christian Steward is a conscious, firm decision to respond to the call of Jesus and to imitate His way of life. Stewardship can never be reduced to habits of giving or volunteerism. Because it is rooted in discipleship, stewardship permeates all aspects of Christian Life."



Mission Statement: *The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.*

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Margot Blocher..... Margaret Canady
Catherine Caruso..... Cathy Delgado
Wendy Depa..... Patrick Feeney, Council Chair
Elaine Herrmann..... Nancy Klawitter
Lucy Perz..... Paul Propson
Virgil Ramirez..... Christine Spencer

St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade
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School Phone..... 836-9151 School Fax..... 836-0982
Principal..... Mr. Chet Nordyke; Ext. 328
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School Administrative Assistant..... Mrs. Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
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8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321
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Sacramental Information

Confessions
Saturdays..... 3:30-5:00 p.m.
First Friday..... 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass
Baptisms..... First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly attending at least six months before the baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.
Pre Baptism Class..... 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.
Marriage..... Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.
Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound: Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.

New Parishioner Registration

To make it as convenient as possible for you, new parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

New Parishioner Orientation

New parishioners are invited to attend a New Parishioner Orientation at 9:00 a.m. in the Solar Room on the last Sunday of every month. If you have not yet registered and want more information about our parish, you are welcome to attend the orientation.

St. Thomas More Religious Formation

Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Formation Phone..... 836-8610
Director..... Sister Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B.; Ext. 332
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Peace & Social Justice..... Mr. David Kapala
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Stewardship..... Diane Houser

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Elizabeth Ministry..... Kathy Dominguez 924-9212
Holy Name Society..... Joe Adams 865-3566
Senior Citizens..... Mary Wilson 838-9481
Respect Life..... Alice Wohler 836-5337
Knights of Columbus..... David Trotman 836-4329
Blue Army..... Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779
Finance..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Planned Giving..... Ken Krupinski
Building Maintenance..... Bob Ray 924-6472
Boy Scouts..... Patrick Gorman 923-5156
Cub Scouts..... Curt Anglin 844-2178
Girl Scouts..... Cheryl Meyer 922-9237
Catering/Hall Rental..... Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539
Mom’s Group..... Jo Ann Froehle 853-1417
Ushers Club..... Jim Marmalejo 836-8607

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning.

CELEBRANTS

Saturday, October 20

5:30 pm Father Mike Yadron

Sunday, October 21

6:30 am Father Mike Yadron
 8:00 am Father Mike Yadron
 10:00 am Father Michael Hoffman
 12:00 noon Father Michael Hoffman

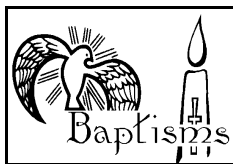
Servers

Saturday, October 20

8:30 am G. & M. Childs
 5:30 pm G. Moya, P. O'Shea, D. Owens,
 E. & K. Papesh

Sunday, October 21

6:30 am M. Hajduch, R. Hauer, M. Kish
 8:00 am R. Gorman, C. Hinojosa, R. McIntyre,
 M. & M. Pukoszek
 10:00 am C. & E. Lusk, C. Mateja, W. McDunn,
 M. McGrath
 12:00 noon J. & V. Foster, P. Heuer



Ryan Harold, son of Richard & Patricia Alvarado
 Jacob Thomas, son of Jason & Natalie Gardner
 Leah Julienne, daughter of Justin & Crystal Maclean

Please return Pyx to the Sacristy or Parish Office

Reach For The Stars.....Annual Bishop Noll Institute Raffle

Prizes include: Grand prize, an automobile and 2nd through 7th prizes, cash money
 Donation: \$10.00. Tickets are available in the Parish Office. You may also call 219-793-9083 for tickets. Drawing to be held October 26, 2007

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, October 14 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Kackos Family by Margaret Thiel
 10:00 am Elsie Lubscher by Dan O'Brien Family
 12:00 noon Philip Candella (Ann.) by Wife Tina

MONDAY, October 15 ~ St. Teresa of Jesus

6:30 am Joseph & Helen Yadron by Family
 8:30 am Stephen Arent (Ann.) by Family

TUESDAY, October 16 ~ St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
 8:30 am Forrest G. Hiple by Rosemary Hiple & Family
 10:00 am Thomas Tobin by Eileen, Dan & Joanie Fiola
(MASS AT MED-INN CAFETERIA, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, October 17 ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch

6:30 am Jeanne Serafin by Daughter Corrine
 8:30 am Andrew Novotny by Evelyn & Roland Kwasny

THURSDAY, October 18 ~ St. Luke, Evangelist

6:30 am Richard Artim by Steffie & Linarae Mueller
 8:30 am Raymond & Isabel Modjeski by Maria Modjeski

FRIDAY, October 19 ~ St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brebeuf & Companions

6:30 am James Della Rocco Jr. by Wife Clarence & Family
 8:30 am Mary Juricic by Daughter Janet Wieser & Grandsons

SATURDAY, October 20 ~ St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 am Ronald Wisniewski by Tom & Pat Scully
 5:30 pm Coleman E. Sills by Wife JoAnne Sills

SUNDAY, October 21 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ World Mission Sunday

6:30 am William C. Gerlach by Wife Dona
 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 10:00 am Jeanette & Stanley Swida by Family
 12:00 noon Deceased STM Ushers by STM Ushers Group



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am often amazed at Mass when dozens of people receive the holy Eucharist and instead of returning to their pews, they make a beeline for the door, off to something or someplace they've deemed more important. The pastor's face says it all: What could be more important to God than taking that little bit of extra time to kneel back down and give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ?

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke reminds us that gratitude is not just a response to a gift; rather, gratitude can lead to much greater things. It opens the heart to charity and tolerance, among many other things. True thankfulness for our gifts leads us to be willing to share those gifts with others and allows us to dismiss the barriers which prevent us from loving one another. Our gratitude and compassion - love - becomes our way of life.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that because Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. (CCC 1418) Such adoration is an expression of gratitude and love. The body and blood of Christ was given up in exchange for our sins. As the hymn says, no greater love is there than this. Take that extra few moments today and give thanks, not just for your gifts but for the ultimate gift of God's love.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, October 14

New Beginnings after 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

2:30 pm Padre Pio Cenacle ~ Chapel

MONDAY, October 15

5:00 pm Spirituality/Worship ~ Conference Room

7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel

7:00 pm Fr. Mike Adult Catechism ~ Solar Room

7:00 pm Holy Name ~ Cafeteria

7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room

TUESDAY, October 16

9:15 am - 6:30 pm ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Chapel

1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel

7:00 pm RCIA ~ Solar Room

7:00 pm Video Bible ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, October 17

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room

1:00 pm Senior Citizens ~ Solar Room

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, October 18

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

7:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting ~ Gym

FRIDAY, October 19

SATURDAY, October 20

New Beginnings after 5:30 pm Mass

9:00 am Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room

7:00 pm Jr. Hi Dance ~ Gym

SUNDAY, October 14

8:00 am - 1:00 pm ~ Blood Drive ~ Gym

New Beginnings after 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

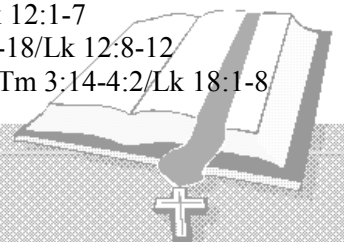
2:00 pm Queen of Peace Cenacle ~ Chapel

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Coleen Alexander	James Grunewald	Valerie O'Donnell
Deborah Ancich	Virginia Hale	Audrey Ostroff
Rudolph Asanovich	Amy Hayes	Marciala Perez
Doris Aurelio	Eleanore Heggi	Gertrude Peters
Maria Aurelio	Marie Henke	Johanna Petruich
Irene Baker	Evelyn Hennes	Elizabeth Pilones
Antonio Belmonte	Ray Humpfer	Irene Rompola
Tom Bernacki	Steve Izzo	Ted Rutkowski
Michael Boston	Elizabeth Jacob	Ann Sardella
Stephany Burney	Jo Jusko	Mary Sarnowski
Dorothy Campbell	Debbie Kaczka	George Sauer
James Campbell	Robert Kalka	Jean Schultz
Al Carollo	Carol Keilman	Marie Schultz
Carol Carollo	Rev. Matthew Kish	Zachery Scriff
Kathleen Cecil	Josephine Knesek	James Secviar
Jacqueline Morrow	Janet Knight	Grace Sheridan
Christian	Ken Kors	Ed Sidor
Vincent Corsello	Helen Krull	Joseph M. Smelko
Mike Curtain	Julia Kukta	Carolyn Smiley
Garrett De Vries	Jerome Kula	Deborah Stareck
Clarena Della Rocco	Lois Kus	Carolyn Sutley
Irene Dickey	Stefan Kwiecien	Georgianne Suto
Leatha Dillon	Karen	Rose Theis
Eugene Dobkowski	Leary-McNamarra	Gerardo Trevino
David Drevniak	Maria Lovell	Anthony Ubuane
Margaret Dubczak	Moirra Mc Shane Lukas	Madeleine Vranken
John Fetzko	Horace Lyle	Adele Wall
Sr. Beatrice Flahaven	Julia Lyle	Sally Walters
Elizabeth Follmer	Gregory Mahoney	Margaret Wegrzyn
John Forde	Kathryn McBride	Annette Wilson
Phyllis Garber	Faye Meny	Tammy Wollersheim
Andrea Garritano	Sandi Merlo	Lucille Wonnell
Joseph Gasiorek	Olga Mihalo	Bill Wyherek
James Gaskey	Gerald Moran	Cecilia Ziegler
Dolores Gerdes	Jean Narvid	
Dorothy Gillespie	Steven Nowaczyk	

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2007

Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



"NOW I KNOW THAT THERE IS NO GOD IN ALL THE EARTH, EXCEPT IN ISRAEL"

Oh yea?
Do we really believe that?
Do we believe in one God?
Do we believe in the God who cleansed Naaman, the Syrian, of his leprosy?
Do we believe in the Son of God who cleansed the ten lepers of their devastating disease?
Do we believe, as Paul stated, that "If we have died with Him, we shall live with Him?"
Do we?
You know, our words come so easily.
We proclaim many beliefs when it comes to our relationship with God.
We say we believe that He created us out of nothing. We say we believe that He sent His Son, as promised, to set us free from sin and death. We say we believe that Jesus Christ did set us free from sin and death by His death on the cross and resurrection three days later.
But, you know what they say. "Talk is cheap."
Our statements of belief do not mean a thing unless we actually begin to live out our faith on a regular basis.
That means that each and every day we choose to accept God's will for our lives.
That means that we pray to God on a regular (translated, daily) basis.
That means that we go out of our way to help the poor and needy.
That means that we follow the example of Christ by forgiving those who wrong us.
That means... Well, I could go on and on; however, I think you get my meaning.
Let us ask God to free us from the "leprosy" of our sin this day. Whatever is our major fault, whatever keeps us from truly embracing the Lord, let us ask God to take that away so that we can be more fervent in our faith.
The world needs believers. The world needs witnesses. In short, the world needs us.
Pope John Paul II used to say quite regularly the same words that he used when he ushered in the new millennium: Be Not Afraid.
With God on our side, all things are possible. They may not be easy, granted. But they are possible.
Do we want the Lord to say to us one day: "Well done, good and faithful servant?" If so, today is the day to begin living anew!

In. Mike

In Memoriam

Priests and deacons have served the Diocese of Gary more than fifty years. Others have served in the territory that is now the Diocese of Gary. Please pray for those men who have been called to God and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

- October 14: Rev. Joseph A. Lamere (1991)
- October 16: Msgr. Julian J. Skrzypinski (1973)
Rev. John T. Ambre (2006)
- October 18: Rev. Herman J. Miller (1978)

YEAH — WHAT HE SAYS!

Recently, in an address to the crowd during an outdoor Mass in Mariazell, Austria, Pope Benedict XVI called on Catholics to protect Sunday as a day of worship in an increasingly busy world.

What a radical concept!

Seriously.

We have so gotten away from the concept of Sunday as a day of worship.

For many people, Sunday as a day of worship only comes about if:

- ⇒ There are no sports games to take the children to
- ⇒ The weather is not good enough to golf
- ⇒ Nothing good is showing at the theatres
- ⇒ We are not scheduled to work
- ⇒ Et cetera

It is so sad that Sunday worship has to take a back seat to so many "more important" activities of daily life.

Nothing should be more important than rendering praise and thanks to the God who has called us into existence and who will call us all home again one day.

We need to skip the excuses and get back to worship — before it is too late.

The frightening thing is that God gave us free will and He is willing to let us go on picking and choosing up to the very end: up to the point where we choose eternity away from Him.

It's not too late: **Keep Sunday Holy!**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One woman was talking to her friend, "You should listen to my neighbor," she says. "She is always bad-mouthing her poor husband behind his back. I think that's so rude. Look at me! My husband is fat, lazy and cheap; but have you ever heard me say a bad word about him?"



Respect Life Corner

First things first. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in last week's annual Rose Sale for Right to Life... especially to Art and Dorothy Giannini who headed it and had Respect Life members distributing at each station; to Len Czapkowicz, the bookkeeper; to Dave Trotman who saw that there were Knights of Columbus available to assist (at every Mass.) And thanks to you our "shoppers", who donated and brought home the beautiful roses, leaving just a few for Mother Mary's statue, in this her Month of the Rosary. The benefits derived for Right to Life activities are innumerable.

Thanks also to our parishioners and friends who took part in the annual Life Chain along Ridge Road last Sunday, from 2 to 3 pm. How encouraging all those beeps of car horns were as supporters drove by!! (Hopefully, that is some indication of a strong pro-life movement across our beautiful country.) (Plan to join us next year when we do this again.)

Thousands of pro-life Americans across the land are peaceably Fasting and Praying for 40 Days for an end to abortion, at Planned Parenthood Clinics across the land, (Merrillville for us) from 9/25 to 11/4. We hope for a group participation at the Clinic in Merrillville from St. Thomas More Respect Life.. If you can join us give a call to 836-5337 or 838-1138 for a day and time to do so. Thank you.



Sacrificial Offering for October 7, 2007

Adults	\$26,632.00
Loose	\$1,209.90
Children	\$1.00
TOTAL	\$27,842.90

Thank you for your generosity!

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Last Sunday morning was a special morning, not just because the New Beginning program got off to a fantastic start, but there was another enthusiastic opening. As I processed in for the 8 o'clock liturgy, I turned around and there in the sixth pew was a little girl wavering excitedly. I smiled and could not help but respond. But as I began my adult self caught me and said "Michael, you are at the altar, there are 600 others people here you cannot go flaying your arm at that little girl. So I gingerly raise my hand, like a school child not sure if he really knew the answer and afraid that he may be wrong, and I wiggled a weak wave.

Unfortunately for many of us that is our response to God.

That encounter with that child brought to life Jesus' words: "I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it" (Mk 10:15). Is that the difference between a saint and me? A saint is one who greets God like a child. A saint has unbridled enthusiasm for God and mine is with restraint, with proper adult reserve, don't want to appear foolish. Remember you are an adult now.

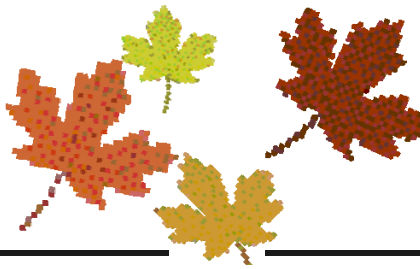
Well I guess I am an adult now because even Myles Connolly's book *Mr. Blue* is reissued in a Loyola Press Classic. The protagonist in this gem of a book was considered odd because he lived the gospel as a modern St. Francis. He filled his life with random acts of kindness and was unfettered by "adult" behavior. He was a free spirit when it came to God. He held the material with disdain. Today he would probably live in **LOVE** instead of a cardboard box.



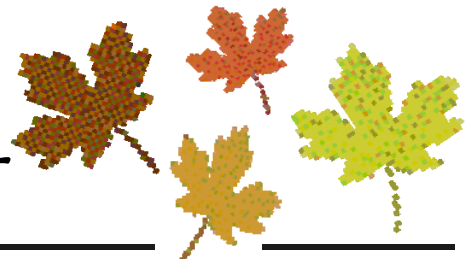
As we become adult we are told we have to act responsible. Generally that means "settle down, get a job, save money, look for the future". But the future an adult is told to look to is a materialistic future. Our real future is so far off, so beyond us, it becomes a childhood fairytale. It is

nice but today I don't have time for such nonsense.

Well that nonsense is the ultimate reality. The ultimate adult responsibility. We need to embrace it like a child with unbridled enthusiasm. That is the reality.



St. Thomas More School's
2007 Inaugural
Harvest Gala



**Harvest Gala
Committee**

Noreen Bickel
Maryanne Bolanowski
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Katie Connelly
Kevin Connelly
Kathy Davidson
Laura Doctor
Sue Doherty
Janet Erickson
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Marcy Grim
Missy Hickey
Samantha Francis
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Suzanne Lusk
Cathy Lyons
Nicolette Martell
Chris O'Brien
Dina O'Brien
Catharine Olsen
Pam Pasyk
Diane Perez
Deb Pillarella
Vicki Skurka
Karen Sliwa
Patti Smith
Vesna Sopcic
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Dear Friend of St. Thomas More School,

September, 2007

St. Thomas More School has proudly served Munster and the surrounding community for nearly 60 years. The St. Thomas More Home and School Association (HSA) continues its focus on financial support of our school. HSA fundraising proceeds enable St. Thomas More School to continue the tradition of providing state-of-the-art Catholic education to almost 600 students while minimizing the ever-rising cost of tuition to parents. In addition, a portion of this year's fundraising will be allocated to the school's future air-conditioning project.

Plans are currently underway to host our inaugural STMS Harvest Gala which will take the place of our annual Mardi Gras. This adult gala on Saturday November 3, 2007 at Villa Cesare will feature live and silent auctions, raffles, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dancing. Harvest Gala will be promoted to school parents, parish members, and the surrounding community with fundraising targeted at \$50,000.

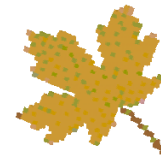
Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts with contributions of merchandise, gift certificates, services, or cash. Additionally, we are once again offering the opportunity to purchase ads in our auction catalog which will be distributed to the nearly 500 guests and posted on-line. We are also offering, once again, the opportunity for a business or individual to sponsor part of the event. Sponsors will be acknowledged at the event by way of a professional sign and will be highlighted in the auction catalog. Print-ready ad copy and sponsorship prices are noted below.

To make a 2007 tax deductible donation, please complete and return the form below to the school or parish office, or call to arrange for a donation pick-up. All of our contributors will be prominently recognized at the Harvest Gala and in our parish bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students, parents and staff of St. Thomas More School.

Sincerely

The St. Thomas More Home and School Association
8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
(219) 836-9151 • Harvest Gala Extension #350



St. Thomas More School is a 501C3 Not-for-Profit organization. Check with your accountant for the deductibility of your donation. IN Tax ID# 35-0900733.



Donor/ Advertising/ Sponsorship Form

Please make all checks payable to St. Thomas More Home & School Association
Please return donation intent form along with your camera ready AD copy **no later than October 18, 2007**

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Donation: _____ Estimated Value: \$ _____

Sponsorship Opportunities

I would like to sponsor a portion of the Harvest Gala Event.

___ \$ 500 Sponsorship ___ \$1,500 Sponsorship

___ \$1,000 Sponsorship ___ \$2,000 Sponsorship

We will contact you with further information.

Print-Ready Ads

___ Full Page (8 1/2" x 11") \$100

___ Half Page (8 1/2" x 5.5") \$75

___ Business Card (3' x 2.5") \$50

(Camera Ready ad copy MUST be enclosed or e-mail the school in order to meet deadlines) e-mailed to the school to meet deadlines)

Donor Level

___ **Platinum Donor**
(Cash, Goods, or Services valued at \$500 or more)

___ **Gold Donor**
(Cash, goods, or services valued at \$250-\$499)

___ **Silver Donor**
(Cash, Goods, or services valued at \$100 to \$249)

___ **Friend Donor**
(Cash, goods, or services valued less than \$100)

Can Corporate Gift Matching increase your donation? STMS is eligible to receive corporate matching funds! Just submit a completed gift matching form with your donation.

TRIVIA NIGHT RESCHEDULED FOR

**Friday, October 19th at 7 p.m.
in the Eagle's Nest**



If you love games and a little
competition...

Plan on attending our first
Trivia Night.

Be sure to register quickly. We are limited to 30 tables. Gather ten adults for an evening of mind-melting trivia and fun. As a table, you will answer 10 rounds of 10 questions. The team with the highest score at the end of the evening goes home with a \$250 prize.

It is a tailgate theme. Bring your own food and we will have a cash bar. The entry deadline is Monday, October 15th.

Return the bottom portion of this flyer with \$100 to reserve your table. Be sure to mark the envelope "Trivia Night."

All checks can be made out to St. Thomas More
Any questions? Email: samhofferthfrancis@sbcglobal.net

Name of Team: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email contact: _____

_____ yes, I am interested in being a corporate "round" sponsor for an extra \$50. There are only 10 rounds available!

(Your company's name will appear at the bottom of a round play sheet. Please enclose a business card or logo with your check for \$50.)

Religious Formation

*"Lord, teach me your ways.
May you inspire me to teach others
forgiveness, peace and reconciliation by
my example."*

Confirmation Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. At least one parent for each Confirmation candidate must attend. Students do not need to attend.

Confirmation Commitment: On November 7/8, during class time, the 8th grade students will participate in a short prayer service and sign their Confirmation commitment form.

Dismissal: To help ease some of the congestion by the doors at dismissal, we are asking the parents who wait in the building by the main office to please stay in the hallway going toward the church and not on the blue carpet.

Mark your calendar:

Oct. 17/18 Class
Oct. 18 Parent Meeting—Confirmation
Oct. 24/25 No Class — Fall Break
Oct. 31/Nov. 1 No Class — All Saints Day
Nov. 7/8 Class
Nov. 14/15 Class
Nov. 21/22 No Class — Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28/29 Class



*Mrs. Perz' 4th Grade ready to learn about
Scripture readings*

CHURCH TOUR CHICAGO

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$65 per person (lunch, tips included)

Coach bus will leave from the St. Thomas More **north** parking lot at 9:00 a.m.
This is an architectural tour. We will discuss the art and design of these churches.

Tour conducted by Fr. Michael Hoffman
Lunch at **Vinci** Restaurant, Halsted Street

We will visit



St. Michael, South Lake Shore Drive



St. Clement, Deming Place



St. Philip Neri, 72nd Street

A minimum of 40 people is needed (maximum 50)

Reservations Are Required no later than October 17th

Please call Mary at 838-9481 or Fr. Hoffman at 836-8610

Dear Parish Family,

The Religious Formation Commission is again planning an Advent Pot Luck Dinner. As we did last year we will be remembering the aroma of baking cookies, lighting the Advent Wreath, the O Antiphons, the Jesse Tree. Decorating the Christmas tree, setting up the Crib with the angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph – waiting for Christmas Eve to place Baby Jesus in the manger, with all the animals waiting.

The Advent Pot Luck Dinner will be Saturday, November the 10th after the 5:30 PM Mass in the Parish Hall/Social Center/Gym. This is the time when we can gather for fellowship, good food, and wonderfully shared memories of Advent and Christmas as we wait for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

We will have the main course waiting for all of us to enjoy! Hot Beef, for those of us who enjoy it and Hot Dogs for the younger crowd! Each of us (that includes us on the Commission and Advent Committee) will bring a dish to share! Families with the initials A – M are asked to bring a salad or casserole and the families with the initials N – Z a desert! (With all of the Great Cooks and Bakers in our Parish – WOW! What a Feast we will be able to share with each other – this is truly something to look forward to!) A Great and Fun event to experience together!

We'll have a short presentation, then, we will enjoy an early "Thanksgiving/Advent" dinner, with the added plus of conversation. What a great chance to meet many more of our Parish Family Members! It is something that we are all looking forward to, plus renewing friendships with Parish Family Members we haven't seen for a while!

After dinner we have Special Guests who will share their country's way of celebrating Christmas. They come from Mexico, Nigeria, Germany, Poland, England, Ireland! What a line-up!

Boric's Religious Goods Store will be there with Advent Wreaths, candles, Bibles, rosaries, books (for all ages) plus much more!

We will have tables setup with chairs so that those who wish may make and take home their treasures!

The Adult Jesse Tree Table for High School and Up, the Elementary and Middle School Circle Jesse Tree Table, The Holy Card magnet Advent Calendar Table for Small to Middle School, Soft Bed for Jesus Table for All ages, Angel Table for All ages, Christkindle Brief for young children, and the Advent single candle Wreath for Elementary and Middle School children.

We will have three teaching tables: 1. History of the Songs of Christmas with an opportunity to learn the meaning of the twelve days of Christmas and to do the drawing that go along with the song. 2. The Lives of the Saints (we'll also have books and cards available for looking at, along with story telling. And 3. Learning about the Blessed Christmas Wafer (Oplaky)

We will have three televisions with VCR/DVD players featuring: 1. Preparing for Christmas 59 minutes by the St. Anthony Messenger Press and Franciscan Communications. 2. Christmas Unwrapped – The History of Christmas by the History Channel. And 3. Saints' Gallery. You may choose from Queen of Saints, St. Valentine, St. Patrick, St. Nickolas and St. Mary Magdalen. 42 minutes. Volume IV - Early Church Leaders features St. Peter, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Paul. 45 minutes. Volume V – Great Women features St. Therese, St. Kateri and St. Edith Stein. 30 minutes.

We would like to have every member of our Parish Family attend, if only for the fellowship! We want YOU there! Please come and join us – November 10th (Saturday after the 5:30 PM Mass) RSVP by October 29th by calling the Parish Office at 836-8610 or Elaine at 838-6973 to let us know that you are coming or by filling out the RSVP at the bottom of the page and put it in the Collection Basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office again, by October 29th.!Looking forward to seeing YOU,

The Religious Formation Commission Advent Committee

Elaine Caco, Chairman, Marian Alonzo, Ann D'Orazio, Mary Jo Humpher
Cindy Keilman, Dorothy Kovach, Joy McCullough, Helen Mapalad, Sasha
Murphy, Margit O'Connor, Catherine Pfister, Eslynn Tabion and Rose Uwidia

RSVP Form: Name _____

I/We are planning on attending the Advent Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, November 10th after Mass

Number of Adults _____ Number of children _____

I/We are interested in the projects for small children _____ School Children _____

High School/College students _____ All age projects _____

We are interested in viewing Preparing for Christmas _____ History of Christmas _____

Saints Gallery Volume I ___ Volume II ___ Volume III ___ Volume IV ___ Volume V ___

We are interested in purchasing _____

I/We are unable to attend but are interested in _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____



**Are you a Catholic Youth,
In grades 6-12?
YOU CAN BE A VINCENTIAN TOO!**

**ST THOMAS MORE
ST VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH CONFERENCE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

<u>SERVICE ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE AND LOCATION</u>
Bunco Play Bunco with residents	Sat. Oct 13, 2007 9:45-11:00 am, Meet at Med Inn
Planning Meeting Officer Nominations	Sun. Oct 14, 2007 1PM, Teacher's Lounge
Bunco Play Bunco with residents	Sat. Oct 20, 2007 9:45-11:00 am, Meet at Hartsfield Village
Holy Innocents Hay Rack Ride Play Bunco with residents	Sat. Oct 27, 2007 Time: TBD Meet at STM Parish Office

Permission slips available in the Parish Office and are required for any activity outside of Munster. Please drop your child off at the Buncos as noted on the schedule. For more information, please call adult leaders Joy McCullough at 838.4104 or Kathy Dominguez at 924.9212

DCCW Quarterly Meeting

Gary Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet on Wednesday October 17, 2007 at Our Lady of Consolation, 8303 Taft St. Merrillville, Indiana. General Meeting starts at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon - \$4.00 per person. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Barbara Shaver and Ruth Banas will be attending, if you would like to attend please contact Ruth at 836-5387 so we can car pool.

Ladies this is an opportunity to meet the ladies from other parishes!!

REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN

All are invited to attend the Rosary Prayer Service for those who have been touched by the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or any other childhood death near the Providence Statue in St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery, 1547 - 167th Street in Hammond, on Sunday, October 14, at 2:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, the service will take place in the chapel. Participating in the prayer service will be Rev. Theodore Mens, the Knights of Columbus Honor Guards and Elizabeth Ministers. For more information or to have your child's name acknowledge, please call Jill at 844-9475, Sue at 838-5755 or Kathy at 924-9212.

MANY BENEFITS !!!

The members of our S.T.M. Senior Citizens Club enjoy socializing and we also gain many other benefits. Prayers are always said for our sick and deceased members. We show concern for our members with prayers, get well cards and many personal phone calls.

Once a year we attend a Mass for all our deceased members. In case of a member's death we have a Mass said for them and we gather to say a full Rosary at the wake. Besides bringing comfort to the family we find it spiritually rewarding to pray for our good friends.

We are a group of seniors who show concern for each other and who also enjoy socializing, playing bingo or cards and supporting our church with their various activities.

MORE REASONS TO JOIN US !!!

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 17TH
IN THE SOLAR ROOM AT 1 P.M.**

S.T.M. SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Holy Name News

Attention all members! Our next meeting will take place on Monday, October 15th in the Cafeteria. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Come early at 7:00 pm for the praying of the rosary. We will conclude the meeting with a short video followed by pizza and refreshments. Remember the \$100 cash raffle. New members welcome!

