

Mary
did not
know
where
her life
would
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after
her yes
but
she went
confident
and
unafraid.



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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Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2332

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.

St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

Parish Office Staff

Hours: Mon-Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm • Saturday 8:00 am-2:00 pm

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Thomas Alexander Bernadine Barrett

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Jim Kaspar..... Christi Kordeck

Paul Liszewski..... Eric Miller

Dwight Reed..... Jim Secviar, Chairperson

St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade

Office Hours: Monday- Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Website..... www.stm-school.com

School Phone..... 836-9151 School Fax 836-0982

President..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330

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New Parishioner Registration

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

Stop in during the day, or take advantage of our convenient evening and Saturday office hours.

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

Director..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

Administrative Assistant..... Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236

Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education Allen Blocher

Parish Life..... Elaine Herrmann

Peace & Social Justice Mari Casas

Spirituality & Worship..... Kaaren Mashura

Stewardship Paul Liszewski

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862

Boy Scouts..... PJ Caraher (219) 838-2943

Career Networking Group..... Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335

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Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200

Gabriel Project..... Marilyn Glennon 801-6586

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Gifts of Love & Warmth..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544

Girl Scouts Renee Whelan 796-6809

Holy Name Society..... Bill Burke 322-6462

Knights of Columbus Joe Janostak (219) 923-3699

Oblates..... Denise Gard (219)201-4103

Respect Life..... Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739

Senior Citizens..... Bob O'Donnell 877-5050

Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Venture Crew..... Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

Celebrants

Saturday, May 11
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Andrew Corona

Sunday, May 12
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Andrew Corona
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Andrew Corona
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

SATURDAY, May 11
 8:30 am A. & D. Reynolds
 5:30 pm Q. Fehr, G. & I. Scalzo/ MC ~ Jacob C.

SUNDAY, May 12
 6:30 am H. Hamer, M. McDunn, A. Powell
 8:00 am M. Slivka, A. & G. Buksa/ MC ~ Luke
 10:00 am E. & K. McComis, M. Miller/ MC ~ Will
 12:00 pm B., I. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Tim



Baptisms

Alen Porfirio
 Son of Alen & Jade Diaz

Caiden David Elliott
 Son of Dennis McCrimmon

Anara Noelle
 Son of Adam & Lorien Goodwin

Rest in Peace

Richard Gething

Pastoral Care Ministry

If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound St. Thomas More parishioner, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 315 or dkapala@stm-church.com to arrange a Communion visit

Sacrificial Offerings



April 28, 2019

Adult	\$ 16,173.00
Loose	\$ 1,900.00
Automated	\$ 3,280.00
Children	\$ 59.09
TOTAL	\$ 21,412.09

Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 5 — Third Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Hector Porras by Sylvester & Kathy Porras
 10:00 am Charlotte Ziemkiewicz (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. William K. McDunn
 12:00 pm Sally Gansho (Ann.) by Marilyn Pajor

MONDAY, May 6

6:30 am Rogelio Casas by Catherine Pfister
 8:30 am Robert Mercier by Dominique & Angelique Mercier

TUESDAY, May 7

6:30 am Jack Holmes (Ann.) by Anne Kinser
 8:30 am Patrick Greenan by STMS 3rd & 4th Grade Teachers
 10:00 am Florence Van Gilder by STM Altar & Rosary Society
 (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, May 8

6:30 am Beverly Pavlovic by Pavlovic Family
 8:30 am Kathryn Guadagno (Ann.) by Dawn Beard

THURSDAY, May 9

6:30 am Jean Hreha by Children
 9:00 am Millie Huseman by Toth Family

FRIDAY, May 10

6:30 am Beverly Pavlovic by Husband, Children & Great Grandson
 8:30 am Eleanor Klapak by Family

SATURDAY, May 11

8:30 am Joseph Pondusa by Chris & Dorothy Duray
 5:30 pm Richard & Rita Wojcinski by Susan Rousseau

SUNDAY, May 12 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mothers' Day

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Helen Yadron by Family
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Mothers
 12:00 pm Charles Stevens by Wife & Family



"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" JOHN 21:17

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

Third Sunday of Easter

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him?

Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazeovich
Laverne Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Arthur M. Branco
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Al Carollo
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtin
Doris Dabrowski
Eleuterio Del Real
Irene Dettmer
Jeanine Doescher
Patrick Doran
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Gullicks

Rosemarie Harran
Amy Hayes
Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Heseck
Becky Hill
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Robert Kalka
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
Jean Kibler
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatte
Paul Kostalik
Edward Kritzer
Crystal Kurek
Isabella Lappo
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Brady Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Genevieve Mrvan
Donna Nichols
Jim Nolan
Chet Nordyke

Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Kevin O'Neill
Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Johanna Petrush
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Ron Plewniak
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secvuar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Phyllis Unkuri
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbnich
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Mark Wein
Anne Wisniewski
Don Woszczyński
Josephine Zagrocki
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, May 6

8:30 am STMS All School Mass & May Crowning
6:30 pm Marian Rosary ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola Choir Practice ~ Church
7:00 pm Parish Life ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Peace and Social Justice ~ Teachers' Lounge

TUESDAY, May 7

9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
6:30 pm STMS Parent Association ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, May 8

6:30 pm Handbell Practice (to 7:45 pm) ~ Church
7:00 pm Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Conference Room

THURSDAY, May 9

6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, May 10

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

SATURDAY, May 11

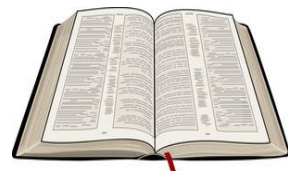
9:00 am Live Christ/Share Christ ~ Weis Center
10:00 am Oblates ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm STMS Jr. High Dance ~ Gym

SATURDAY, May 12

Happy Mothers' Day

Readings for Week of May 5

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
[2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21 ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30[2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Altar Servers Needed

New Altar Server

Information/Sign-up Meeting

Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation student, **currently** in the 4th grade or higher, who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to attend.

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Cafeteria

A parent must accompany students to this meeting!
If you have questions, please call Susan Burke at (219) 322-6462



MARY, A MODEL OF VIRTUE

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.” ~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe

When I was in grade school, every year, May became a very special month. The good Sisters would teach all of us about the wonders of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We would construct May altars in every classroom and would say extra prayers to Mary each day. We were encouraged to make May altars at our homes as well. My mother would always allow me to go hog wild on the altar construction up to the point of candles. She didn't trust us with lighting candles at our altars in the basement. (Smart move, there, Mom.)

It was good to have an introduction to Mary at such a young age. Because of it, I have carried a special devotion to Mary throughout my life. If you ever come into my office, you will see statues of Mary, busts of Mary, and a picture or two of Mary. The same holds for the house. I have a special love for her and it is rooted in one thing: her very special devotion to her Son, Jesus.

To me, Mary is a great model of virtue in that she, like us, had a free will and was invited to make a choice. Her choice was a resounding “Yes” to God's invitation to be the mother of His Son. You cannot find a better role model than that, in my opinion.

Many times, it has been exceedingly difficult to say yes to God. It has caused me to be uprooted after getting comfortable in different communities. It has caused me to stretch the bounds of my comfort zones as I have gone to schools, orphanages, inner cities, and even prisons. Saying yes to God does not mean that life will be easy. However, saying yes to God will come with a deep level of fulfillment.

Mary did not know where her life would lead after her yes but she went confident and unafraid. She was led into exile and into communities in which she probably never planned to live. She could not know that her yes would place her, one day, at the foot of the cross of her Son. But she knew one thing, she was the maidservant of the Lord and if the Lord asked her to do anything then, by golly, she was going to do what He said.

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Take the time this month to pray with extra devotion to Mary, asking her to intercede for you to her Son. She was given to us as our mother by her Son when He hung on the cross. Count on her loving devotion.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God to give you the same grace to say Yes to His will as Mary had. *F.A. Mike*

A SPECIAL DAY

On Thursday, April 25, I got Deacon Joe to come to the Solar Room under the ruse of going to a musical in Chicago (sorry about that, Deacon Joe.) We had him come to the parish so that we could honor him at a party with his friends on the occasion of his 80th birthday.



Some of you might be re-reading that last line and saying to yourself, “Deacon Joe is 80? No way. That must be a mistake.”

No mistake. Deacon Joe turned 80 on April 25. At that age, he still works a few days each pay period at Walgreen's pharmacy and he is still active at our parish as a deacon at Mass as well as being the director of our Marriage Preparation Program which he leads with his wife, Joyce.

Happy birthday one more time, Deacon Joe, and thank you for your “yes” to God. Joyce, thank you for the “yes” that you had to give in order for your hubby to be ordained.

Isn't it wonderful what happens when we say yes to God?!

ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL DAY

Congratulations to all of our parish third graders who received their First Holy Communion at a special Mass Saturday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Now that you have come to the Table of the Lord at Mass, keep working and preparing for the day when you will be called to the Table of the Lord in heaven. God is good!

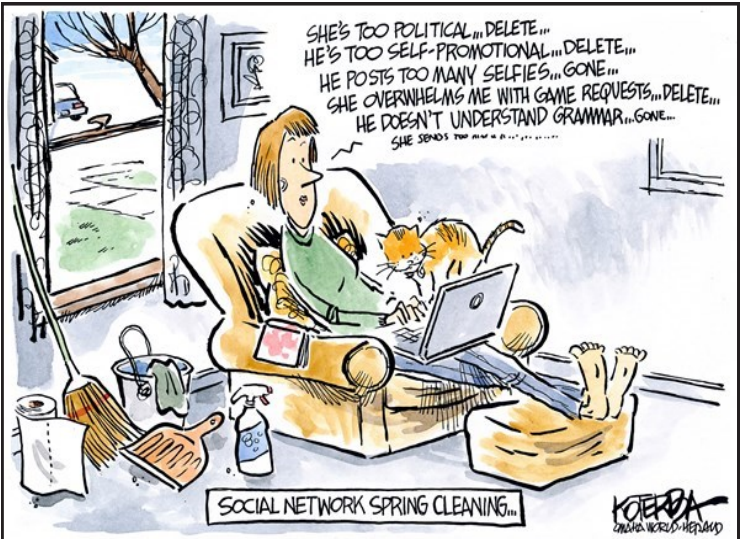


THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, April 27, we hosted our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Thank you to all who work so tirelessly at our parish. There is no way we could do all the good work that happens at our parish without you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his shoes. Then, when you do criticize that person, you'll be a mile away and have his shoes.



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:

- May 6: Rev. Augustine C. Van Rie (1962)
Rev. David E. Hauskins (1971)
- May 9: Rev. John J. Lach (1960)
Msgr. Edward F. Litot (2018)
- May 11: Rev. Louis B. Wozniak (1997)



Catholic Services Appeal

We are most grateful to those who have responded so generously to the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your CSA pledge, please return your envelope to the Parish Office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass next weekend. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for giving back according to what you have received from God.

Together we share in Christ's work!

Please support the 2019 CSA Campaign!

No gift is too small or too large.

Early Bird Festival Raffle

The very first Festival Early Bird Raffle will take place on **Monday, May 6, 2019!**

Get those Raffle Tickets turned in soon so you don't miss out!

Oblates of St. Benedict

Saturday, May 11, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Thomas More Conference Room

All are welcome! Join us in praying Lectio Divina and Liturgy of the Hours, as well as taking part in a lively discussion on "Carrying on the Wisdom of Saints Benedict and Scholastica" as it applies to our daily lives.

Blood Drive

Plan to attend the next St. Thomas More Blood Drive in the Gym **Sunday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon**. Come before or after Mass & help save lives. Walk-ins welcome.

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society.

Enjoy being part of a dedicated, spiritual group of men who serve the parish and community. Join us for our next meeting **Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

in the Solar Room.

We will begin with the Rosary, followed by a business meeting, pizza and beverages. We will view a new Stephen Ray video.

Religious Formation & Education

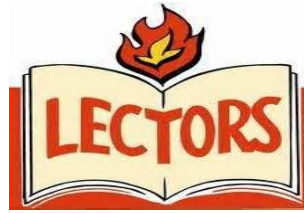
Please join us for the next regular meeting of the St. Thomas More Religious Formation & Education ministry

Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Parish Conference Room.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Sunday, May 12

6:30 am Mass

Angela Kvasnica & Bill McDunn

8:00 am Mass

John Kovach

10:00 am Mass

Julius Ballanco & Teresa Brazzale

12:00 Noon Mass

Bernadine Barrett & Maryanne Topor

Saturday, May 11

5:30 pm Mass

Christopher Balbo & Jill Hasiak



Sunday, May 12

6:30 am Mass

Main: Mireya Rodriguez-Contreras

Chapel: Lyle & Shirely Fralich

Choir: Tim & Karen Rutz

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski

Chapel: Mary Silvasi

10:00 am Mass

Main: Mary & Katherine Karl

Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha

Choir: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 Noon Mass

Choir: Pat Batchelder

Saturday, May 11

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Bill & JoAnn Karr

Chapel: Rob & Dorothy Mangus

Join the Marian Rosary

The Marian Rosary is looking for new members to become part of our prayer group in the Chapel

Monday Nights: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we pray the Rosary, the Chaplet and offer prayers to Mary. Call Tom Mordaunt at (219) 922-6604 to learn more.

Gabriel Project

This year's final meeting of the Gabriel Project Ministry will be **Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Teachers' Lounge.

Our next meeting won't take place until next fall. With that in mind, we hope as many members as possible can join us.

We have new mom news and locker news to relay.

As always, please keep our moms and babies in your prayers.

May Nursery Schedule

The Nursery is open in the narthex during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Nursery will be closed in June, July, & August.

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mothers' Day

The Nursery is closed today.

Sunday, May 19

Jennifer Boswell • Allison Rusnak

Sunday, May 26

Memorial Weekend

Kaaren Mashura • Allison Rusnak





St. Thomas More School

Scouting Programs are Strong at St. Thomas More School

From creative activities and regular meetings to Scout Sunday Masses and religious awards to campouts and “field” experiences, the scouting programs of St. Thomas More School remain strong and active, helping to build character, personal strength and a better community through their work. Way to go Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and thanks to your dedicated leaders who help you grow and learn along your journey!



BEHIND EVERY GOOD SCOUT IS A GREAT LEADER



Congratulations STMS Cash Raffle Winners

We are happy to announce this year's winners in the St. Thomas More School 2019 Cash Raffle:

\$5,000 — Sparkle Box

\$3,000 — Maria & Harry Mihailidis

\$1,000 — Anna Trembach

\$100 Winners:

Fausto Rodriguez • Natalie Krembs • Thomas Benign
Kathleen Porreca • Theresa Case • Leilani Suchanuk
Kristen Peters • Kathy Pala • Roxy Hernandez

Our thanks to everyone who participated.

We appreciate your generosity and continued support of St. Thomas More School.

Thank You

School and Parish Family

We are so grateful to everyone who participated in the April 29th Dine for Dollars event at The Simple Greek.

Although the final amount was not available at the time of printing, we are happy to report a phenomenal response to this event from our school and parish families.

Our thanks, too, to The Simple Greek restaurant in Munster for partnering with us in this delicious fundraising endeavor, who will donate 20% of sales to the school from STM customers. On behalf of the students and staff of St. Thomas More School, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Register Now for the Fall

Make a difference in the future of your child!

Register now for fall classes and join the positive culture of kindness at St. Thomas More School.

You'll find a curriculum of outstanding academics, the arts and an encouraging, empowering environment. Schedule a tour to see our students and staff "in action" by contacting Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151, ext 2309 or ppasyk@stm-school.com.



Positions Available

St. Thomas More School

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining a dedicated and faith-filled staff of hard-working professionals to continue the high standard of education offered at St. Thomas More School, please apply today!

The ideal candidate for each of the following positions must be a practicing Roman Catholic, be a highly motivated, collaborative team player. In addition, candidate must be enthusiastic, flexible and be able to think and problem solve on the spot with a positive and patient attitude that empowers students.

Positions are full-time 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (unless noted) with benefits. Find more comprehensive job descriptions on the STMS website (bottom of main page/click on Employment link).

Elementary Education Teacher

Strong Elementary educational experience preferred.

Mathematics Teacher

Strong educational math experience preferred.

7th/8th Grade Science Teacher

Strong Middle School/Jr. High educational experience preferred.

Computer Teacher (K to 6)

Part-time position.

To apply for any of these open positions, please go

jobopenings@stm-school.com.

Those applying must include: letter of interest, resume, copy of teacher's license & 3 letters of recommendation.

STMS T.R.I.P. News

Gift Cards Delivered to the Parish Office!

Everyone is encouraged to use this easy and convenient service provided by our school. Just sign-up, place your order for gift cards from a host of vendors and pick-up in the Parish Office.



Submit payment & printed receipt with order on processing days by 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming processing dates: May 13 • May 20

Learn more by emailing: stmstrip@gmail.com.

Angel Award

Nominate a Special

St. Thomas More School Teacher!

The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary is pleased to announce the annual **Angel Award** process.

The **Angel Award**, named in honor of the Holy Angels, the patrons of the Diocese of Gary, will be given to recognize three outstanding, creative and innovative teachers in our Diocese.

Nominations for this award may be submitted by students (past and present), parents, colleagues, principals, school committee members, pastors, parishioners—anyone whose life has been touched by an outstanding Catholic school teacher.

The winners of the awards will receive a monetary award, a scholarship award for classes at Calumet College of St. Joseph, a beautiful plaque, as well as public recognition.

Nominations are due in the School Office by May 15.

Pick-up a Nomination Form from our school principal or online from the Diocesan website: www.dcgary.org (Schools/Office Resources). Call to learn more: (219) 769-9292, ext. 232.

Submit forms to the STMS School Office, att: Dr. Francis.



2019/2020 Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2019/2020 school year are open. FACTS Management will continue to provide and process our tuition assistance applications. The applications are **online only** at the Diocesan website: www.dcgary.org.

You can find the application by clicking on the "Schools" tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled "Tuition Assistance Application". There are no paper applications.

Applications should be completed ASAP!

Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary.

You may complete an application if you have children entering grades kindergarten through twelve. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

There is a \$35 fee per family to apply.

If you need help, FACTS will have an email, phone number and chat line on the application website for customer service.

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

Would you consider becoming a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and the Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process. The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council.

Discernment Sessions will be held on the following
Tuesdays:

May 21 • May 28 • June 4
at 7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.

On **Pentecost Sunday, June 9th**, new Council members will be chosen at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age.

The nominees **cannot** be a full-time employee of the parish or school.

Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination.

Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

Nomination Deadline:
Sunday, May 12, 2019

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the
Red Ballot Boxes
(located at each church entrance).**



Wednesday to Sunday
JUNE 19 — JUNE 23

The weather may not indicate that summer and sunshine are around the corner, but both will be here before you know it (we hope)!

And that means the Parish Festival will be here soon, too!

The Festival Committee has been busy at work planning another safe and fun event for our parish and community but we need you.

We need your help to make it a success!

Did you know?

**The Festival is our parish's largest fundraiser &
it's success relies on volunteers, like you!**

Volunteers Needed!

Many volunteers are needed to make our Festival successful, safe, and fun.

Can you help?

Find more information on how to volunteer on the Festival webpage. Follow the directions on the webpage and sign-up when and where needed.

To volunteer go to: www.stmfundays.weebly.com
or directly: www.tinyurl.com/stmfest19

Need more info? Please contact: Carol or Don at (219) 922-6091.

Our thanks to all who have come forward already, but we still need one more chairperson to complete our committee.

Please consider joining our fun team!

Pull Tab Chairperson Needed

This important chair position needs to be filled ASAP!

Clear, easy instructions and procedures are already in place and you'll have lots of support from the entire Committee to help you, so don't worry!

If you can help, please contact Festival General Chairperson, Ed Pilawski at (219)718-9952 or ed.pilawski@gmail.com.

Pull Tab Chairperson

Coordinate volunteers to sell pull tabs during the Festival.



Live Christ, Share Christ

Join us for our next meeting to rekindle and strengthen your faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that you can know Christ and love him more deeply.

In response to God's love, we share our faith and love by the way we live as an example to family and friends and we invite you to join us at the Weis Center.

Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for our guest speaker and timely topic:

Cindy Keilman: "The Spirit Within Us"

All are invited to join us!



Knights of Columbus

Faith in Action

The Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Robert B. Weis Council invites all parishioners to join us in a communal

Consecration to the Holy Family.

When Father Michael J.

McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he recognized the importance of the Family.

Besides providing love, protection and financial aid, the family was the heart of a good spiritual foundation.

He also knew that the ideal model of this family is found within the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Help us to carry out Father McGivney's vision through our Faith in Action program which focuses on our Faith, Family, Community and Life.



By consecrating ourselves to the Holy Family we ask for the intercession of Jesus, the Perfect Son, Mary the Perfect Mother, and Joseph the perfect role model for every Father.

We are sending a brochure home with each child enrolled in the Religious Education classes and at St. Thomas More School. These brochures give an overview of this movement, and how to prepare for the Communal Consecration to the Holy Family.

The Consecration to the Holy Family will take place on **May 18 & 19 at Each Mass.**

Help strengthen families and revitalize our parish by having your family devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event, but rather an ongoing choice to be a beacon of God's love for others.

Please help us make this endeavor a success.

Let's Sort It Out!

Are you... Divorced? Civilly married?

Have a blended family? Do you have questions?

Strengthen & heal those who are marginalized due to marital status and support blended families separated from the Sacraments.

Answers by Fr. Brian Chadwick & Dr. Jean Nanos.

Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Giovanni's in Munster

Please call (219) 923-2952 to register.



Senior Citizens

All senior citizens of our parish are invited to join us to hear informative speakers and have fun & enjoy the companionship of fellow parishioners. Meetings at 1:00 p.m. at the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet in Munster, unless noted.

Wednesday, May 15th

Bingo Bonanza

Wednesday, July 17th

Seniors Picnic

Location to be announced. Watch the bulletin for details.

Festival Children's Game Tent

We are seeking prize donations for the Children's Game Tent at this year's Festival.

We are currently seeking:

New or gently used small toys, pencils, plush animals, McDonald's Happy Meal toys and Beanie Babies. Please call Linda Harle at (219) 972-2466 if you can donate this year.

Thanks for your help. All of our young visitors will be grateful for your contributions when they visit our tent.



Fabulous Golf Outing

Save the date for the 2nd Annual St. Thomas More Golf Classic on Monday, July 29 at Briar Ridge. Details coming soon.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Because the need is constant in our community, our mission to help those less fortunate never ends. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thank all of our supporters for their generous donations and for the continued help offered both now and in the future. We appreciate our parish family for their assistance.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing generous support in helping us to provide help to others!

Items in Need at the SVDP Food Pantry:

Pork & Beans	Tuna
Pancake Mix	Canned Meats
Syrup	Canned Fruit
Meal Helpers	Soup
Rice Helpers/Sides	Cereal
Potato Helpers/Sides	Toilet Paper
Frosting	Dish Soap
Peanut Butter	Shampoo
Jelly	



To volunteer or learn more about the SVDP Society, please contact SVDP President Mike Martinelli at (219) 836-8610.



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking
15% Found Want Ads
4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
**Aligning Personal Values
with Career Opportunities**

Presented by:
Ms. Chandra L. Gary, MAIO
Career Coach & Certified Career Advisor
Solutions by Chandra, LLC

Where: STM Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster
When: The 2nd Wednesday of Every Month
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!

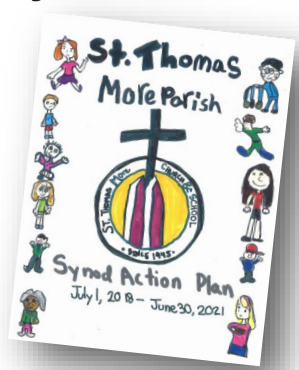
For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections. Have your cover letter, resume or thank you critiqued.

Save the Date: Don't Miss It!
ROCKOPPELLI
All-Ages Music Festival: Saturday, June 15

St. Thomas More Synod News

Our parish Synod Team has worked hard to develop a Synod Action Plan for our parish, laying out a schedule for the next three years. Visit our STM website:

www.stm-church.com and click on the Synod Action Plan, found on the left. Review our parish goals and find an area of interest to you, then **join our team by contacting the Goal Champion** for that area or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8601.



Retirement Seminar

Pre & Post Retirement Planning

All are invited to attend a free, informational seminar to help you plan for retirement or better manage your finances after you retire, hosted by STM parishioner Tom Bolanowski.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center
RSVP to Tom at 219-765-7710 or tbolanowski@lsfgchi.com

Planting Possibilities

Thanks to all who support Planting Possibilities as we work to provide meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities for young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Annual Spring Plant Sale
Saturday, May 11, 2019

Find a gorgeous selection of plants for your garden and patio from our selection displayed at the STM Weis Center on May 11 (north parking lot). Learn more at www.plantingpossibilities.org, Facebook or (219) 237-9353.



Events in the Area...

Pierogis from St. Josaphat

Order delicious pierogi from St. Josaphat Church in Munster now. Call (219) 838-9811 no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning for a Friday pick-up between Noon and 3:00 p.m. 1 Dozen: \$10
Half-dozen: \$5. Choose from kraut, potato, cheese or prune.

Camp Sharing Meadows

Camp Sharing Meadows is recruiting Counselors, Cooks and Nurses for our Spring 2019 Mini-Camp weekends, providing communal activities for developmentally and intellectually disabled adults. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact Emily Barsic at camp@sharefoundation.org or (219) 778-2585. **Camp Dates:** May 17-19.

Celebration of Life for Those Grieving

The Spiritual Care Department of Franciscan Health is holding a Celebration of Life service for parents and families mourning the loss of an unborn child in the Providence Section of the St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery in Hammond, located at 1547-167th Street on Thursday, May 9 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (219) 933-2055.

Spred Ministry

Join us at St. Mary Parish, 525 N. Broad, Griffith on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about Spred (special religious development). Spred is different from religious education programs. It is specifically designed to meet the needs of people with developmental and intellectual challenges. Families & interested men/women are welcome. In this season of new life, consider a new ministry. Contact Betty: e.sivek@sbcglobal.net.

Spring Fling Bingo

St. Mary School will be hosting a Spring Fling Bingo on Friday, May 10th in St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street, Griffith. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Early Birds start at 6:15 p.m. Regular Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost: Single set-up: \$35 / Double set-up: \$50. Cost includes a free dabber and desserts! Concessions will be available for purchase. \$10,000 in prizes! Reservations highly recommended! All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. There will be no coupons or free birthday set-ups honored on May 10th. License #148729. For more information/reservations, please call 219-922-2283 or email stmarybingogriffith@gmail.com. See you there!

St. Thomas More Fun Days

PRE-ORDER YOUR

June 19-23, 2019

MEGAPASS

UNLIMITED RIDES. ALL DAY. EVERY DAY.

ONLY

\$50

When purchased during the pre-sale period.
Pre-sale ends on June 14, 2019 at 5:00pm!

June 19-23, 2019

Enjoy all the benefits of the MEGAPASS for just

\$60

(Cash or Credit Card ONLY after pre-sale.)

Note: MegaPasses cannot be purchased at the Parish Office after June 14th

Buy online at stmfundays.com!

MEGAPASS Order Form

Passes available for pick up at the St. Thomas More Fun Days, June 19-23, 2019.

RIDER MUST BE PRESENT at time of pick-up with either their photo ID or the purchasing adult with photo ID.

MEGAPASSES are non-transferable, non-replaceable and non-refundable. CASH or CREDIT CARD ONLY after the pre-sale ends at 5:00pm on June 15, 2019.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Credit Card # _____

Signature _____

Pass 1 for (Name of Rider) _____

Pass 2 for (Name of Rider) _____

Pass 3 for (Name of Rider) _____

Pass 4 for (Name of Rider) _____

of Additional Passes (Write names on back)

Make Checks Payable to: **St. Thomas More Festival**
MAIL TO: 8501 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
-OR- Drop off at the Parish Office

 VISA MasterCard Discover

Total # of Passes: _____

Exp. Date _____

X _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____