



We have to be a people of peace, mercy, love, and justice  
because that is what the Lord wants of us  
and that is what will most please the Lord.

*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.*

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312  
myadron@stm-church.com  
Associate Pastor ..... Reverend Declan McNicholas; Ext. 2314  
dmnicholas@stm-church.com  
Senior Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
Senior Deacon ..... Daniel Zurawski, KHS  
Deacons ..... David Kapala, KHS  
..... Joseph Stodola, KHS  
Director of Finance ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315  
Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338  
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

**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](http://www.stm-church.com)**

**Parish Office Staff**

**Hours: Mon-Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm (until further notice)**  
**Email address ..... [parish.office@stm-church.com](mailto:parish.office@stm-church.com)**  
**Email address for bulletin ..... [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com)**  
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Daytime Receptionist ..... Ext. 2300  
Evening Receptionist ..... Ext. 2300  
Building Maintenance ..... Mike Popovich 836-8610, Ext. 2313  
Custodial Supervisor ..... Kim Smith 836-8610, Ext. 2331



**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 Saturday office hours.

**Pastoral Ministries**

Environment & Art ..... Helen Jaworski 836-8610  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Deacon Dan Zurawski 742-6005  
Hospitality/Greeters ..... Chris Shearman 923-1419  
Lectors ..... William McDunn 922-9459  
Nursery ..... Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079  
St. Vincent de Paul ..... Terry Oprinovich 836-8610  
Vocations Committee ..... 836-8610

**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.

**2020-2021 Pastoral Council Members**

Thomas Alexander ..... Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson  
Carolyn Cenko ..... Leslie Dernulc  
Diane DeSoto ..... Tim Jevyak, Chairperson  
Jim Kaspar ..... Christi Kordeck  
Katie Kordeck ..... Eric Miller  
Joe Peters ..... Daniel Straka

**Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

Formation/Education ..... Allen Blocher  
Parish Life ..... Elaine Herrmann  
Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas  
Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura  
Stewardship ..... Paul Liszewski

**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](http://www.stm-school.com)**  
School Phone ..... 836-9151 School Fax ..... 836-0982  
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
School Parent Association ..... Heather Delgado; (312) 933-9208  
School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development ..... Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307  
Business Manager ..... Mike Gutchewsky; Ext. 2339

**Parish Organizations**

Altar & Rosary Society ..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862  
Boy Scouts ..... Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109  
Career Networking Group ..... Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335  
..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597  
Circle of Prayer ..... Carolyn Cenko 741-2509  
..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net  
Cub Scouts ..... Duane Schwemlein - [Stmcubpack542@gmail.com](mailto:Stmcubpack542@gmail.com)  
Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200  
Gabriel Project ..... Marilyn Glennon 801-6586  
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409  
Gifts of Love & Warmth ..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544  
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: [sbburke3@att.net](mailto:sbburke3@att.net)  
Knights of Columbus ..... Ralph Konkoly (219)588-4559  
Oblates ..... Denise Gard (219)201-4103  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739  
Senior Citizens ..... Marion Case (219)743-3543  
Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704  
Venture Crew ..... Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

**Weis Center**

**8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321**

Phone ..... 836-2660

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

## Celebrants

**Saturday, August 1**  
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, August 2**  
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas  
 12:00 Noon Fr. Declan McNicholas

# MASS INTENTIONS



**SUNDAY, July 26 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 8:00 am Thomas O'Connor (Ann.) by Wife, Donna and Son, Kevin  
 10:00 am John Rybicki by Wife and Family  
 12:00 pm Mary Gaskey by Pavlovic Family

**MONDAY, July 27**

6:30 am Jill & Phil Hasiak by Jim Pancheri  
 8:30 am Joseph Serafin (Ann.) by Corrine Nosich

**TUESDAY, July 28**

6:30 am Salvatore Agnello by Pietro & Rosa Merlo and Family  
 8:30 am Dante & Gloria Chechi by Vittorini Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 29 — St. Martha**

6:30 am Marisa Munoz Family by Kathleen Pagorek and Sara Davis  
 8:30 am Edward & Ann Miller by Diane Susoreny

**THURSDAY, July 30 — St. Peter Chrysologus**

6:30 am Stephen Cichy (Ann.) by Family  
 9:00 am Clarence Hicks (Ann.) by Gus and Kathy Georgelas

**FRIDAY, July 31 — St. Ignatius of Loyola**

6:30 am Louis Biedron (Ann.) by Wife, Theresa and Family  
 8:30 am Rosalia & William Kress by Ruth Banas and Family

**SATURDAY, August 1 — St. Alphonsus Liguori**

8:30 am Celine Ruth Szczepaniak by Patty Pfister  
 5:30 pm Rosalia & William Kress by Ruth Banas and Family

**SUNDAY, August 2**

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 8:00 am Joseph F. Vessely III by Friends of the Family  
 10:00 am Martin J. Pieters (Ann.) by Wife and Family  
 12:00 pm Vera Holmes (Ann.) by Kinser Family



## Baptisms

**Forrest Harvey**  
 Son of  
 Rex Arnold & Natalie Erin Rebholz

## Rest in Peace

*William C. Rosenwinkel*



*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." ROMANS 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

## Sacrificial Offerings

Our parish needs and appreciates your continued contributions:

**Mail Contributions:**

St. Thomas More • 8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

**Donate Online:**

Contribute securely online via PayPal, debit or credit card via our parish website by selecting the "Donate Now."

**Automated Contributions:**

Instructions found on the parish website and on Page 6.

**July 19, 2020**

Adult	\$ 12,244.00
Loose	\$ 2,151.00
Automated	\$ 4,243.75
Children	\$ 9.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,648.00</b>



## Guide To Attending Weekend Masses

- St. Thomas More School is now offering a full, regular Mass schedule. No reservations are needed at this time.
- The CDC suggests that you monitor the following: Do you have a fever, cough, sore throat or headaches? Are you short of breath? If you experience any of these, please stay home.
  - Wear face masks while in the church.
  - Continue to leave immediately after Mass so that we can disinfect/sanitize the church for the next Mass.
  - Continue to receive Communion in the hand.

## Sunday & Daily Masses will continue to be live-streamed, as per the schedule below.

### Live-Stream Mass Schedule:

Monday-Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday at 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Watch Masses through Facebook or via our parish website:

[www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com) (or on YouTube).

Our first priority is to keep everyone safe. We are adhering strictly to the advice of health professionals on both the national and local levels and our Diocese, for directives in this ever-changing situation. We appreciate your understanding and compliance.

## Bulletin Articles

The bulletin is available online and limited copies are available in the Chapel lobby and to those attending Mass. Please submit all articles 2 weeks in advance to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).

## Pray for the sick of our parish...

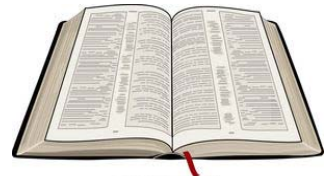
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Maria Aurelio  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
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Laverne Blumka  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
Stephany Burney  
Kathleen Burns  
Paul Burns  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Al Carollo  
Peter Castro  
Janet Cattanaach  
Jacqueline Morrow  
Christian  
Joseph Clune  
Willie Colby  
Charlotte Conn  
Vincent Corsello  
Mike Curtain  
Valerie Czapkowicz  
Doris Dabrowski  
Sarah Dalton  
Eleuterio Del Real  
Alex Eiland  
Sherlon Evans  
James Fletcher  
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  
Christine Greenberg  
James Grunewald  
Mary Ellen Gullicks

Arthur Halpin  
Rosemarie Havran  
Amy Hayes  
Dick Hemingway  
Marie Henke  
Bertha Birdy Hernandez  
Irma Hernandez  
Marisol Hernandez  
Robert Heseck  
Becky Hill  
Joan Hoess  
Charlotte Hunt  
Shirley Huskey  
Betty Ingbrtson  
Joseph S. Iwan  
Steve Izzo  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Barbara Jamrose  
Stanley Jayjack  
Kelly Jean  
Kevin Karl  
Mark Kenney  
Irene Kerps  
James Klein, Sr.  
Janet Knight  
Susan Kolodziej  
Richard Komyatte  
Gregory P. Koscielski  
Edward Kritzer  
Crystal Kurek  
Ed Lebryk  
Annika LeMonier  
Chris LeMonier  
Debbie LeMonier  
Nicklas LeMonier  
Mike Lewis  
Kris Lisikiewicz  
Jo Lisiniewicz  
Edward Liskiewicz  
Stanley Liskiewicz  
Maria Lovell  
Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
Ann Miskovich  
Andrew Moll  
Genevieve Mrvan  
Donna Nichols

Jim Nolan  
Maria Novak  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien  
Donna O'Connor  
Danny Ogren  
James Pancheri  
Marty Pavlovic  
Judith Peterson  
Johanna Petrush  
Andrew Pieczyrak  
Elizabeth Pilones  
Sylvester Porras  
Dennis Powell  
Ronald Prus  
Rae Puntillo  
Timothy Ribble  
Jackie Roach  
Ann Sardella  
George Sauer  
Marie Schultz  
Marianne Schwartz  
William Schwartz  
Zachery Scriff  
James Secviar  
Jim Seul  
Renee Shehan  
Nick Skinner  
Laurie Slazyk  
Carolyn Smiley  
Deborah Stareck  
Georgianne Suto  
Florence Stevens  
Carol Storey  
Rose Theis  
Russ Thomas  
Gerardo Trevino  
David Trotman  
Kathie Trudgian  
Anthony Ubuane  
Tony Vanden Heuvel  
Raymond Vanderbok  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
Mark Wein  
Ruth Williams  
Annette Wisniewski  
Dick Wright  
Josephine Zagrocki  
Cecilia Ziegler  
Cody Ziemkowski

## Readings for Week of July 26

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



## Parish Office/Chapel Hours

The Parish Office is open for parish business.

Visit the Parish Office or the Chapel during regular hours:

**Monday – Saturday:**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us.

Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment.

When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own.

Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance.

Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything

else aside. ©LPI

**A NEW BEGINNING**

**“There will come a time when you believe everything is finished; that will be the beginning.” ~ Louis L'Amour**

The anniversary of Fr. McGrogan's death comes up this Saturday. He was one of our diocesan priests who was big into supporting Catholic Education. He was also a pastor at some of our larger parishes with schools. His wit was well known amongst his brother priests. It was dry and acerbic and to the point.

I remember a particular Priests' Council meeting that had turned quite contentious. The priests were arguing with each other and with the bishop as they struggled to resolve a situation. The meeting went well over the scheduled time. Just when we thought we had reached a solution, someone interjected another thought and the room blew up again. People were talking over each other and it was at that point that you could see Fr. McGrogan lean back in his seat and, in his gravelly voice, state, "It ain't over til it's over."

He was so right and he was so wrong. Yes, it's true in one sense that it's not over until it's over. However, for Christians, there is another sense. When it's over, it's just beginning for, at the end of our lives, we have the opportunity to step into eternal life.

That is the "over" we should be preparing ourselves to embrace. The end of our lives should not be feared and avoided like the plague. The end of our lives should be welcomed and embraced because it is only at the end of our mortal, earthly life that we enter into a new and eternal life.

Throughout the ages, people have feared death. They have looked for solutions to live longer and even to live forever. Death has been visualized as an enemy and as something to fear. That concept of death is a great disservice to us. It almost makes us fear God because, in one sense, we want to see Him and live with Him but in another sense, we do not want to die in order to see Him and live with Him.

Yes. It ain't over til it's over. Until that time, we have a full life to live. We have to embrace the challenge of Jesus to proclaim His Good News to the ends of the world. We have to live in faithful and loving service to one another. We have to be a people of peace, mercy, love, and justice because that is what the Lord wants of us and that is what will most please the Lord.

That way, when it's over, we get to begin again and forever.

**FAITH ACTION:** Ask God to give you the grace that you need to remain faithful to Him in this life so as to be prepared for eternal life.

*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:

- July 29: Rev. Richard Ameling (2008)
- July 30: Deacon Walter Stone (1978)
- July 31: Bishop John F. Noll (1956)
- August 1: Rev. John Popa (1989)
- Rev. James McGrogan (2013)



**IS ADORATION RETURNING SOON?**

Before the pandemic, we had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from the end of the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. Even before the pandemic, we were having problems with people not attending. The Blessed Sacrament should never be left alone and it was becoming a real concern.

Since the pandemic, we have had to cease our weekly adoration. We will not begin anytime soon as the pandemic is still here and many of those who come to the chapel to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament are compromised by health or age or both.

I do not know when adoration will resume at the parish. We will restart this practice when it is feasible to do so. In the meantime, pray fervently that the pandemic might come to an end so that we can all get back to our normal routines in life.

Thank you for your understanding. Keep yourselves safe and healthy. Don't forget to wear your masks in public.

**PLEASE KEEP THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS COMING**

For those who can continue to provide for our parish needs, there are three ways to contribute:

1. Contribute securely online via PayPal, debit or credit card by selecting the Donate Now button on our parish website ([www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)).
2. Begin an automated online payment by completing an Automated Donation form found at the Parish Office.
3. Mail (or drop off) your weekly envelope contributions to: St. Thomas More, 8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

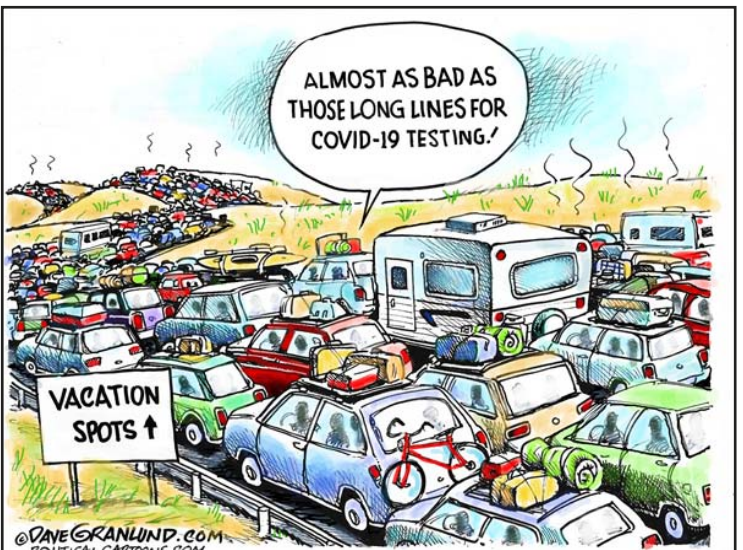
Thank you for being a part of the St. Thomas More Parish Community and for your continued support.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

After a long, dry sermon, the minister announced that he wished to meet with the church board following the close of the service. The first man to arrive and greet the minister was a total stranger.

"You misunderstood my announcement. This is a meeting of the board members," explained the minister.

"I know," said the man, "but, if there is anyone here more bored than I was, then I'd like to meet him."





# Religious Education

## Register Now for Fall 2020

### Religious Education Classes

We are currently accepting Religious Education registrations for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year!

Register in the Parish Office now!

To guaranteed your preferred class day, please register early. Baptismal certificate is required at registration for new students and payment in full at registration time is required.

We look forward to seeing you this fall!

## Stewardship Thoughts



*"The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few"*  
Matthew 9:37

### Participation...Responding to God's Call

- Each person has been given unique gifts.
- We are called to nurture and develop our gifts and not keep them hidden or buried.
- We work together in a complementary way as one Body of Christ in our parish.
- We accept and embrace our role in God's plan.

*If you are not a part of a Ministry at St. Thomas More Church, please consider joining and sharing with others.*

## Praying For Our Parishioners

### May We Pray For You?



Our parish synod group, Faith Reignited, and the Circle of Prayer ministry are teamed up to offer prayers for our parishioners. Our ministry members will, for the time-being, be praying at home and would love to pray for your needs, too! Email your prayer requests to: [STMPayerTeam@gmail.com](mailto:STMPayerTeam@gmail.com).

## Altar & Rosary Bazaar

The 35th annual Altar & Rosary Bazaar, originally scheduled for November 7 will not take place this year. We can't wait to see you all next year! For more info, contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

## Automated Contributions

### You Can Mail, Make Online or Automated Payments

During this current health crisis, as we alter our normal activities, please know that we are praying for you and your family to remain safe and healthy and we're working hard to foster a healthy parish community.

While we continue to keep you apprised of changing situations, our staff continues to work. Our teachers & students have completed a full school year via eLearning and office work, paying bills and keeping up with correspondence all continues, as much of our staff works "behind the scenes". In addition, our phenomenal custodial staff has been busy disinfecting the church and school. Because we are still maintaining and paying staff, keeping up with building security, and maintaining & cooling our facilities, our expenses remain constant.

**If you have the means to make your continued offering contributions to St. Thomas More, you may do so by mailing or dropping off your contribution at the Parish Office, donating online via our parish website or utilize our Automated Contribution program (below).**

### Mail or Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Drop-off at the Parish Office (remains open with limited hours) or mail your contribution: 8501 Calumet Munster, IN 46321.

### Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through the St. Thomas More Church website by using PayPal/debit/credit card: <http://www.stm-church.com/> Please find the "Donate" button in the "Virtual Offering" section.

### Set-Up Automated Payment:

Complete only if interested in this service or if you already use auto pay and need to change your banking information. To have your Sunday contributions withdrawn directly from your financial institution, please complete the form below. Withdrawals will be made on *either* the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (please check the appropriate box below). At this time, only your Sunday contribution will be withdrawn automatically. You will continue to receive your offering envelopes in the mail to contribute to special collections such as CSA, Monthly Green Envelopes & Holy Days, which will *not* be withdrawn automatically.

### AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize St. Thomas More Church to initiate debit entries to my/our checking account indicated on my attached voided check. I/we authorize such banking institution to honor such debit entries on my/our account. I/we understand this authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Thomas More has received written notification from me/us. I agree to give 14 days written notice of any changes to, or discontinuation of, this program.

**I/We hereby authorize St. Thomas More to debit** my/our account in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /month from my/our checking account (**attach a voided check**) on the (select one):  
\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> of each month or \_\_\_\_ 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### Return this form, along with a voided check to:

St. Thomas More Church  
Attn: Mike Gutchewsky • 8501 Calumet Ave • Munster, IN 46321  
For more information, please contact Noreen Bickel at (219) 836-8610, #2330 or [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com)



# St. Thomas More School

**Apply Today!**  
[stm-school.com](http://stm-school.com)



## School Begins August 18<sup>th</sup>!

Space available in most grades!

St. Thomas More School has been busy preparing the building, following directives from the CDC, state and local health departments in order to make the start of school safe for our students and staff.

The STMS comprehensive re-entry plan includes the reconfiguration of classrooms, thorough sanitation throughout the building and many new safety protocols.

STMS principal, Dr. Samantha Francis and school president, Noreen Bickel, presented our re-entry plan to parents via Zoom, complete with a question and answer session, and met with the entire school staff to discuss details of that re-entry plan. We have many safety procedures in place so that parents, students and staff are protected and informed as we get ready for a great new year of learning ahead. We will welcome over 400 students to STMS for the 2020/2021 year in August.

If you are interested in the exceptional education offered at St. Thomas More School, please contact Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151, #2309 or [ppasyk@stm-school.com](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com).

Final applications will be accepted until July 31<sup>st</sup>.



St. Thomas More School 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## Golf Classic

Briar Ridge Country Club

Tomorrow: Monday July 27

*Our thanks to all who sponsored the Gold Classic and to those who will be joining us for a great day of golf and socially-distanced fun and fellowship.*

Watch for the Golf Classic

## Online Auction

to support STMS. Auction opens

Monday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Great items available at [charityauction.bid/STMSGolf2020](http://charityauction.bid/STMSGolf2020)



## Thank You Donors!

The generosity to our school has been overwhelming.

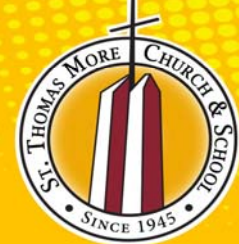
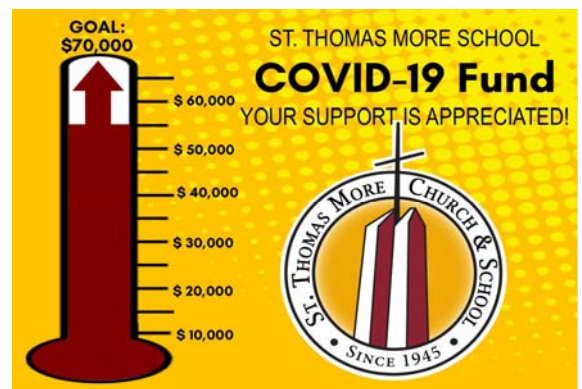
Thank you COVID-19 Fund contributors!

If you would still like to donate to the fund to help our school and our students, it's never too late!

To make your gift, mail your contribution, stop by the Parish Office any time or contact Karen Leluga at [kleluga@stm-school.com](mailto:kleluga@stm-school.com) or visit the school website:

<https://www.stm-school.com/support-stms/>.

Thank you, on behalf of the entire St. Thomas More School community for your help to keep continue to offer the outstanding education and programs for our students and our staff. God bless you all!



## Positions at St. Thomas More

### Evening Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for a part-time evening & Saturday (occasional daytime) receptionist, responsible for welcoming all who call or visit the office. Need to provide administrative/related office services to staff and parishioners.

Must have proficient computer skills and at least 3 years' experience as a receptionist/administrative assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must; experience with Parish Data Systems & QuickBooks, a plus. Send cover letter & resume (see below).

### Part-Time Custodian

Responsibilities include cleaning offices and restrooms, as well as event set-ups for church and school. Must have experience in cleaning in a commercial setting, be able to use various types of floor machines, read and follow directions, and have reliable transportation with a valid driver's license. Evenings and some weekends. Apply in person at the STM Parish Office:

St. Thomas More Church: 8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN  
Questions? Please contact Kim Smith: (219) 836-8610, x331.

## St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please keep all in our community in your prayers. We have many additional families in need of food and assistance during this health crisis. The need is great & your help is truly appreciated. We extend best wishes & prayers to all parishioners at this time.



### Items Needed for Our Pantry:

*Please be as generous as possible.*

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Peanut Butter • Jelly       | Pork & Beans               |
| Cake Mixes • Frosting       | Mac & Cheese               |
| Jell-O                      | Cereal • Canned Fruit      |
| Pancake Mix • Syrup         | Toothbrushes • Tooth Paste |
| Pasta/Noodles • Pasta Sauce | Dish Soap                  |
| Rice • Boxed Potatoes       | Laundry Detergent          |
| Meal Helpers                | Shampoo                    |
| Canned Meat/Fish            | Toilet Paper               |

Please check the expiration dates before donating items  
(note: we cannot accept past-date items).

To learn more about SVDP please call Terry at (219) 836-8610.



St. Thomas More is blessed with an abundance of people who share their time and talent with those in our parish and community.

With over 50 parish ministries, there is something to fit your interests and availability. We encourage you to get involved when restrictions are lifted. You'll receive much more than you give.

### Nursery

Our parish Nursery, during normal circumstances, provides care for young parish children each week at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Brides Room, located in the church narthex near the main entrance. Adult and teen volunteers are always needed and we look forward to welcoming new volunteers when the Nursery re-opens in the future (yet to be determined).

This is a great ministry for families with teenage children, as family members can work together.



## PelliPlay: New from Rockopelli

### Free Guitar Lessons for Students: Apply Now!

Students in Grades 6-10 from low income families may be eligible for free guitar lessons through a new program, PelliPlay. This 10-week guitar educational program, held in Griffith, offers free music instruction and an instrument to young people who qualify. Lessons begin in September 2020. Apply today: [www.rockopellifest.org/pelliplay](http://www.rockopellifest.org/pelliplay). PelliPlay is organized by Rockopelli, Inc., a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in NWI that supports the local community.

Questions? Contact Joel: [jvratajak@rockopellifest.org](mailto:jvratajak@rockopellifest.org).

## VirtualGolf for Possibilities 2020

We're taking a pause from our annual Golf Outing format and letting you choose your course, your tee time, and your golf buddies while donating to Planting Possibilities!

- Golf 18 holes or a round of miniature golf anytime between August 1-16
- Text or email your score



card for awards, based on Peoria-handicap scoring and course difficulty. Course fees are not included.

**Sponsorship opportunities are available.**

Visit <https://Plantingpossibilities.org/golf> or use the QR code for quicker registration.

