

*If we pray and do corporal and spiritual works of mercy in order to give praise and thanks to God that will sustain us. It will invigorate us. It will feed us as our joy wells up in our souls and spills out into even deeper prayer and greater works. We will want to do more not out of expectation but, rather, out of sheer love for Jesus Christ.*

*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  
dmcnicholas@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**  
**Email address for bulletin..... bulletin@stm-church.com**  
Office Phone ..... 836-8610 Office Fax ..... 836-9185  
Bulletin Editor ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
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**

*Preschool 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

Knights of Columbus ..... Tim Jevyak

..... [10596jevvyakt@prodigy.net](mailto:10596jevvyakt@prodigy.net) or (219) 644-8932

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, November 21

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

### Sunday, November 22

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

## Servers

### Saturday, November 21

5:30 p.m. Q. Fehr, A. Forszt

MC ~ Mary

### Sunday, November 22

8:00 a.m. A. Tolnai, N. Thompson

MC ~ Jacob C.

10:00 a.m. D. & V. James

MC ~ Vanessa

12:00 p.m. J. O'Shea, A. Sanchez

MC ~ Ty

**40 Hours Opening**

7:00 p.m. MCs ~ Jacob B. & Francesca

**Devotions**

## Wedding Banns

Bann III: *Jacob Johnson & Karly Taylor*

## Altar Linens: Launderer Needed

St. Thomas More parish is in need of a

### Launderer for Altar Linens

This task involves simple, flat ironing, approximately two times per year. If you can help, please call the Parish Office.

## Sacrificial Offerings

Our parish needs and appreciates your continued contributions.

**Mail Contributions:** 8501 Calumet Ave • Munster, IN 46321

**Donate Online:** Contribute securely online via PayPal, debit/credit card via our parish website by clicking "Donate Now."

### Automated Contributions:

Instructions are on the website.

### November 8, 2020

Adult	\$ 14,806.00
Loose	\$ 2,900.00
Automated	\$ 4,405.00
Children	\$ 1.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,112.11</b>



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, November 15

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Intention of William F. Burke

10:00 am Josephine Bonafacic (Anniv.) by her family

12:00 pm Deanna M. Shimala by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

## MONDAY, November 16

### St. Margaret of Scotland

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

8:30 am Robert G. Biscan by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Biegel

## TUESDAY, November 17

### St. Elizabeth of Hungary

6:30 am Bridget Hennel by Sandra Steele

8:30 am Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka

## WEDNESDAY, November 18

### Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul

6:30 am Deceased Members Chaloupki Michalik Family

8:30 am Jean Hreha (Anniv.) by children

## THURSDAY, November 19

6:30 am Helen M. (Helfen) Kerr by Mariann Walsh & Daughters

9:00 am Mark Porter by Karen Porter & Daughters

## FRIDAY, November 20

6:30 am Bernard Mashura by Sandy Desgupta

8:30 am Alice Martin by Bill & Dorothy O'Brien

## SATURDAY, November 21

### Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Ann Klochan by Mike & Jill Popovich

5:30 pm Edith Laveris by David & Anne Kinsler

## SUNDAY, November 22

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

6:30 am Aileen Walczak (Anniv.) by Jim & Arlene Kender

8:00 am Michael & Violet Kontol by Family

10:00 am Edward J. Solczak (Anniv.) by Family

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

## Campaign for Human Development

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be

### November 21, 2020

CCHD relies on the generosity of parishioners to help those who are marginalized. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities.

CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

To learn more, please visit: [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

## Live-Streamed Masses

Watch the live-streamed daily Mass at St. Thomas More:  
**Monday-Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday at 9:00 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).

## Attending Weekend Masses

St. Thomas More is now offering a full Mass schedule. Before attending church, the CDC recommends checking to insure you do not have a fever, cough, sore throat, headache or are short of breath. If you have any of these symptoms, please stay home.

- Wear a face mask 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.

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

Joshua Alvarez  
 Margaret Amatulli  
 Doris Aurelio  
 Maria Aurelio  
 Pete Bambic  
 Antonio Belmonte  
 Mary Berry  
 Michael Berry  
 Michael Billedo  
 Michael Blazeovich  
 Laverne Blumka  
 Diane Bochnowski  
 Cheryl Bostrom  
 Dr. Arthur Branco  
 Linda Braun  
 Stephany Burney  
 Kathleen Burns  
 Paul Burns  
 Dorothy Campbell  
 James Campbell  
 Peter Castro  
 Janet Cattanch  
 Jacqueline Morrow  
 Christian  
 Joseph Clune  
 Willie Colby  
 Charlotte Conn  
 Vincent Corsello  
 Mike Curtain  
 Valerie Czapkowicz  
 Doris Dabrowski  
 Sarah Dalton  
 Alex Eiland  
 Karen Esposito  
 Sherlon Evans  
 Martha Fetzko  
 James Fletcher  
 Heriberto Flores  
 Maria Flores  
 John Forde  
 Bonnie Gabrione  
 Rich Gagliani  
 Phyllis Garber  
 Andrea Garritano  
 Margaret Geary  
 Emily Gibson  
 Dorothy Gillespie  
 Joan Glinski  
 Margaret Good  
 Monica Gonzalez  
 Howard Gralewski  
 Margaret Gray  
 Susan Graff  
 Christine Greenberg

James Grunewald  
 Mary Ellen Gullicks  
 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 Ingbreton  
 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  
 Jacob Mencliewicz  
 Jenny Mendoza  
 Faye Meny  
 Sandi Merlo  
 Erin Meyer  
 Ann Miskovich  
 Andrew Moll  
 Genevieve Mrvan  
 Bernadine Nemeth  
 Donna Nichols

Jim Nolan  
 Maria Novak  
 Steven Nowaczyk  
 Clare O'Brien  
 Donna O'Connor  
 Danny Ogren  
 James Pancheri  
 Marty Pavlovic  
 Judith Peterson  
 Johanna Petrich  
 Andrew Pieczyrak  
 Elizabeth Pilones  
 Sylvester Porras  
 Dennis Powell  
 Ronald Prus  
 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 Ubaueno  
 Tony Vanden Heuvel  
 Raymond Vanderbok  
 James Wachel  
 Kathy Wachel  
 Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
 Courtney Warner  
 Mark Wein  
 Ruth Williams  
 Annette Wisniewski  
 Stephanie Wisniewski  
 Bill Wisniewski  
 Dick Wright  
 Josephine Zagrocki  
 Cecilia Ziegler  
 Cody Ziemkowski

## Readings for Week of November 15

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4;2:1  
 -5/Ps 1:1-2,  
 3, 4 and 6  
 [Rev 2:17]/  
 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-  
 22/Ps 15:2-  
 3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

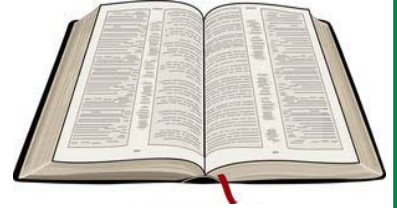
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev  
 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131  
 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor  
 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While

God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities.

But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision.

Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking.

Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy. ©LPi

**IT'S GOT TO BE MORE THAN "A JOB"**

**"It's music. It's supposed to be fun and inspirational. You have to be inspired. If I did it because it was my 'job,' and I only did it to make money, I don't think I'd still be doing it."**

Max Martin

Karl Martin Sandberg, known professionally as Max Martin, is a Swedish songwriter, record producer and singer. He has written many songs for or with several top recording artists including Britney Spears, The Backstreet Boys, and NSYNC. While he may not have done it "only to make money", he is estimated to be worth 260 million dollars.

I have written before about passion, that fire that burns within us and fuels who we are and what we do. Today's quote once again reminds us that our passion for the Lord should drive our everyday living. If we only pray and do good works because we are supposed to do those things, our prayer and good works will fall short.

When Martin stated "If I did it because it was my 'job,' and I only did it to make money, I don't think I'd still be doing it," we can say the same about our faith life. If we only pray because we have to or do good works because it is expected or go to Mass because it is a required, it will not sustain us in our faith lives. We inevitably will quit doing those things or, if we continue out of perceived expectation, we will not be fulfilled.

If, on the other hand, we pray and do corporal and spiritual works of mercy in order to give praise and thanks to God, well, that will sustain us. It will invigorate us. It will feed us as our joy wells up in our souls and spills out into even deeper prayer and greater works. We will want to do more not out of expectation but, rather, out of sheer love for Jesus Christ.

Some people have asked me the past few weeks if there is anything that they can do for others right now. Because of the pandemic, most all of our outreach has been curtailed. However, I reminded them, we can always pray. If we hold others in our thoughts and prayers, we are doing more than we can possibly imagine and not just for them but for ourselves as well.

We are reminding ourselves that we are part of a larger family of faith and that we have a responsibility for one another. Consider that today and, if you cannot do anything else for others, at least keep them in your prayers. You can also call them up and let them know that you are praying for them. It might not be as personal as a face-to-face greeting but, at least, they will know someone cares about them.

**FAITH ACTION:** Whatever you do in your faith life today, do it out of love for Jesus Christ and not because it is expected or required. *J.A. 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:

- November 18: Rev. Donald E. Benwitz, CSB (1983)
- November 19: Rev. John S. Woods (1966)
- November 20: Deacon John Townsend (1987)



**OUR ANNUAL FORTY HOURS**

Several people have asked me if we were hosting our annual Forty Hours this year due to the pandemic. My answer is yes and no.

Because of the pandemic, we cannot have the Eucharist exposed throughout the day as we would not be able to properly sanitize the church as people came and went. Additionally, there would most likely be times that the Eucharist would be left with no one in church adoring. That should never be the case.

So as not to lose the devotion entirely, we will have a Holy Hour each day of the regularly scheduled Forty Hours. On Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, November 22-24, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we will have a Eucharistic presentation. After the presentation, we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The evenings should finish by 7:30 p.m.

Because we cannot gather people together in close quarters, we will not have the typical Eucharistic Procession the final evening. It will close simply with Benediction just like Sunday and Monday.

You are welcome to join us in church on those three evenings. If you are leery about coming out to church, though, the three evenings will be livestreamed just as we do with our Masses.

Forty Hours has sadly stopped at many parishes over the years. I hope this helps us keep our Eucharistic devotions alive at our parish.

**DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING MASS**

Just a reminder as the numbers rise in our area, the bishops of Indiana have extending the dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass indefinitely. We still livestream the Saturday evening and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass if you wish to watch from home. Stay safe and well.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Student: Teacher, would you punish me for something I didn't do?

Teacher: Of course not.

Student: Good, because I didn't do my homework.

Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at Don's paper.

Student: I hope you didn't either.





# Religious Education

## Religious Education Classes

The Religious Education Program is holding classes remotely at this time. We will reassess the situation for next semester. For questions or information about the Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).

## Stewardship Thoughts



Your talent is God's gift to you.  
What you do with your talent  
is your gift to God.

### God's Providence & Stewardship

The following is a reminder from Matthew Kelly's book, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic": "Once we immerse ourselves in the Gospel we realize that there is a level of generosity that goes beyond simply giving money and things to the poor. It is a generosity that challenges us to change the conditions that make them poor."



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

*Be sure to pick-up a 2020 Advent & Christmas Season Booklet available in the Parish Office & at the main church entrance prior to November 29<sup>th</sup> (the beginning of Advent).*

## Stewardship REFLECTION

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."*  
MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

## Calling All High School Students

Want to get out of the house and be with your friends?  
Want to do something meaningful with your Sunday night?  
Then join us for our next ACT meeting:

**Tonight: Sunday, November 15**

6:00 — 8:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

*All area high school students are invited.*

When you attend our ACT (Active Catholic Teens) meeting, you'll not only enjoy the company of your peers, but you'll be helping others as we assemble care packages for area nursing home residents.

Join us and do something good! Helping others is always meaningful and fulfilling!

Please remember to wear a mask and observe all social-distancing protocols.



## The Giving Tree

*Returns to St. Thomas More*

Our parish is sponsoring a Giving Tree to help Catholic Charities provide gifts for families in need.



If you would like to help, please come to the Parish Office to choose a tag.

The Parish Office is open Monday to Saturday between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Return the wrapped gift with the tag attached*

to the Parish Office by

**Saturday, December 5 (before 3:00 p.m.)**

Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Charities.

## Dining for Dollars

Join us at the St. Thomas More School Dining for Dollars:

Little Italy  
**Tuesday**

**November 17**

4:00 to 10:00 p.m.

1155 Joliet Street

Dyer, IN

Dine-in or takeout.



Order T.R.I.P. Now

*The Holidays are Coming!*

Processing Date:

**Tomorrow: Monday, November 16**

Delivery Date: *November 19*

To sign-up or more info, please email: [stmstrip@gmail.com](mailto:stmstrip@gmail.com).  
Drop-off orders in the Parish Office no later than 8:30 a.m.



# St. Thomas More School



TAKING ADVANTANGE  
OF THE BEAUTIFUL

## Fall

WEATHER

The warm temperatures of late fall led to plenty of outdoor activities for our STMS students.

From outdoor classes and band practice to recess and the “Daily Mile”, students and faculty took full advantage of the bonus sunshine and warmth to make the most of this surprise weather gift.

## St. Vincent De Paul Society

*"The children are our future!"*

If this is true, the children of St. Thomas More School's actions indicate we have a lot to look forward to! Each month, St. Thomas More School holds a food drive to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society in feeding the less fortunate. What a fine



example of doing as Christ taught us—to feed the hungry! We are grateful to all at STMS for their generous support!

### Items Needed for Our Pantry:

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

Please check the expiration dates before donating. To learn more about SVDP please call Terry at (219) 836-8610.

## Automated Contributions

We pray for the safety & good health of you and your family during this pandemic.

Our staff is working hard to maintain facilities, serve our parishioners, keep up with our school/parish technological needs and teach our students, all thanks to your generous contributions.

**If you can, please make your continued offering contributions to St. Thomas More to support our parish!**

**Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution:** Drop-off at Parish Office or mail: 8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321.

### Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card: <http://www.stm-church.com/>. Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering" section.

### Set-Up Automated Payment:

Instruction/forms on parish website: <http://www.stm-church.com/>  
Questions? Contact Mike Gutchewsky: (219) 836-9151, ext. 2339 or [mgutchewsky@stm-church.com](mailto:mgutchewsky@stm-church.com) or Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330 [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com)

## Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to the next Holy Name meeting

**Tomorrow — Monday, November 16**

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Rosary • Fish Fry/Raffle Discussion • Refreshments

## Bulletin Articles

Please submit all bulletin articles via email to [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com) at least 2 weeks in advance.

## Positions at St. Thomas More

### Evening Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

STM Parish is looking for a part-time evening & Saturday (occasional daytime) receptionist. Responsibilities: welcoming visitors/callers, providing admin-related office services to staff / parishioners. Must have proficient computer skills & at least 3 years' experience as receptionist/admin assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must; experience with Parish Data Systems & QuickBooks, a plus. Send cover letter & resume (email below).

### Part-Time Custodian

Responsibilities: cleaning offices & restrooms and event set-ups for church & school. Must have cleaning experience (commercial setting), able various types of floor machines, read & follow directions, and have reliable transportation w/ valid driver's license. Evenings/some weekends.

**To apply:** [jobopenings@stm-school.com](mailto:jobopenings@stm-school.com) or in person at the STM Parish Office: 8501 Calumet • Munster, IN 46321

## Andrean High School Events

### Zoom Niner Night

Andrean High School invites families to join Zoom Niner Night **Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Talk with students, parents & faculty. Complete pre-registration at [andreanhs.org/rsvp/](http://andreanhs.org/rsvp/) and a link will be sent to you prior to the event.

### Schedule Your Own Shadow Day!

Contact Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos, at 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or [jnohos@andreanhs.com](mailto:jnohos@andreanhs.com) to schedule your visit today! Questions? Give Jim Nohos a call.

### Apply Today!

Andrean invites you to apply online now: [andreanhs.org/apply](http://andreanhs.org/apply).

### Entrance Exam:

Saturday, November 21, 2020, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

## Events in the Area...

### Food & Clothing Giveaway

**November 21 — 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Lucy Perz, STM parishioner, is once again organizing a food & clothing giveaway for those in need. Drop non-perishable food & gently used clothing at 1925 Fisher Street in Munster or call (219) 838-6602 or (219) 381-4670 to arrange pick-up.

The need is great this year; please help if you can.

### Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make a difference in the Hammond area. If you are recently retired or know someone who loves to

help others and has some spare time on their hands, or if you have questions about the program, please contact Volunteer Manager, Joan Vith at [joan@mownwi.org](mailto:joan@mownwi.org) or (219) 756-3663.

### Christmas at The Shrine

The Shrine of Christ's Passion Gift Shoppe has a host of beautiful, meaningful and special Christmas merchandise, perfect for everyone on your list. Find both religious and gift items. You'll find great deals and a wide selection. Stop in today. The Gift Shoppe at The Shrine also carries the Fontanini line, including Fontanini Nativities.



# Dive into the Light

*An Evening of Reflection for All Diocesan Women*

*Prepare your home, your family, your friends and your community and ready yourself physically and spiritually for the arrival of Jesus Christ.*

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

6:30 p.m.

**“Preparing for Christmas”**

*with Speaker*

***Steven Caraher***

Steven Caraher, is a seminarian for the Diocese of Gary currently studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan.

He can be heard monthly on “Father and Dad,” a podcast available on Spotify and iTunes featuring he and his father PJ Caraher, as they discuss the Catholic faith in the modern world.

This past summer, he was a co-host of “Faith in Focus,” a weekly Facebook faith study examining trust in the Lord in the midst of the current pandemic, joined by fellow seminarian Zach Glick.

Steven is a parishioner of St. Thomas More in Munster, Indiana.

***There is no charge for this event.***

**All members of the Diocese are invited to attend.**

Attend in-person (masks and social distancing apply) or follow our live-stream from home:  
STM Church & School Facebook/YouTube.

We are excited to present our  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

Advent by Candlelight.

Our evening will begin with  
song, prayer,

scripture reading and the  
lighting of the Advent Wreath,  
followed by a presentation by  
Steven Caraher.

We will conclude with prayer.  
Please join us.

# BE A PARTNER IN CHRIST'S WORK

**2020**  
**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

ROMAN CATHOLIC  DIOCESE OF GARY

**Follow-up calls will begin soon!**

## Have You Made Your Contribution to CSA?

*It's Not Too Late to be Partner in Christ's Work by Supporting CSA 2020!*  
The programs, services and ministries supported by CSA serve the needs of others in the Diocese of Gary and throughout the Universal Church. You can now contribute to the Catholic Services Appeal via credit card. For details on how gifts are used, or to make a gift online: <https://dcgary.org/csa> (or complete form below & mail to the Diocese or drop-off at STM)

*Catholic Services Appeal provides funds to ministries & programs:*

- Catholic Charities
- Other-Abled Ministry
- Marriage & Family Ministry
- Pro-Life Initiatives
- Safe Environment Program
- Priestly On-Going Formation
- Priest Pension Program
- Religious Retirement Support
- Haiti Partnership Initiatives
- Catholic Education Assistance
- Evangelization Projects
- Faith Formation Programs
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Intercultural Ministries
- Seminarian Education
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry
- Diaconate Formation
- Communication & Technology

### PLEDGE FORM:

Mail or make a gift online, visit [www.dcgary.org/csa](http://www.dcgary.org/csa)

Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Primer Nombre)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Apellido)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Esposo/Esposa)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Domicilio)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ciudad) (Estado) (Código Postal)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Correo Electrónico)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Número De Teléfono)

**Total Pledge:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cantidad de Promesa)

**Paid Now:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pagado ahora)

**Balance:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Saldo a pagar)

**Return to:**  
(devuelva:)  
**Diocese of Gary**  
**P.O. Box 10160**  
**Merrillville, IN 46411**

**My Employer Matches Gifts**  
 **Check enclosed — Check #** \_\_\_\_\_  
Checks payable to: Catholic Services Appeal

**Charge my credit card:**  
(Carga mi tarjeta de crédito:)



**One Time \$** \_\_\_\_\_  **Monthly \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Donación única) (Mensual)

**Acct #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Número de cuenta)

**Exp Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CSV:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fecha de expiración) MM/YY  
Last 3 digits on back of card  
Los últimos 3 dígitos en la parte posterior de la tarjeta

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_