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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

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Senior Deacon Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
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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. 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

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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 Saturday office hours.

Pastoral Ministries

Environment & Art Helen Jaworski 836-8610
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Hospitality/Greeters Vicky Odegaard 322-6391
Lectors 836-8610
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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
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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
School Phone 836-9151 School Fax 836-0982
President Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
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Director of Development Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307
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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 28
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, August 29
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
 12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

Servers

Saturday, August 28
 5:30 p.m. N. Arman, D. Brantley
 MC ~ Nick

Sunday, August 29
 8:00 a.m. M. Slivka, A. Burzynski, I. Tolnai
 MC ~ Jacob C.
 10:00 a.m. M. Miller, J. Rock, L. Patton
 MC ~ Vanessa
 12:00 p.m. J. Korwek, D. O'Brien, C. Aguilar
 MC ~ Francesca



Baptisms

Maverick Andrew
 Son of Matthew & Mackenzie Childs

Rylie Ann
 Daughter of Nicolas & Ashley Houlihan

Wedding Banns

Bann I — Martin Gruszka & Laure West

Rest in Peace

Aimee N. Cox • Mary E. Gessler
Clementine (Tina) Candella

Sacrificial Offerings



August 15, 2021

Adult	\$ 21,748.00
Loose	\$ 5,427.00
Automated	\$ 3,879.00
TOTAL	\$ 31,054.00

*Thank you for your contributions.
 Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 22

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Amanda Jurkash by Jurkash Family
 10:00 am David Leask (Ann) by Leask Family
 12:00 pm Anastasia Kwiatkowski (Ann) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

MONDAY, August 23 — St. Rose of Lima

6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Roman Claesgens by Denny & Lucy Perz
 8:30 am Veronica Brtos by Altar & Rosary Society

TUESDAY, August 24 — St. Bartholomew

6:30 am Mona Powers by Patti Stofko
 8:30 am Flo Kalka by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 25 — St. Louis of France

6:30 am Edmund Lelito by Kathleen Pagorek
 8:30 am Carmela Anderson by Bill & Dorothy O'Brien

THURSDAY, August 26

6:30 am Jeffrey Shebesta by Kate, Emily & Caleb Shebesta
 9:00 am Ted Pajor by Marilyn Pajor and Family

FRIDAY, August 27 — St. Monica

6:30 am Donald Kopenc by Jay Harker Family
 8:30 am Linda Harle by Patricia Hoffmiller

SATURDAY, August 28 — St. Augustine

8:30 am Olga Bianchi (Ann) by Renaldo Bianchi, Husband
 5:30 pm Tadeusz Jaworski by Family

SUNDAY, August 29

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am K.D. You by Janice Slivka
 10:00 am Ted Leask by Leask Family
 12:00 pm Intention of Jim & Ann Miskovich by Children

Flu Shot Clinic

Walgreens will once again be offering the

Flu Shot

to our parishioners.

Sunday

September 12

in the St. Thomas More School Gym

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Please bring an I.D. and your insurance or Medicare card.



Weekend Masses

All pandemic protocols were lifted the weekend of August 7/8.

- It is recommended that anyone not vaccinated wear a mask
- If uncomfortable without a mask, feel free to wear one.
- Socially distanced pews are available on the choir side of the church for those who may wish some degree of separation.
- We will not be distributing the Precious Blood at Communion

Guidelines will be altered as warranted by health agencies.

Live-Streamed Daily Masses

Watch the live-streamed daily Mass at STM through Facebook or via our parish website: www.stm-church.com (or on YouTube).

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.

Readings: Week of August 22

- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez	Amy Hayes	Maria Novak
Margaret Amatulli	Dick Hemingway	Steven Nowaczyk
Doris Aurelio	Marie Henke	Clare O'Brien
Maria Aurelio	Elaine Herrmann	Donna O'Connor
Pete Bambic	Bertha Birdy Hernandez	Danny Ogren
Pat Batchelder	Irma Hernandez	James Pancheri
Antonio Belmonte	Marisol Hernandez	Marty Pavlovic
Mary Berry	Robert Heseck	Judith Peterson
Michael Berry	Becky Hill	Dawn Petro
Michael Billeo	Joan Hoess	Johanna Petruich
Diane Bochnowski	Sally Joy Hollingshead	Andrew Pieczyrak
Cheryl Bostrom	Charlotte Hunt	Elizabeth Pilonas
Linda Braun	Shirley Huskey	Sylvester Porras
Stephany Burney	Betty Ingbreton	Dennis Powell
Kathleen Burns	Joseph S. Iwan	Ronald Prus
Diane Butler	Steve Izzo	Timothy Ribble
Dorothy Campbell	Elizabeth Jacob	Jackie Roach
James Campbell	Barbara Jamrose	Ann Sardella
Peter Castro	Stanley Jayjack	George Sauer
Janet Cattanach	Kelly Jean	Marie Schultz
Jaqueline Morrow	Kevin Karl	Marianne Schwartz
Christian	Mark Kenney	William Schwartz
Ursula Cichy	Irene Kerps	Zachery Scriff
Joseph Clune	James Klein, Sr.	James Secviar
Willie Colby	Janet Knight	Jim Seul
Charlotte Conn	Susan Kolodziej	Renee Shehan
Vincent Corsello	Richard Komyatte	Nick Skinner
Mike Curtain	Gregory P. Koscielski	Laurie Slazyk
Valerie Czapkowicz	Crystal Kurek	Karen Sliwa
Doris Dabrowski	Annika LeMonier	Carolyn Smiley
Mary Ann Daliege	Chris LeMonier	Deborah Stareck
Matthew Daliege	Debbie LeMonier	Georgianne Suto
Sarah Dalton	Nicklas LeMonier	Florence Stevens
Alex Eiland	Mike Lewis	Carol Storey
Karen Esposito	Kris Lisikiewicz	Charles Svitko
Sherlon Evans	Jo Lisiniewicz	Rose Theis
James Fletcher	Edward Liskiewicz	Russ Thomas
Heriberto Flores	Stanley Liskiewicz	Gerardo Trevino
Maria Flores	Maria Lovell	David Trotman
John Forde	Brady Martin	Kathie Trudgian
Bonnie Gabrione	Paul Martin	Anthony Ubuaue
Rich Gagliani	Larkin McKenzie	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Phyllis Garber	Jacob Mencliewicz	Raymond Vanderbok
Andrea Garritano	Jenny Mendoza	James Wachel
Margaret Geary	Faye Meny	Kathy Wachel
Emily Gibson	Sandi Merlo	Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Dorothy Gillespie	Erin Meyer	Courtney Warner
Joan Glinski	John Mitchener	Mark Wein
Monica Gonzalez	Ann Miskovich	Ruth Williams
Howard Gralewski	Andrew Moll	Annette Wisniewski
Margaret Gray	Thomas Mordaunt	Stephanie Wisniewski
Susan Graff	Genevieve Mrvan	Bill Wisniewski
Christine Greenberg	Bernadine Nemeth	Dick Wright
Mary Ellen Gullicks	Martin Nemeth	Cecilia Ziegler
Katie Kardes Hargett	Donna Nichols	Cody Ziemkowski
Rosemarie Havran	Jim Nolan	

Bulletin Articles

To accommodate summer schedules, please submit articles via email to bulletin@stm-church.com at least 2 weeks in advance. Thank you for your assistance.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods. But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make. ©LPI

MORE FROM THE HEART

“Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.” ~ G.K. Chesterton

Technique is so important in any area of life. If you want to be a great ball player, you have to have technique. If you want to be a great actor, technique. If you want to be a great surgeon, technique. You have to “have the moves.”

In many professions, though, it's not solely about technique, it's also about heart. When I saw today's quote, the first thing that came to my mind was figure skating. I have been a fan of figure skating since I have been quite young. My mother and I, with rapt fascination, would watch the skating portion of the Olympics.

When a couple absolutely nailed a performance, it was because they were not only flawless in technique, they were also flawless in heart. You could feel something as you watched them. There was a beauty that would shine through their performance that left you speechless, or crying, or emotionally moved in some other way.

Chesterton is speaking to an important facet of the faith: it has to be more than intellectual. We might all know people that can cite Bible verses, cite Church teaching, perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy and other things but who appear to be hollow and lifeless inside. All the knowledge of the faith that they quote doesn't appear to amount to much.

We might also know people who are paragons of the lived faith. We see them reaching out to others, we hear them singing religious songs in church, at home, or on the street, and we see other signs of someone who would be called faithful. When we see them, as opposed to the examples of the previous paragraph, we believe that we are seeing the faith unfold in front of us. We might even be able to say that we see Jesus in them.

While they were still living, people used to say that about Mother Teresa of Calcutta and about Pope John Paul II. So many claimed that they were living saints. Their ways were simple and humble but their influence on others was deeply profound. Their religion, in Chesterton's terms, was a love affair, a love affair with God. Because they were so deeply in love with God, everyone around them received a heaping share of love as well.

I wonder if you realize that we are all supposed to be that way and not just occasionally. We are supposed to be that way each and every day of our lives. In doing so, our love for God grows and the lives of people we encounter will be blessed and edified.

FAITH ACTION: Be not afraid to love God deeply and profoundly and to share that love with all you encounter. *J. 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:

- August 23: Rev. Alfred J. Junk (1957)
Rev. Anthony D. Ficko (2000)
- August 24: Rev. George Angemaier (1948)
Msgr. Michael Shea (1956)

COMING BACK

More and more groups are starting up once again at our parish. The pandemic has affected many gatherings but now that we are coming out of it, different organizations want to start up once again.

If you had been a part of a group, reach out and check with the organizer and see if there are plans to begin soon. If you had been a part of a group that has lost its organizer, consider stepping up to the plate and bringing others back together.

We are not only a people of facts, we are a people of action, as spoken about in the weekly column. The lived faith is important for others to see in our world, a world that is in desperate need of good example.

So, what do you say? Time to get involved once again?

THANK YOU

The other week, I told you of my condo purchase since people were chatting about it anyway and I wanted you to hear if from me first so that you would know that I am still very much present here at the parish.

That was my sole intention. Apparently, it worked. A number of people told me that they were glad I said something because they had “heard things” and this way they got it right from the horse's mouth.

What I did not intend, however, was to fish for gifts. Many of you sent cards or letters to me with “condo-warming” gifts. That was totally unnecessary. I truly appreciate the outpouring of love expressed and I thank you for your gifts and sentiments.

You're wonderful people. During these past eighteen years, you have proven that over and over again. I can never thank you all enough for the many ways you have blessed me through the years. God bless you all.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Two children were at a wedding and, toward the end of the ceremony, one leaned over to the other and asked, “Do you know how many wives a man can have?”

The other child thought about it for a while, did the math, and then answered, “Sixteen: four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer.”



WE USED TO BE RICH BUT THEN MY MOM WENT GROCERY SHOPPING!





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Register Now for Religious Education Classes

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year and planning on in-person classes in the fall and beyond. You can find the registration form on the parish website. Register early to ensure that you get your day of preference. If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required for registration. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. We look forward to seeing you this fall! Questions? Contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Share Your Faith with Our Parish Children

We are currently looking for men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of St. Thomas More by volunteering to be a

Catechist

Substitute Catechist Classroom Aide

If you are looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, please prayerfully consider if this is

something God is calling you to do. Grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children of our parish.

A former STM catechist states, "Teaching CCD has been so much fun so far, and it's really a good spiritual experience for our whole family... I'm really glad you recruited me for the job."

Please contact Emily Hackett for more information. (219) 836-8610 ext. 2232 or ehackett@stm-school.com.



Greeters for the Week



Sunday, August 22

8:00 am Mass

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil

Chapel: Pat Strange

Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Hal & Suzanne Lusk

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak
Choir: Pischner Family

Stewardship Thoughts



- Without time for serious thought processes, we are losing the ability to think deeply. We don't even have time to wonder, "What is the meaning of it all?" *Jeanette Flood*
- The great paradox about Christian maturation is that it depends upon growing in childlike trust. This is how we come to mature and grow in stature within Jesus' heart. *Fr. John Horn*
- All Christians are called to be hospitable. But it is more than serving a meal or opening a door. Hospitality is not just shelter, but the quality of welcome behind it. *Dorothy Day*

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

Join Us for Our Next RCIA Class

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Then RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) is for you! The RCIA process introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

It helps you explore what it means to be a Christian. It prepares you to enter fully into our community of faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Becoming Catholic is more than just learning scripture and rituals, it's discovering how to be a disciple of the Lord.

We welcome all those who are new to the faith, the unbaptized or baptized, those that have not yet been confirmed in the Church and also those who are simply just searching for God.

If you think you may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, join us for our upcoming

Discernment Sessions

All sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

**Tuesday, September 21 and
Tuesday, September 28**

RCIA classes will begin on October 5, 2021.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thank You, Parishioners, for Continued Support!

We are most grateful to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More, who have consistently contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry with gusto. Thanks to your support, our pantry has an abundance of food and toiletries, but we still need a bit more!

We are grateful for the help and kindness of our parish community as we work to feed our neighbors in need.

Food Pantry Requests:

Soup	Frosting	Canned Fruit
Pasta	Jelly	Toothpaste
Pasta Sauce	Pancake Syrup	Toilet Paper



St. Thomas More School

Back to School

Book Fair & Ice Cream Social

St. Thomas More School welcomed students and their families on Sunday, August 15 to drop-off school supplies, complete necessary paperwork, pick-up yearbooks and gym clothes and take care of all the fine details so that everyone was ready to start a brand new school year on August 17/18.

After all the "business" was done, both children and parents alike enjoyed a frozen treat from the ice cream truck.

Our thanks to all who attended. The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start!



Dining for Dollars

Help St. Thomas More School students and enjoy a great meal, all at the same time when you join us for our next Dining for Dollars event:

Schoop's Hamburgers

Tuesday, August 31

4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

215 Ridge Road • (219) 836-6233

Dine-In or Take-Out. Show this ad or

mention

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proceeds.



Altar & Rosary Society

Meeting and Lunch

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we reconvene

Sunday, September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Weis Center (Main Hall)

We will begin with the Rosary and follow with our meeting.

Please Note: Our new meeting day is Sunday.

Lunch, desserts and door prizes will be provided by

Altar & Rosary.

Please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 to make your **reservations, no later than Wednesday, September 8th.**

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

To learn more:

Kathleen (219) 972-0539 • Cindy (219) 923-9862

Senior Citizens

It's almost time to reconnect after missing everyone for 16 months. Our next Senior meeting will be on

Wednesday, September 1st

1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center.

During our first meeting, we will distribute new calendars, discuss business topics, communicate needed information, and talk about our

Social Meeting on September 15th

where we'll offer card and table games, along with plenty of conversation and lots of laughs.

Mark your calendar for these important September dates.



Fun for Seniors

Calling All Children in Grades K to 5

Open up a world of excitement through outdoor activities and building skills, gain confidence & become an engaged citizen.

Cub Scout Pack 542

Enrollment Event

Tuesday, August 31 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Lions Club Shelter in Community Park

\$100 Dues (check or cash only)

Enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, hayrides, ice skating, Pinewood Derby, bike rides, crafts, archery and much more.

Open to all boys & girls in K to Grade (**do not need to be a member of STM Church or School**).

For more info: stmclubpack542@gmail.com or stmclubpack542.weebly.com/



Join Us for a "Stuffing" Party

The Altar & Rosary Society needs your help!

Join us for a "stuffing party" and enjoy the good company of fellow parishioners as you help prepare a big Altar & Rosary mailing.

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Weis Center

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610, so we know how many will be helping out.



Evening Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant Needed

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for a part-time evening and Saturday receptionist to be responsible for welcoming all who enter, or telephone, the Parish Office.

This person will also provide administrative and related office services to staff members and parishioners of St. Thomas More.

Requirements:

Must have proficient computer skills and have at least 3 years of experience as a receptionist or administrative assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must and experience with Parish Data Systems and QuickBooks a plus.

Please see the Parish website for a full position description:

<http://www.stm-church.com/ParishReceptionist.pdf>.

If qualified, please submit a cover letter and resume to:

jobopenings@stm-church.com.

Gabriel Project

The first meeting of the Gabriel Project ministry for this year will be held on

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center • Room 101

We have a lot of catching up to do.

We have new babies and a great deal of news about all of our moms and families.

If you are not a member, but are interested in finding out about the Gabriel Project ministry and what we do, please come and join us! We're looking forward to seeing everyone, and especially welcoming our new members in person.

As always, please pray for our moms and their babies.

Automated Contributions

We appreciate the consistent support of our parishioners throughout the pandemic. Now that most parishioners have been returning to weekly Mass in the church, please know that anyone can still contribute to our parish online.

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 or

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STM Career Networking Group

No Meetings Until September

The Career Networking Group is currently taking a break. We are still emailing job listings and will review resume & cover letters. Watch the bulletin for Career Networking news.

Email: donnaweidenfeller@gmail.com or jas.kaczka@att.net

Wounded Healers Grief Support

This past year has taken a toll on many, and for those suffering the loss of a loved one, it has been even more challenging.

Take advantage of our 30+ years of helping and supporting those dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one by joining our sessions when we reconvene on

Wednesday, September 8

7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. James the Less Formation Center
(Corner of Kennedy and 45th Streets in Highland)

Beginnings Group: Register in Room 2
Advanced Groups: Register in Rooms 7 & 8

Come and be with people who know how you feel.
Visit our website for more info: woundedhealers-nwi.com

Planting Possibilities Mum Sale

Save the Date

Annual Mum Sale
Saturday, September 18

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More



You'll find a beautiful selection of nursery-quality mums, perfect for fall decorating.

Centennial Tea at Bishop Noll

Bishop Noll Institute will host

Thee Alumni & Me Centennial Tea

during its 100th Anniversary Celebration weekend to coincide with other centennial events.

All are welcome to join us for this fundraiser .

Saturday, September 18, 2021

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Bishop Noll STREAM Lab
1519 Hoffman Street • Hammond

Speaker:

Terry McMahon Putz, BNI Class of 1966

BNI Centennial Historian

Terry will share some interesting tidbits from Bishop Noll history.

Guests will be served traditional tea fare: chicken salad croissants, cucumber delights, fresh fruit, ham & asparagus rounds, sweet and savory pastries and assorted teas.

Door prizes, basket raffles and a quilt raffle will take place.

Guests should bring their own tea cup to share memories.

Tickets: \$50 (must be purchased by Friday, September 10).

For more information or tickets, visit forevernoll.givesmart.com, email advancement@bishoppnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058.



Other centennial plans include:

Gala Dinner Celebration on September 16

5K and Tailgate Party on September 17

Outdoor Mass on September 19

Black Tie White Collar Gala

Come celebrate and support the

Culture of Vocations to the Priesthood

Speaker: Bishop Robert J. McClory

Black Tie White Collar Gala

Friday, October 29, 2021

Trinity Hall & Banquet Center

640 N. Calumet Road • Chesterton, IN

Live & Silent Auction Open Bar Dinner Dancing

Cost: \$75/person • Black Tie Optional

Vocation Office Directors:

Fr. Chris Stanish, Fr. Nate Edquist, and Fr. Jacob McDaniel
RSVP to Jo Anne: jrosenow@dcdgary.org or 219-464-4042 x8

Dinner, Food & Clothing Giveaway

Anyone in need of clothing and/or food is invited to join us for the 37th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, October 2

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Hammond Civic Center • 5825 Sohl Avenue Hammond

Sponsored by STM Parishioner Lucy Perz,

Calumet Region Youth &

Many Local Churches

To donate non-perishable items & clothing or to volunteer to help, please contact Lucy at (219) 838-5502 or (219) 381-4670.

Events in the Area...

St. John Bosco Picnic

All are invited to our Parish Picnic and share birthday wishes with Fr. Jeffrey Burton on Sunday, August 22 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Food (Polish), air-conditioned Bingo, free entertainment and raffles. Music by Take Five and DJ from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

If you are passionate about others, consider becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer in Lake & Porter Counties. Contact Charlie: charlie@mownwi.org or (219) 756-3663 to start.

AYCE Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Hosted by St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10/person includes salad, bread, coffee & dessert. Cash bar.

An Invitation from the Serra Club of NWI

Serra International, a group dedicated to fostering and supporting religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life, is welcoming representatives from all Diocese of Gary parishes. Attend one of our meetings, where faith becomes action, on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Hobart. Join our group founded in 1954, Contact Susan at (219) 688-8209 to learn more.

A Fabulous 50's Christmas

Get your tickets early for the return engagement of the very popular "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" playing at the Towle Theater

this December with Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances, December 3-19, 2021. Towle can add a special private performance for groups of 90+ guests with an optional pre-show reception of food, drinks & custom touches. Tickets are reasonable (special group rates available). Plan your holiday outing now. 5205 Hohman in Hammond • (219) 937-8780 www.towletheater.com.

Retreats at Lindenwood Conference Center

Register at www.lindenwood.org

Healing Stories in the Gospel: *A Retreat with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer* Friday, September 3 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Explore Jesus' encounters with those in need of healing and how we can allow the Gospels to speak to our own need of healing today. Cost: \$45.00 includes meal, refreshments & retreat. Please register 8/23.

Women Who Knew God: *Urging Us Forward Today*

One Friday/month. 10:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. A six month immersion into teachings of great women. Learn from their writings, explore prayer and practices that assist in responding to God's invitation. Various presenters, facilitated by Sue Wilhelm.

A Pilgrimage with Mary: Step away from what crowds your mind & heart and walk with Christ at beautiful Lindenwood Retreat Center in Plymouth, IN. The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ welcome you to visit 8 stations devoted to Mary as you meditate and reflect. Parish groups welcomed. Only \$10/person (lunch additional). To donate, or for info/schedule a tour:

www.lindenwood.org or call 574-935-1780.