

Third Sunday of Advent

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes to save you.



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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Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays **3:30 to 4:30 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.

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education Phone 836-8610
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Grades K through 8 ~ Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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Venture Crew Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

Celebrants

Saturday, December 17

5:30 p.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko

Sunday, December 18

6:30 a.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

SATURDAY, December 17

8:30 am S. Szala, E. Miller
 5:30 pm A. Kleszynski, T. Pappas, M. Queroz,
 G. & I. Scalzo/ MC ~ Nick

SUNDAY, December 18

6:30 am S. O'Rourke, C. Osmulski, A. Korfiatis
 8:00 am B. Peters, M. Slivka, D. Smith, E. Sopko,
 K. Yaeger/ MC ~ Mary
 10:00 am A. Klaich, M. & R. Maldonado, D. Zuccarelli,
 J. Bevil/ MC ~ Xavian
 12:00 pm G. & T. O'Brien, D. Dy/MC ~ Scott

Rest in Peace

Theresa Biscuso • Emily Orosco • Monica Day
 Loretta Czyzewski

Readings for Week of December 11

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Sacrificial Offerings



December 4, 2016

Adult	\$ 25,247.00
Loose	\$ 2,661.00
Children	\$ 160.84
TOTAL	\$ 28,068.84

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 11 — Third Sunday of Advent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Clara Wohadlo by Ronald & Charlotte Conn
 10:00 am John Nelson by Wife Helene
 12:00 pm Chet Milen by Family

MONDAY, December 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 am Julia Mazur by Children
 8:30 am Hannah Keaveney (Ann.) by Kretz Family

TUESDAY, December 13 — St. Lucy

6:30 am John Michalik by Family
 8:30 am Denis Buksa (Ann.) by Wife Judy
 10:00 am Jo Ann Smundin by STM Altar & Rosary
 (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, December 14 — St. John of the Cross

6:30 am Aileen Walczak by Jim & Arlene Kender
 8:30 am John Jurkash by Daughters

THURSDAY, December 15

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
 9:00 am Patrick Quinn by Wife Lois & Family

FRIDAY, December 16

6:30 am Irene Shaw by Marilyn Standerski
 8:30 am Ljubica Kirincic by Family

SATURDAY, December 17

8:30 am Bernardo Cantorna by Michael W. Mezey
 5:30 pm Maxine Urbanczyk by Wanda Marlowe & Family

SUNDAY, December 18 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Eugene G. Sepaniak by Family
 10:00 am Janina Krysinski (Ann.) by Helene Nelson
 12:00 pm Vincent Gryn (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

Bulletin Deadlines

All bulletin articles must be submitted via email at least 2 weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com. Thank you.

Vocations Committee

A prayer each day for faith, passion and love for God, with works of Mercy for all and you will find a God who is loving and gives you the zeal to listen to His plan for you. Take courage and listen; He may be calling you. Are you prepared to discern the call?

Pastoral Care Ministry

To arrange a visit from Pastoral Care for a hospitalized or homebound family member, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 313 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

Third Sunday of Advent

"The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Jesus caps his catalogue of miracles with this unexpected statement. In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by mentioning preaching the good news to the poor. How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news?

Well, in this case, the news is that the Messiah has finally come, in the most miraculous of ways, as the incarnate Son of God conceived in the womb of a virgin. This is a message of spiritual healing: he comes to "save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21).

The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness-of the alienation we create between ourselves and God-can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

On this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled.

God has "visited and brought redemption to his people" (Lk 1:68). He is among us, saving us even now! We need not look to the past to witness Christ's astonishing acts.

His work in our souls, right here and now, is miracle enough.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Mary Anhalt
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazeovich
Laverne Blumka
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Lucille Dettlerline
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D'Orazio
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi

Charles Helms
Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Megan Homcho
Mary Jo Humpfer
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingbretonson
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Krizmanic
Isabella Lappo
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
David Moll
Elissa Moll
Genevieve Mrvan
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien

Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Emily Orosco
Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Marty Pavovic
Johanna Petrush
Angelo Petrungraro
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Ron Plewniak
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
John Ray
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Shirley Romanyak
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
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William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
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Renee Shehan
Ruth Siorek
Nick Skinner
Lydia Skorupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stackeck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Barbara Szypczak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbnich
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczyński
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, December 11 — Third Sunday of Advent

6:00 pm Taizé Prayer ~ Church

MONDAY, December 12

5:45 pm Handbell Practice (until 7:00 p.m.) ~ Church
6:30 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Vocations ~ Conference Room
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, December 13

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
7:00 pm **STMS Christmas Program (Grades K-3) ~ Gym**

WEDNESDAY, December 14

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Teachers' Lounge
6:45 pm Altar & Rosary Society Pot Luck ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Conference Room
7:15 pm Handbell Practice ~ Church (until 8:30 pm)

THURSDAY, December 15

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:00 pm Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center

FRIDAY, December 16

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room

SUNDAY, December 18 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:00 pm **Lessons & Carols ~ Church**
St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection at All Masses

Catholic Services Appeal

The Catholic Services Appeal Campaign officially ends on January 31, 2017. Only payments received by 12/31/16 can be claimed as a tax deduction for 2016. **New:** Request tax receipts for donations at www.dcgary.org/csa.htm.

Altar & Rosary Society

Christmas Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, December 14th — 6:30 p.m. in the Solar Room



All women of the parish are invited to join us. We will begin with the Rosary promptly at 6:45 p.m. followed by a short meeting, dinner, Christmas presentation & prizes.

Ladies attending are asked to bring:

- A favorite main dish, salad or vegetable.
- Altar & Rosary will provide the desserts.
- **NEW** children's hats, scarves, and gloves.

Call Therese (219) 844-7715/Kathleen (219) 972-0539 for info.

WE LOOK TO THE LORD

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you. (Is 35:1-4)

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we look back and we look ahead. We have just finished two weeks of the season and we have two weeks to go. Midpoint, we evaluate where we have been and what we yet need to do to be ready for the celebration of Christmas.

By this point in our Advent journey, we realize that we cannot do it alone. The work that needs to be done, the spiritual preparation that is incumbent in this season, is more than we are capable of accomplishing on our own. To be ready, we need the help of someone greater than us.

It is a good thing that we can count on that help from our God.

Isaiah boldly proclaimed, **"Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you."** There is no need to worry. There is no cause to fear. God is with us.

Because of that realization, we pause this Sunday and rejoice. Today, Gaudete Sunday, reminds us that we have reason to hope. In that hope, we renew our efforts to prepare for Christmas. In that hope, we await the coming of our Savior.

FAITH ACTION: Make it a point to spread joy this day. You might go as a family to visit someone in the hospital or nursing home. You might want to visit a relative who lives alone. You might even want to go to that neighbor that never has anyone who stops over to visit.

Fr. Mike



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:

- December 12: Deacon Chuck S. Patrick (2012)
- December 13: Rev. Joseph J. Mosko (1987)
- December 14: Msgr. Michael Abraham (1960)
- Deacon Robert Fisher (1989)
- Msgr. Casimir E. Senderak (1996)



THE ADVENT WREATH

This week, light two purple candles and the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath and pray:

Almighty God, we are filled with joy as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ and we look forward to the time that He comes again. Help us to be prepared for the coming of your Son when He appears in His glory.

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

Afterwards, sing together: ***Come, Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.***

GETTING GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAY?

As I shared with you at the annual finance report, this year the parish could easily see a loss as Christmas and New Year's fall on Sunday, taking away two Sunday collections.

Please consider this as you prepare your Christmas contribution and, if you are able, be extra generous to help us offset the loss of funds. Many thanks!

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Taizé Prayer will be at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening. This type of prayer is very peaceful and reflective and only takes about a half hour of your time. Feel free to join us.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Taxiing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour long wait, it finally took off.

A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by noise he heard in the engine," he explained, "and it took us awhile to find a new pilot."

Early Christmas shoppers...





Religious Education

December Schedule

14/15 Class
 21/22 No Class — *Christmas Break*
 28/29 No Class — *Happy New Year!*

January Schedule

4/5 No Class — *Christmas Break*
 11/12 Class
 18/19 Class
 25/26 Class

Communal Penance Services

Going to confession is one of the best ways to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. The opportunities for confession throughout the Southlake Deanery are listed below.

(All times at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

December 13

St. James, Highland

December 14

St. Joseph, Dyer

December 15

Our Lady of Grace, Highland
 St. Andrew the Apostle, Merrillville

December 16

Ss. Peter and Paul, Merrillville (1:00 p.m.)

December 17

St. Anne, Black Oak (3:00 p.m.)

December 18

St. Bridget, Hobart (3:00 p.m.)

December 19

Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville
 St. Mary, Crown Point

St. Matthias, Crown Point (6:00 p.m.)

December 20

St. Edward, Lowell
 St. Thomas More, Munster

December 21

Holy Name, Cedar Lake
 St. Michael, Schererville

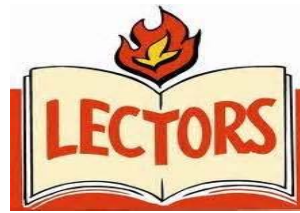
December 22

St. Mary, Griffith

Pierogi Sales

Order pierogis from St. Josaphat Catholic Church now by calling (219) 838-9811. Orders should be placed by Wednesdays for pickup on the following Friday between Noon and 4:00 p.m. at the church. Leave order with quantity & flavor on the machine. Choose between potato, kraut, cheese or prune. Cost is \$9/dozen or \$5/half-dozen. No pierogi sale during December 23, 30 and January 6.

Lectors for the Week



Sunday, December 18
6:30 am Mass
 Jim Hus & Loretta Krawczyk

8:00 am Mass
 Judy Buksa & Jim Kaspar

10:00 am Mass
 Irma Hernandez &
 Maryanne Topor

12:00 Noon Mass
 Richard & Sylvia Komyatte

Saturday, December 17
5:30 pm Mass
 Joe Dubczak &
 Rob Mangus



Saturday, December 17
5:30 pm Mass
 Chapel: Chuck & Chris
 Shearman
 Choir: Bill & JoAnn Karr

Sunday, December 18
6:30 am Mass
 Chapel: Barbara O'Block

8:00 am Mass
 Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
 Chapel: Mary Silvasi

10:00 am Mass
 Main: Amanda Baker-Hughes
 Chapel: Pischner Family
 Choir: Andrea Mazerik



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% 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, December 15, 2016

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Salary Negotiations

Better Compensation Tactic • Negotiating Beyond Pay
 Discussing Salary • Common Mistakes

Where: STM Weis Center
 8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
 When: The 3rd Thursday of Every Month
 Time: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com



Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!

For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections. Have your cover letter, resume or thank you note critiqued by a professional.

Holy Name Society

Our next regular meeting will be in the Solar Room on **Monday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.** As usual, we will begin with the Rosary, followed by our regular meeting and pizza/beverages.



Preparing for Christmas



Gingerbread Houses

The annual Gingerbread House "build-day" was held last week for our two St. Thomas More School Pre-K classes. Students invited a special adult (or two) to help them with their creations, and, as usual, the structures were colorful, creative and sturdy. And the leftover building supplies were delicious, too!



Christmas Shopping

While the STMS Pre-K students were building gingerbread houses at the Weis Center, the Preschool students were at the main building shopping at Santa's Secret Shop. They found lots of treasures to give their moms and dads, siblings and grandparents, too. Leave it to the children to remind us of the true joy in giving to others. Special thanks to our 8th grade students who assisted the young shoppers and helped wrap gifts.



In this Season of Giving...

TO:
St. Thomas
More
Capital
Campaign

Make your giving complete this season with a gift to the St. Thomas More Capital Campaign. Take pride in knowing that your contribution will help secure the legacy of our parish.

Don't know what to give someone?

Make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one. Cards are available in the Parish Office. Take advantage of year-end tax planning by making (or increasing) your pledge.

All donations to the Capital Campaign are tax deductible. Thank you, as always, for your generosity to St. Thomas More.

**Knights of Columbus
Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale**

Hours:
Monday-Friday:
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday:
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
While supplies last!

**Wreath Stands & Tree Stands
\$10.**
We have proudly kept the same prices since 2002.

Checks should be payable to:
Knights of Columbus

Thank you for your support.
Mgr. Robert Weis
Council 10596

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul appreciates your continued support of our mission to help the needy.

Our pantry is low!

The following non-perishable items are needed:

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| Peanut Butter | Pancake Mix/Syrup | Granola Bars |
| Jelly | Rice (small bags) | Cereal |
| Pasta Sauce | Potato Chips (small bags) | Soups |
| Spaghetti/Pasta | Canned Vegetables | Meal Helpers |
| Diced Tomatoes | Canned Fruit | Body Soap |
| Pork 'n' Beans | Personal Care Items | Toothpaste |



Caps for Kids

St. Vincent de Paul Caps for Kids hopes to have plenty of winter hats, scarves & gloves/mittens to distribute to all those in need in time for Christmas. Boxes are located at all church entrances and by the Parish Office and we ask that you make your donation early to allow for delivery time. May our Lord shower you with blessings for your generosity.

Simbang Gabi

Come join us to celebrate the long treasured Philippine tradition as we anticipate the birth of Christ.

Saturday, December 17th

4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

Our Lady of Consolation • 8303 Taft Street • Merrillville
Fellowship to follow in Vamos Hall with traditional Filipino songs and food. Bring your family & friends.