

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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Pre-School through 8th Grade

Office Hours: Monday– Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			
Web Site	www.stm-school.com		
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Sacramental Information

Confessions	
Saturdays	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
First Friday	
Baptisms	First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Parents must be	registered parishioners and regularly at-
tending at least s	ix months before the Baptism. At least
one of the godpa	rents must be a practicing Catholic.
Pre Baptism Class	2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Parents must call the Pa	arish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.
Marriage Mus	st be a registered, practicing member of the
parish at least six	x months before beginning the six month
preparation prog	ram for marriage.
Communion colle and	visits to Hagnitals and Hamahaunds Call

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.

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade Office Hours:M-F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Religious Education Phone	830-8010
Director	Mrs. Sandra Morgan; Ext. 332
Administrative Assistant	Carolyn McGill; Ext. 336
Grades K through 8 ~ Wednesday or Thu	ursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education	Mrs. Barbara Topete
Parish Life	Mrs. Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice	Ms. Mary Silvasi
Spirituality & Worship	Mrs. Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship	

Parish Organizations

Parish Organizations		
Altar & Rosary Society	Cindy Keilman 923-9862	
Blue Army	Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779	
Boy Scouts		
Building Maintenance	Bob Ray 924-6472	
Catering/Hall Rental	Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539	
Cub Scouts		
Career Networking Group	Christine Spencer 836-8610	
Elizabeth Ministry	Pam Domasica 838-7940	
Finance	Barbara Shaver 838-9200	
Gabriel Project		
Girl Scouts	Julie Buksa 922-1182	
Holy Name Society	Joe Adams 865-3566	
Knights of Columbus	Stan Lewandowski 836-1878	
K of C Columbian Squires	Richard Alvarado 614-3743	
Moms' Group		
Planned Giving	Ken Krupinski	
Respect Life	Alice Wohler 836-5337	
Senior Citizens	Joan Klein 923-5993	
The Travelers Club	Lois Quinn 836-7902	
Ushers Club		

Celebrants

Saturday, November 3

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, November 4

6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron 10:00 a.m. Fr. Ben Ross 12:00 Noon Fr. Ben Ross

Servers

WEDNESDAY, October 31—All Saints Day Vigil

4:00 pm A. Zaleski, C., E. & F. Beckman, R. Jachna

MC ~ Steven

Thursday, November 1 — All Saints Day

5:00 pm J. & M. Peters, K. Yaeger, A. Bilse,

M. Blocher/ MC ~ Joey

7:00 pm J. Surd, D., E. & S. Trivunovic, S. Cloghessy

 $MC \sim Joe O$.

FRIDAY, November 2

8:30 pm S. Lyons, A. Zajakowski

Liturgy of Remembrance

7:00 pm E. & V. Zaczyk, M. DiCarlo/ MC ~ Lauren

SATURDAY, November 3

8:30 am B. Peters, M. Hrinda

5:30 pm A. & A. Chronowski, S. Donovan,

C. Erickson, L. Forszt/ MC ~ Greg

SUNDAY, November 4

6:30 am E. & S. Johnson, J. Kleszynski

8:00 am B. Hanusin, S. Kenning, N. Kunas,

A. Zaleski, K. Yaeger/ MC ~ Chris

10:00 am S. & R. Hamill, M. Fugger, O. Lerma,

M. Lee/ MC ~ Nick

12:00 pm E. Diaz, D. Dy, J. Malungcot

MC ~ Alyssa

Wedding Banns

II — Ken Keilman & Lyndsay Kleffman

Care Ministry

If a friend or loved one would like to receive Communion at home, call the Pastoral Care Office at 836-8610, #315.



Jeffrey Gerdes • Mona Powers

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, October 28 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Chester & Elizabeth Ross by Jim & Carol Zaczyk & Family

10:00 am Mary Somenzi by Husband Fred Somenzi

12:00 pm John J. & Patricia S. Thomas by Maura & Michael Rowley

MONDAY, October 29

6:30 am Bruno Zabukas by Irena & Arunas Draugelis

8:30 am Leslie Garcia by Serrano Family

TUESDAY, October 30

6:30 am Cyril Moran (Ann.) by Wife & Daughters

8:30 am Intention of Celebrant

10:00 am Robert Wierzbinski by Cheryl Steinhauer

(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, October 31

6:30 am Helen Coughlin-Ehrlich by Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Thompson

8:30 am Carmen Burns by Jim & Mona Callahan

4:00 pm Robert Nowak (Ann.) by Wife Ann & Family

(Please note time of Vigil Mass)

THURSDAY, November 1 — All Saints Day

6:30 am Evelyn Alikpala (Ann.) by Tabion Family

9:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

5:00 pm Mark Marczak by Tracy Slough

7:00 pm Thomas Gilboe by Joyce Klisser

FRIDAY, November 2 — All Souls Day-First Friday

6:30 am Emilio Dimalanta by Napoleon & Lynn Santos

8:30 am Bill & Richard Manchak by Wife and Mother

SATURDAY, November 3 — Blessed Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom

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8:30 am Josephine Bonefacic (Ann.) by Family

5:30 pm Edward Donovan (Ann.) by Wife Olga and Family

SUNDAY, November 4-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Mary Silvasi (Ann.) by Daughters Mary & Nancy

10:00 am Asuncion F. Serrano (Ann.) by Serrano Family

12:00 pm Ed Wolak by Wife Joan

November Nursery Schedule

Sunday, November 4

Jill Bochenek • Michelle Wendlinger
Casey Perz

*Sunday, November 11*Ann Harkenrider • Kaaren Mashura

*Sunday, November 18*Kathy Pala • Courtney Weinberg

Sunday, November 25 Holly Harle • Casey Perz



We are located in the church narthex and open during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes we can't see the things that are right in front of us. It's not that we're blind. Instead, we are distracted. That's one reason so many states or municipalities have outlawed texting while driving. It is said that drivers that are texting are taking their eyes off the road for a minimum of five seconds. Most do it for a longer time. At highway speeds a car will travel four-hundred-forty feet, almost one-and-a-half times the length of a football field. A lot can happen in that distance, including a crash. Of course, one doesn't have to be texting while driving to run into something while distracted. Running into someone can happen almost anywhere. It just so happened that blind Bartimaeus was in the right location to run into Jesus. Well, he didn't actually "run" into him. Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road and the crowds passed him by, and when he heard what all the hubbub was about, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus asking to be healed. The noise of the crowd provoked Bartimaeus, and in turn, the cries of Bartimaeus broke through the noise to catch the attention of Jesus. Sometimes things happen in our own lives that break through the distractions that may surround us every day. Illness is one of those times that changes how we interact with the world. Our routine is broken. We're no longer on cruise control. We have to reassess where we're at. One of the things that we can do when we're sick is ask to celebrate the sacrament of anointing of the sick. This prayer for healing can bring family and friends together to ask for comfort and hope in a time of trial and distress. The sacrament doesn't guarantee full health. But it is our Catholic prayer, asking God to restore us to the community of faith and to make us whole again so that we can serve others.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Margaret Amatulli Doris Aurelio Maria Aurelio Irene Baker John Baker Antonio Belmonte Tom Bernacke Michael Berry Michael Blazevich Laverne Blumka Michael Boston Cheryl Bostrom Stephany Burney Dorothy Campbell James Campbell Thomas Cak Al Carollo Carol Carollo Helen Charlet Jacqueline Morrow Christian Frank Coman Vincent Corsello Mike Curtain Joseph Cwiok Margaret Demkovich Lucille Detterline Irene Dettmer Ann DeVoy MaryPat Devoy Irene Dickey Jeanine Doescher Alex Eiland John L. Estrada Sherlon Evans Virginia Fitzgerald John Forde Phyllis Garber Andrea Garritano Dorothy Gillespie Margaret Good Howard Gralewski James Grunewald Eileen Hasse

Amy Haves Eleanore Heggi Marie Henke Evelyn Hennes Ray Humpfer Steve Izzo Dennis Jablonski Elizabeth Jacob Barbara Jamrose Stanley Jayjack Rosemary Jerzak-Staszel Debbie Kaczka Robert Kalka Margaret A. Kapala Jim Kaspar Robert Kaspar Carol Keilman Patricia Kerr Rev. Matthew Kish Josephine Knesek Janet Knight Alice Kolember Miller Krizmanic Jerome Kula Roland Kwasny Debbie Le Monier Gene Leahy Mary Leahy Jo Lisiniewicz Edward Liskiewicz Stanley Liskiewicz Maria Lovell Carole Mackey Charlene Madura Gregory Mahoney Mary Manchak Brady Martin Alex Mau Joseph McShane Faye Meny Sandi Merlo Stephanie Mueller

Olga Mihalo

Andrew Moll

Donna Nichols Steven Nowaczyk Valerie O'Donnell Danny Ogren Emily Orosco Irene Orzel Audrey Ostroff Johanna Petruch Andrew Pieczyrak Elizabeth Pilones Sylvester Porras Timothy Ribble Kristen Rubin Anthony Saklaczynski Rita Sajna Ann Sardella George Sauer Marie Schultz Marianne Schwartz William Schwartz Zachery Scriff James Secviar Jim Seul Renee Shehan Nick Skinner Lydia Skorupa Carolyn Smiley George Sperl Deborah Stareck Florence Stevens Georgianne Suto Celine Szczepaniak Rose Theis Gerardo Trevino Anthony Ubuane Tony Vanden Heuvel Julia Vrbanich Pam Wadycki Adele Wall Cecilia Ziegler

Elissa Moll

David Moll

Jean Narvid

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, October 28

St. Vincent De Paul Food Collection at All Masses

MONDAY, October 29

Market Day Pick-Up in the Gym from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

7:00 pm Schola/Exultation ~ Church 7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel

TUESDAY, October 30

9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel

1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel 7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

St. Catherine of Siena Presentation in the Church—7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 31

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room 4:00 pm Vigil Mass for All Saints Day

No Scripture Study, Religious Education Classes or RCIC

THURSDAY, November 1—All Saints Day Masses at 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, November 2 — All Souls Day Liturgy of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

SATURDAY. November 3

Altar & Rosary Arts & Craft Bazaar ~9:00 am-3:00 pm- Gym

SUNDAY, November 4

St. Vincent De Paul Food Collection at All Masses Altar & Rosary Arts & Craft Bazaar ~9:00 am-3:00 pm- Gym

Sacrificial Offerings for October 21st



 Adult
 \$ 21,726.00

 Loose
 \$ 2,350.00

 Children
 \$ 159.17

 TOTAL
 \$ 24,235.17

Respect Life Corner

40 Days for Life continues until November 4th.

1) Pray & fast for an end to abortion.

2) Participate in protests at the Planned Parenthood Clinic at 8645 Connecticut (off Broadway and Route 30) in Merrillville.

3) Encourage others to join the battle against abortion.

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2012

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 4:32---5:8/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are Wednesday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Remember the Vigil Mass is at 4:00 p.m. so that you may be home for Trick-or-Treat.

The feast speaks volumes to us.

You and I, after all, are "saints in the making."

We are called to holiness each and every day of our lives.

The manner in which we respond to that call will, ultimately, determine what happens to us when we are called to the Lord.

So many people think that it would be impossible to become a saint. After all, they say, the saints did HUGE things that so many of us would not be able to duplicate.

However, the saints — the "biggies" as well as the run-ofthe-mill ones — became saints simply be responding "yes" to God's call each day.

That is all.

There is no magic formula.

There are no huge hurdles to jump.

There is simply the willing response to the call to holiness.

Of course, that call has helped many people to do heroic things. Maximilian Kobe offered his life in exchange for the life of another prisoner in the concentration camp. Francis of Assisi gave up everything and established an order that exists to today. Mother Teresa of Calcutta believed in the dignity of all people and brought in the dying so that they could die in loving arms.

None of them would have predicted their actions. They simply "went with the flow" of grace given to them.

May we go with that same flow so that we, too, may attain the glory of God in heaven one day!

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls.

On that day, we remember all of our loved ones — saints-in-the-making — who have been called to the Lord. In a special way, we pray for the souls in purgatory, that they may soon rejoice in the presence of the living God.

November is traditionally a month in which we remember the dead.

Please pray for those who have died and who no longer have anyone to remember them.

Please pray, as well, for those who have been left behind. Grief is a very powerful reality and one that can cripple someone who has experienced loss. If you know someone who needs help in dealing with their grief, it would be a kindness to suggest that they contact **The Wounded Healers** (924-5577).

Eternal rest grant to all the souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!



PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

October 29: Rev. Walter S. Pawlicki (1980)

Rev. Leo J. Armbruster (1994)

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

The Town of Munster's Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

The Munster Police Department encourages parents and children to walk together and to report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity immediately by dialing 836-6600 or 911.

To all of our ghosts and goblins, vampires and werewolves, mad scientists and Frankensteins, please, please, please be careful. Watch for traffic as they often do not watch for you.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send your angels to watch over those who will be Trick-or-Treating Wednesday evening. Grant them your protection, keep them safe from harm.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

YEAR OF FAITH MAGNIFICAT

In the mail recently, you received a Magnificat that runs through the Year of Faith (October 11, 2012 - November 24, 2013). We hope that you will enjoy and use the publication prayerfully.

If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive a copy yet, it should be on the way. They appear to have been delivered in batches.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, a volunteer used to take her 4-year-old daughter on her afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day the volunteer found her daughter staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As the mother braced herself for the inevitable barrage of questions, her daughter merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"



Liturgy of Remembrance

November is a special time of year for the
Roman Catholic Church. It commemorates those who have gone
before us in special ways as it celebrates the
Feast of All Saints and All Souls. After the Feast of All Souls
(November 2nd) the remainder of the month is dedicated to
remembering the faithful departed.

Remembering our loved ones is so very important to us. When we take the time to bring them to mind, we experience a multitude of feelings that help lead us to come to terms with our grief and to bring us healing.

The entire parish community of St. Thomas More invites you to participate in our annual

Liturgy of Remembrance All Souls Day

Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Following this Liturgy of Remembrance will be a reception for our bereaved families. We ask that

our parish contribute by bringing some baked finger goods to the parish office by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd.

Meditations

To receive Fr. Mike's daily meditations via email, please send your name and email address to: **meditations@stm-church.com** Fr. Mike will add you to the list to receive his daily email.

Lectors & Greeters

Lectors for Week of October 28th

Wednesday, October 31st 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Adam Baran & Richard Lasky

Thursday, November 1st All Saints Day 5:00 pm Mass

Jayne Gardner & Maryanne Topor

7:00 pm Mass Judy Buksa & Charles Helms Saturday, November 3rd 5:30 pm Mass

Chris Balbo & Lou Chronowski

Sunday, November 4th 6:30 am Mass

Loretta Krawczyk & Phil McIntosh 8:00 am Mass

Dan Buksa & Linda Stefanich

10:00 am Mass

Julius Ballanco & Theresa Kowalski

12:00 Noon

Bernadine Barrett & Maryann Pancheri

Greeters for Weekend of November 3rd & 4th 5:30 pm Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway

6:30 am Mass

Main: Marilynne Ciric Chapel: Marcia Autry Choir: Tim & Karen Rutz

8:00 am Mass

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil Chapel: Tom & Linda Brady Choir: Kristie & Katie Kordeck and Cali Grzybowski 10:00 am Mass

Main: Maldonado Family Chapel: Miller Family Choir: Sam & Bev Maravilla

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Diane Grawlewski Chapel: Krieg Family Choir: Joyce Stodola

Religious Education



October Schedule

31 No Class

November Schedule

- 1 No Class All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 7/8 Class
- 14/15 Class
- 21/22 No Class Thanksgiving Vacation
- 28/29 Class

December Schedule

- 5/6 Class
- 11 Tuesday-Confirmation Retreat for All 8th Graders 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the STM Gym
- 12/13 Class
- 19/20 Class
- 26/27 No Class—Christmas Break

St. Thomas More is partnering with Sojourner Truth House in a charitable experience called the Box Program. This event may be used as a Confirmation service project for eighth graders.

The project is simple: Take a shoe box from home and fill it with toiletries such as soap, hair brushes, deodorant, shampoos and conditioners for women and/or children.

Please have them turned in to your teacher by

November 8, 2012.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and making a difference in the life of disadvantaged women and children who are struggling to break the cycle of poverty.

Religious Education Office —(219) 836-8610

Mrs. Sandi Morgan (Ext. 322) -Director of Religious Education Mrs. Carolyn McGill (Ext. 336)—Administrative Assistant

The Religious Education Department and the 6th grade students want to extend their appreciation to the generous anonymous donor who provided each student with a bible. God Bless you for the 58 bibles.

Senior Citizens

All meetings are held at the Kish Community Room located at 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster at 1:00 p.m., unless noted.

Wednesday, November 7th

Regular Meeting with Guest Speaker: Melanie Whitefield Speaking on the Impact of Alzheimer's

Wednesday, November 21st Social Gathering

Wednesday, December 5th

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Party at Teibel's (Reservations Required)

Wednesday, December 19th

Social Gathering



Harvest Gala Committee

Dan Buksa Julie Buksa Mercedes Burgos-Diaz Liz Cabrales Amy Castillo Katie Connelly Kevin Connelly Carla Covelli Jennifer Fischer Marie Forszt Chris Friis Cindy Friis Jennifer Halun Eric Miller Kris Miller Sarah Sajn Susie Thompson Kellene Urbaniak Yolanda Walsh Lori Whelan

Jennifer Zabrecky Sheri Zuccarelli Dear Friend of St. Thomas More School:

St. Thomas More School has proudly served Munster, Indiana and the surrounding community for over 60 years. The St. Thomas More Parents Association (STMPA) continues its focus on financial support of our school. STMPA fundraising proceeds enable St. Thomas More School to continue the tradition of providing state-of-the-art Catholic education to over 600 students while minimizing the ever-rising cost of tuition to parents.

Plans are currently underway to host our annual STMS Harvest Gala. This adult only gala on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana, will feature live and silent auctions, raffles, cocktails, dinner, and dancing. The 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. We are also offering the opportunity for a business or individual to sponsor part of the event. Print-ready ad copy and sponsorship prices are noted below.

We are offering you an opportunity to sponsor a table. Your business information will be prominently displayed on a dinner table, and if you'd like, we will put "giveaways" (magnets ,pens, etc) at each place setting on your sponsored table. Your name will also be highlighted on a special page in our auction catalog as a table sponsor. Table sponsorship details are noted below. If you choose to provide giveaways, a committee member will contact you to arrange for pickup.

To make a 2012 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. We thank you in advance for your support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students, parents and staff of St. Thomas More School.

Sincerely,

The St. Thomas More Parents Association 8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

(219) 836-9151 × x350 | email: stmharvestgala@gmail.com

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 School.

Please return donation intent form along with your camera ready AD copy no later than October 12, 2012.

Donor's Name:	3 6 2	s Address:	
(as you wish it to appear) Contact Person:	Phone:	E-mail	
Donation:		Estimated Value:	\$

Event Sponsorship

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

- \$ 500 Sponsorship
- ____ \$1,500 Sponsorship

\$2,000 Sponsorship

- _____ \$1,000 Sponsorship
- We will contact you with further information.

Print-Ready Ads

Full Page (81/2" x 11") \$100

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

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

(You can include a copy or e-mail us at stmharvestgala@gmail.com with the attachment)

Table Sponsorship

_ Table Sponsor \$250

___ We would like to provide "giveaways" for each place setting. (10 per table)

We are not interested in providing giveaways.

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. 8435 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321 (219) 836-9151, ext. 350 | Tax ID# 35-0900733

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL NEWS

Carson's Community Days

Friday and Saturday, November 9th & 10th.

Don't miss it! Help STMS by purchasing your \$5 Carson's Community Days booklet at the school or parish office prior to November 9th and get some great savings for yourself. Over \$400 in savings is included in each booklet.

Harvest Gala



Harvest Gala Raffle Tickets

Find Bountiful Cash Raffle tickets in the school or parish office or purchase raffle tickets this weekend,

October 27th & 28th after all Masses

1st Prize—\$1,000 • 2nd Prize—\$750 • 3rd Prize—\$

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Harvest Gala Invitations

Everyone is invited to this year's Harvest Gala to be held on November 10th at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster. Harvest Gala invitations and instructions for purchasing Harvest Gala tickets can be found on the parish website at *stm-church.com*. (go to: *St. Thomas More School/School's Home Page/Harvest Gala Information*).

Please purchase tickets by October 31st! You can now purchase Gala tickets via PayPal.

Ultra Foods for Education Dollars Program

Ultra Foods is once again running their Ultra Food for Education Dollars Plan program for it's shoppers!

They are accepting all receipts dated on or after September 27, 2012. Receipts can be put in the display box near the school office.

Ultra will reimburse the school 5% of the total that they

Ultra will reimburse the school 5% of the total that they receive in receipts through the end of January 2013.

It's a win-win for all of us and we appreciate your help!

Altar & Rosary Society

Wednesday, November 14th ~ Solar Room at 6:45 p.m. Guest Speaker, Susan Anglin will tell us about the T.R.I.P. Gift Card program that benefits STM School.

Wednesday, December 12th ~ Cafeteria at 6:45 p.m. Christmas Supper and Holiday Program

The Benedictine Way

Looking for a balanced life, spiritual growth, attention to body, mind and spirit? Consider joining our spiritual prayer group following the vows of St. Benedict. The Rule rests on three main vows of *Stability, Conversion* and *Obedience* & revolves around *Prayer, Work, Study, Hospitality* and *Renewal*. To learn more on The Benedictine Way visit www.benedictfriend.org.

Please join the St. Thomas More Chapter the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at STM.



Oblates Day Retreat in Rock Island, IL. Shown are: Chuck Brown, Sr. Mary Jean Feeney and Christine Spencer.

Children's Choir

Any children of the parish are invited to join the Children's Choir. Practices take place one hour before the Saturday evening Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. Please join us on the following dates:

November 3 •November 24
December 8 •December 24-Christmas Eve
(A special rehearsal time will be announced for December 24th)

Help Keep Children Warm

Now through December 21st, the Northwest Indiana Catholic will accept your contributions of new or handmade hats, gloves, and scarves for children of all ages. Monetary donations for the purchase of these much-needed items are also being accepted. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please complete the form below and mail, with your check, to:

Caps for Kids c/o Northwest Indiana Catholic 9292 Broadway • Merrillville, IN 46410

For more information, please call (219) 769-9292, ext. 249.

Yes! I want children in need to have warm heads and hands this winter. Enclosed is my contribution to the 15th Annual Caps for Kids Collection.

Please make checks payable to Caps for Kids.

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Come! Be Inspired! Don't Miss It!

Everyone is invited to attend.

The STM Religious Formation/Education Commission sponsors Sr. Nancy Murray as she performs

St. Catherine of Siena
A Woman for Our Time
An inspiring one-woman show for people of all ages.

Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the STM Church.

"If you believe how much God loves you, you can change many things. Don't give up on the Church. Believe in it, its struggles and pain, and be a part of making a difference."

St. Catherine's voice is needed more than ever today.

Through the magic of theater, Sister Nancy Murray, sister of actor and comedian Bill Murray, conjures a believable St. Catherine who understood that love of God is love of neighbor. Her one-woman, bravura performance enchants, informs and inspires adult parishioners and school children, alike. She has taken her performance across the U.S. and around the globe, sharing her message worldwide.



Andrean Open House

Andrean High School is hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come meet the Andrean family!

Administration, faculty and staff will be available to answer questions. Tours of the building will be given by our students.

Please enter through Door L in the back of the school. Questions? Please contact Admissions

Director Dawn Wojkovich at (219) 887-5281, ext. 228 or dwojkovich@andreanhs.com.

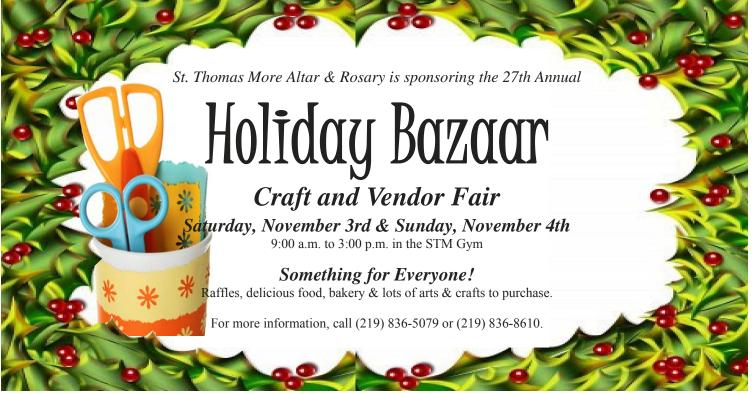
Bishop Noll Fall Raffle

Grand Prize:

\$20,000 Cash

2nd Place Prize: \$5,000 Cash 3rd Place Prize: \$2,000 Cash 4th-7th Place Prize: \$500 Cash TOLL INGINE

Donation: \$10.00 Drawing: November 26, 2012 For further ticket sales information, please contact Bishop Noll Advancement Office (219) 932-9058 Tickets are available in the STM Parish Office.



Free Flu Shots

Free flu shots will be given to people who do not have Medicaid or Medicare coverage on

Sunday, October 28th at 12:00 Noon

in the Solar Room.

If you do not have medical insurance or your insurance doesn't cover flu shots, please come attend for your free flu shot. No appointments necessary, first come, first served.

Gabriel Project

The next Gabriel Project meeting will be on Saturday, November 10th at 9:30 a.m.

in the Solar Room.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our important and very rewarding ministry is invited to join us.

Please keep all of our mothers in your prayers.

Holy Name Society

Our next meeting will take place on

Monday, November 19th in the Solar Room

We will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by our regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A movie and refreshments will conclude the evening.

New members are always welcome.

P.S. Please submit your yearly dues by mail, deliver to the parish office or place in the collection basket. Thank you.

Vocations Committee

A Vocation Prayer

Jesus, a high priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call young men and women to your service, as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, brothers and sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their child so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom. Amen.

New "Venture Program"



Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for *young men and women* who are between the ages of 14 to 21.

Venturing's purpose is to provide

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Interested in starting a Venture Program at St. Thomas More Church?

For more information please call Paul Liszewski at 219-864-1082, or send an email to TBirdDistrict@aol.com. Scouting is the most successful youth organization at STM!! If young men and women are interested, Scouting has the program for you!!



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
70% of Jobs are Found through Networking
15% Found through Search Firms
10% Found through Want Ads
4% Create Their Own Jobs •2% Blindly Send Resumes

Thursday, November 15, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Laugh Away Stress

by Dynamic & Inspirational Speaker

Tanaz Bamboat

- Improve Your Circulatory System
- Reduce Anxiety, Depression & Relieve Pain
 - Find Freedom from Stress
- Boost Your Health for a Stronger Immune System
- Boost Self-Confidence to Encourage Creativity & Serenity

Free! Open to All!

For those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, employed or who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.

Have your resume reviewed by a professional.



My Two Cents

Thoughts on Living Stewardship

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blindness was a common affliction in ancient times. Blindness was believed to be the result of sin. But God turns things up-side down: a man without eye sight was the one who possessed the clearest vision of who Jesus really was. We no longer connect blindness with sin, but consider spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness is whatever holds us back from a full Christian life. What is the weakest link in your faith life? Do you lack trust in God? Do you suffer from a failure to really believe the good news? Do you have a weakness in your prayer life? Do you have a reluctance to do good—especially for those who have harmed you?

Seeking STM Mentor Families

Our New Parishioner Welcome Ministry is well underway and we have successfully welcomed many new families to our parish. We are still seeking *more* current St. Thomas More parishioners to join our group and serve as mentors for a new parish family. What is the obligation? One phone call every two to four weeks for a couple of months to your assigned family to answer any questions and make them feel welcome, attend our next luncheon on Sunday, November 11th (free for you and your family), and be happy to make some new friends. We welcome everyone to join us: couples, families with children & single parishioners. Please contact Theresa Hawryszkow at *welcome@stm-church.com*.

Events in the Area...

Polonia Bus Trip to Chicago

The Polonia Pilgrimage Society is hosting a trip/tour of Holy Innocents Catholic Church & St. Nicholas Ukranian Catholic Cathedral, with stops at a Polish restaurant, deli and bakery in Chicago on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Luxury coach departs at 9:00 a.m. from All Saints Catholic Church in Hammond, IN (returning between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.). \$56.00 per person includes lunch, tips & donations. Reservations due by October 29th. Space is limited. Contact Theresa Child at (219) 464.1369 or email: polamnwi@yahoo.com.

Share Fundraiser

All are invited to the "Share Our Dreams" Gala on

November 2, 2012 at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts in Munster. All proceeds from the event will benefit Share Foundation With the Handicapped. Call (219) 778-2585 or email: share@sharefoundation.org. We hope to see you there.

Marriage Building

"Marriage and the Eucharist" presented by Dr. James Healy, Director of Family Ministry for the Joliet Diocese and Fr. Sammie Malletta, Pastor of SJE Church. Saturday, November 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$10 per person or \$15 per

couple. Limited child care is available for age 3 and older if you register in advance. All married and engaged couples are invited. To learn more: cfi@stjohnparish.org

Area Craft Fairs

All Saints Church in Hammond

Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Sunday includes a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale, too).

Our Lady of Grace in Highland

The Altar & Rosary Sodality of OLG invites you its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Arts, crafts, bakery, floral & holiday decorations & more. Italian beef & sloppy joes on Saturday; donuts & beverages on Sunday.

St. Matthias in Crown Point

Craft Fair on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Great Christmas gifts and autumn décor.

St. John Bosco in Hammond

Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Vendors and crafters will be exhibiting. Something for everyone: bakery, raffles and so much more.

Laudate Concert Series

The next concert in the Laudate Series at St. John Evangelist Church in St. John will be on Sunday, November 4th at 3:00 p.m. "Worthy of Praise" will be performed by 'Inspired', the Praise Band of St. John Evangelist. All are invited. Call (219) 365-5678.

Pancake Breakfast

An all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 11th in the St. John the Baptist Panel Room, located at 1844 Lincoln Avenue in Whiting from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Second Chance 4 Pets Network which is dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation by providing free spaying and neutering, medical funds for injured pets and

> maintaining a rescue & \$5 each and are available at the door. For more information about Second Chance or the breakfast, call

adoption program. Tickets are Joe at (219) 659-3147.

Wounded Healers Special Meeting

Wounded Healers, a non-denominational grief support group, will host a special meeting session to help those struggling with grief. "Healing through the Holidays" will be presented at St. James Hall in Highland. Sunday, November 11th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Separate groups for those dealing with the death of a spouse or significant other, the death of a parent, sibling or friend, the death of a child or grandchild, and the death of a family or friend from suicide, and teens dealing with loss due to a suicide. To reserve or learn more: (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.

Las Vegas Night

Fr. Michael J. McGivney K of C's in Dyer are sponsoring a Vegas Night at St. Joseph's Gathering Room on Saturday, November 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight. Admission of \$10 includes sandwiches, desserts & beverages for \$10. Must be 21. All are invited. (219) 718-3787.

St. Joseph's College Scholarships

St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer is offering 2013 scholarships: The St. Katharine Drexel Grant offers \$1000 for students graduating from a Catholic high school or to Catholic students who provide a letter from their parish priest.

The Presidential Scholarship offers 3 full scholarships with an on-campus competition by invitation. Apply by January 15, 2013. The Performance Scholarship offers \$2000 to students who

apply by March 15, 2013 & participate in band, cheerleading, choir, color guard, dance, radio/TV, student athletic training, team managing & theater. For more information: (800) 447-8781.

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