The image features four tall, tapered candles against a dark blue background. From left to right, the first candle is red, the second is purple, the third is purple and lit with a bright yellow flame, and the fourth is purple. The lit candle has a small amount of wax dripping down its side. The candles are positioned behind a layer of green pine branches at the bottom. In the center, there is a glowing white circle behind the lit candle. A paragraph of text is centered in the middle of the image.

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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**

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312  
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Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

**St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)**

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Julius Ballanco ..... Bernadine Barrett, Chairperson  
Carolyn Cenko ..... Leslie Dernulc  
Debra Harker ..... Christi Kordeck  
Katie Kordeck ..... Paul Liszewski  
Eric Miller ..... Jean Nanos  
Joe Peters ..... Daniel Straka

**St. Thomas More School**

*Preschool through 8th Grade*

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

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School Phone ..... 836-9151 School Fax ..... 836-0982  
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
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School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
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School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development ..... Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307  
Business Manager ..... Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

**Weis Center**

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

Phone ..... 836-2660

**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 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.

**Marriage** ..... Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.

**Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:**  
Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.



**New Parishioner Registration**

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

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

**St. Thomas More Religious Education**

*Kindergarten through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours:**

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

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

Religious Education Phone ..... 836-8610

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

Administrative Assistant ..... Cindy McMahon; Ext. 2236

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

**Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

Formation/Education ..... Allen Blocher

Parish Life ..... Elaine Herrmann

Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas

Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura

Stewardship ..... Paul Liszewski

**Parish Organizations**

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

Boy Scouts ..... 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 ..... Patricia Sinclair • plalessandrini@yahoo.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 ..... Chris Bedenk

..... [wgkchrisbedenk@gmail.com](mailto:wgkchrisbedenk@gmail.com) or (219) 595-2470

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Seniors of STM ..... Marion Case (219)743-3543

Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

## Celebrants

**Saturday, November 26**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, November 27**

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

## Servers

**Saturday, December 3**

5:30 p.m. X. Fonseca, J. Dye/MC ~ Nick

**Sunday, December 4**

8:00 a.m. J. Sajn, N. Thompson/MC ~ Hunter

10:00 a.m. T. Ogunyoye, L. Patton/MC ~ Abi

12:00 p.m. B. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Jack



## Baptisms

**Henry James**

Son of

Joshua and Mary Rachel Kolar

## Rest in Peace

**Daniel T. Poludniak**

## Bulletin Deadlines

The holidays are now upon us and bulletin printing schedules will be altered until mid-January.

In order to have your info published in the correct bulletin issues, please be sure to submit info for the bulletin via email **at least 2 full weeks in advance** to:  
[bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).

## Sacrificial Offerings



**November 13, 2022**

Adult \$ 15,104.00

Loose \$ 1,870.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

**TOTAL \$ 21,909.00**

*Thank you  
for your generous  
support of our parish.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, November 27 — First Sunday of Advent**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Intention of Michael & Antoinette Mercier by Mercier Family

10:00 am Gregory Drobac by His Mother

12:00 pm Edward J. Solczak (Ann) by Family

**MONDAY, November 28**

6:30 am Sharon Jurkash (Ann) by Jurkash Family

8:30 am Rudy Garcia (Ann) by the Serrano Family

**TUESDAY, November 29**

6:30 am Celia Garcia (Ann) by Daughter, Rosie

8:30 am Raul Carrillo by Lora Reynoso

**WEDNESDAY, November 30 — St. Andrew**

6:30 am Doreen Jurkash (Ann) by Jurkash Family

8:30 am Lorraine Milligan by Walter Milligan

**THURSDAY, December 1**

6:30 am Michael Mikolajczyk by Corrine Nosich

9:00 am Adam & Sophie Jez by Their Children

**FRIDAY, December 2**

6:30 am Lorraine A. Corns by Seniors of STM

8:30 am Beverly Nyhan by Kim Buchalo

**SATURDAY, December 3 — St. Francis Xavier**

8:30 am Rev. C. P. Zurawiec by Family

5:30 pm Steven & Mary Maicher by Daughters

**SUNDAY, December 4 — Second Sunday of Advent**

6:30 am James Szymanski by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am Robert Lemmons by Mike & Jill Popovich

12:00 pm William J. O'Brien, Jr. by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

## Stewardship REFLECTION

### First Sunday of Advent

*“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”*

MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



## Automated Contributions

As we look forward with renewed hope about the safety and health of our parish, area and nation, we also look forward to many more in-person activities, including church attendance.

**There are many options to support our parish!**



### 1. Collection Basket at Church

### 2. Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Mail or drop-off at Parish Office

### 3. 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 Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330 [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com)

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

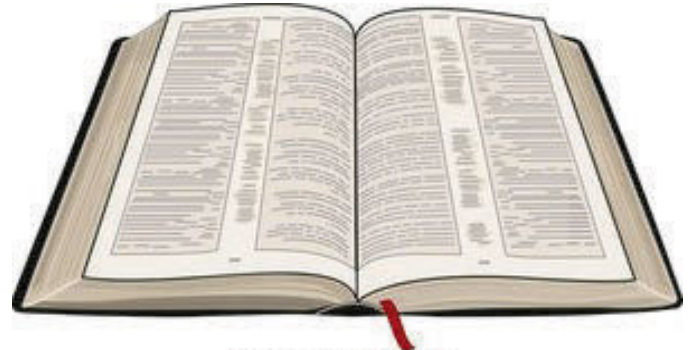
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Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billedo  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
G. Briney  
Stephany Burney  
Kathleen Burns  
Diane Butler  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Janet Cattanach  
Jacqueline Morrow  
Christian  
Ursula Cichy  
Loretta Clott  
Joseph Clune  
Willie Colby  
Charlotte Conn  
Vincent Corsello  
Mike Curtain  
Valerie Czapkowicz  
Doris Dabrowski  
Sarah Dalton  
Aaron Dudek  
Alex Eiland  
Sherlon Evans  
James Fletcher  
Heriberto Flores  
Maria Flores  
John Forde  
Bonnie Gabrione  
Rich Gagliani  
Christine Gajda  
Phyllis Garber  
Andrea Garritano  
Margaret Geary  
Emily Gibson  
Joan Glinski  
Monica Gonzalez  
Howard Gralewski  
Margaret Gray  
Susan Graff  
Christine Greenberg  
Mary Ellen Gullicks  
Katie Kardes Hargett  
Rosemarie Havran  
Amy Hayes  
Dick Hemingway

Marie Henke  
Elaine Herrmann  
Adelina Hernandez  
Bertha Birdy Hernandez  
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Marisol Hernandez  
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Becky Hill  
Marie Hill  
Joan Hoess  
Sally Joy Hollingshead  
Charlotte Hunt  
Betty Ingbreton  
Joseph S. Iwan  
Steve Izzo  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Barbara Jamrose  
Stanley Jayjack  
Kelly Jean  
Kevin Karl  
Dan Karulski  
Mark Kenney  
Irene Kerps  
James Klein, Sr.  
Janet Knight  
Susan Kolodziej  
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Crystal Kurek  
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Chris LeMonier  
Debbie LeMonier  
Nicklas LeMonier  
Dorothy Lesnifsky  
Kris Lisikiewicz  
Jo Lisiniewicz  
Edward Liskiewicz  
Stanley Liskiewicz  
Maria Lovell  
Tom Magurany  
James Malayer  
Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Carolyn McGill  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jacob Mencilwicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
Benjamin Mikels  
John Mitchener  
Andrew Moll  
Thomas Mordaunt  
Genevieve Mrvan  
Bernadine Nemeth  
Donna Nichols

Maria Novak  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien  
Donna O'Connor  
Danny Ogren  
James Pancheri  
Marty Pavlovic  
Judith Peterson  
Dawn Petro  
Johanna Petruich  
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  
Karen Shliwa  
Deborah Stareck  
Georgianne Suto  
Florence Stevens  
Carol Storey  
Charles Svitko  
Rose Theis  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
Gerardo Trevino  
David Trotman  
Kathie Trudgian  
Anthony Ubane  
Tony Vanden Heuvel  
Raymond Vanderbok  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
Mark Wein  
Ruth Williams  
Annette Wisniewski  
Stephanie Wisniewski  
Bill Wisniewski  
Dick Wright  
Cecilia Ziegler  
Cody Ziemkowski

## Readings: Week of November 27

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



## First Sunday of Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy?

We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness. ©LPI

**LIFE IS ADVENT**

**“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.” ~ Henri Nouwen**

We begin a wonderful season once again, the Holy Season of Advent. For many, Advent will be a waste of time because, commercially, Christmas is almost over and stores are already placing Valentine’s Day material on their shelves. We are in such a rush, rush world that we run the risk of failing to appreciate what is right here with us this very day, this very moment.

Advent is a season that challenges us to prepare. It calls us to consider the other-worldly. It reminds us that we are getting ready for something much more than just a worldly season. Christmas is much more than of the world. It is a day and a season that celebrates the two comings of Jesus Christ: His coming as a tiny infant in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago and the time when He will come again in His glory.

Acknowledging His first coming is the very first step in our preparation. To acknowledge Jesus’ birth is to focus on the fact that God became one of us and that He calls us to be something other than ourselves. We need to set aside our selfish goals and to focus upon the Kingdom which is to come.

Come, Lord. Do not delay. Help us to prepare for your return.

**FAITH ACTION:** Resolve to spend the season of Advent in joyful anticipation of He-Who-is-to-come.

*In. Mike*

**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS**

There are many ways to prepare yourselves for the coming of Christmas. I share them with you here so that you can mark your calendars. We hope to see you at many of the events!

**Sunday, November 27 - 6:00 p.m.**

Taizé Prayer Service

**Sunday, December 4 - 6:00 p.m.**

Taizé Prayer Service

**Sunday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m.**

Munster High School Choral Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m.**

Lessons and Carols

**Tuesday, December 20 - 7:00 p.m.**

Advent Penance Service

Other ways to prepare for Christmas include utilizing an Advent wreath or Jesse Tree, spending more time reading scripture, or reading stories of the faith as well as watching religious movies.

Take time to help yourself focus on the coming of Christmas so that you don’t feel woefully unprepared when it arrives.

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!**

**“Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited.”**

**~ Thomas Merton**

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

A church had a man in the choir who couldn’t sing. People suggested he do something else but he continued to come to the choir. The choir director became desperate and went to the pastor. “You’ve got to get that man out of the choir,” he said. “If you don’t, I’m going to resign. The choir members are going to quit, too. Please do something.”

So the pastor went to the man and suggested, “Perhaps you should leave the choir.”

“Why should I get out of the choir?” he asked.

“Well, five or six people have told me you can't sing.”

“That’s nothing,” the man snorted. “Fifty people have told me that you can’t preach!”

**THE ADVENT WREATH: A MEANINGFUL TRADITION**

Catholics have made Advent wreaths for many years now. They help us mark the passing of the weeks to Christmas.

Consider creating an Advent wreath that you can light at home before eating or another time when your family gathers together.

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight His paths.

A blessed Advent to you!



**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 27: Rev. Joseph H. Hammes (1991)  
Rev. William E. Vogt (2004)
- December 1: Rev. Wilfred P. Mannion (1959)  
Rev. Francis M. Lazar (2007)  
Deacon Edwin Gatons (2018)
- December 3: Msgr. Leo P. Hildebrandt (1979)  
Rev. Chester P. Zurawiec (1993)







# Religious Education

For information about the St. Thomas More Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610 or [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).

## November Schedule

30/1 Class

## December Schedule

1 Class  
6 *8th Grade Confirmation Retreat*  
7/8 **No Class** — *Holy Day of Obligation*  
14/15 Class  
21/22 **No Class** — *Merry Christmas*  
28/29 **No Class** — *Happy New Year*

## Advent by Candlelight

### Reminder:

The St. Thomas More 4th Annual **Advent by Candlelight** will be held this week for those women of the Diocese *who have pre-registered.*

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Gym

## Time to Christmas Shop!



It's the Christmas season and we know that shopping for holiday gifts are on your "to-do" list.

Amazon is a one-stop-shop for almost everything on your shopping list and when you shop with AmazonSmile, St. Thomas More School earns .5% of every order you place, and it doesn't cost you a thing! So start shopping now by going to: [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733) and be sure to designate St. Thomas More as your charity of choice.

## Nursery

Children Infant to 4 years of age are welcome during the 10:00 Sunday Mass in the Bride's Room. Space is limited. Adult & teen volunteers are always welcome.

To volunteer in the Nursery, contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

### Volunteer Schedule

**Sunday, December 4**  
Jennifer Anderson  
Kaaren Mashura

**Sunday, December 18**  
Rachel Perezchica  
Michelle & Caroline  
Wendlinger

**Sunday, December 11**  
Susie & Finn Kinsella  
Ann & Paul Harkenrider

**Sunday, December 25**  
Closed

## Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, December 4**

**6:30 a.m. Mass**

Main: Tanya Vasquez

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: Yvette Radziwiecki

Choir: Maria Rodriguez

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: Dwight Reed

**12:00 Noon Mass**

Main: Gladys Escobedo

## New Ministry at STM

We are excited to announce a new STM ministry now forming:

### Mental Health Ministry

Are you a good listener?

Do you have a strong compassion for others?

Do you want to help others struggling with grief, depression, anxiety, loneliness and isolation?

*Then a Mental Health Minister may be the perfect ministry for you!*

The mission of a Mental Health Minister is to provide an environment where people living with emotional struggles can meet, share their experiences and their Catholic faith with others, and to grow spiritually closer in their relationship with God.

### Come to the first meeting of the Mental Health Ministry!

Anyone answering yes to the questions above should plan to join us

**Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

Parish Conference Room

No mental health training required.

The Ministry will be formed by parishioners and mental health education will be provided by professionals.

For questions, or more information about this new STM ministry, please contact:

Dr. Jean Nanos: [drjnanos@stm-school.com](mailto:drjnanos@stm-school.com)

## Seniors of STM

### Happy Thanksgiving from the Seniors of STM!

We invite everyone, age 55 years or older, to join our fun group.

You *do not* need to be a member of STM Church to join.

All meetings are at 1:00 p.m. at the

St. Thomas More Weis Center, unless noted otherwise.



### Christmas Luncheon

12:00 p.m.

Teibel's Restaurant

**Wednesday, December 7**

Meal/dinner choices:

Chicken \$22 • Beef \$28

Perch \$30

Entertainment will be provided

by the ukulele group,

*Just For Fun Strummers.*

**Reservations must be made by tomorrow!**

**Monday, November 28.**

Make your reservation in the Parish Office.



# St. Thomas More School



## Outstanding Performance!

Another stellar presentation by St. Thomas More School students who hosted last weekend's musical performances of

### Honk, Jr.

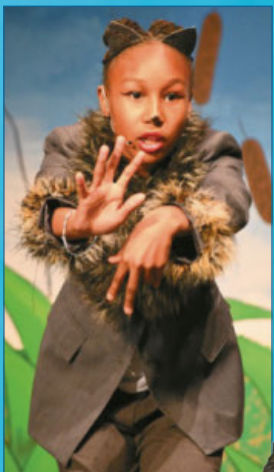
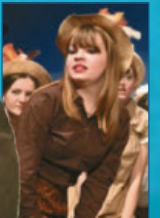
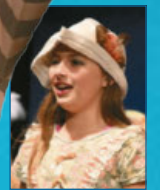
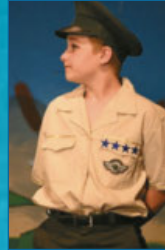
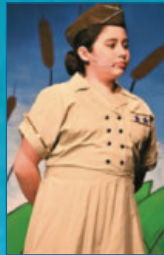
to a packed house each night.

Thanks to the many talents of nearly 120 students, acting, singing, running light & sound boards, creating sets, props & costumes and serving as crew and "house" personnel, St. Thomas More School continued its tradition of bringing quality, family-friendly performances to our community. Our thanks to Bishop Noll & Andrean theater clubs and the Munster public grade schools for attending.

St. Thomas More School remains the only grade school in NWI to offer musical theater, bringing an avenue to our 510 St. Tom's students to explore their personal creativity and talent.

Many, many thanks to parent & grandparent volunteers, our directors, Angie Lorandos-Van Manen, Kristin Estes and Cory Andrzejewski, choreographers & musicians,

all





# Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

Monday-Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



## Christmas Trees

Black Hill Spruce Tree	7 to 8 Feet	\$55
Black Hill Spruce Tree	8 to 9 Feet	\$60
Concolor Tree	7 to 8 Feet	\$60
Douglas Fir Tree	7 to 8 Feet	\$60
Fraser Fir Tree	6 to 8 Feet	\$65
Black Hill Spruce Tree	9 to 10 Feet	\$125
Fraser Fir Tree	10-12 Feet	Available

## Wreaths & Garlands

Wreath w/Bow	Small (12")	\$25
Wreath w/Bow	Large (16")	\$30
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Wreath - Noble w/Bow	Large (16")	\$40
Wreath -Bow Only	44"	\$75
Wreath - Decorated	44"	\$85
Wreath	56"	Available
Roping/Garland	<small>Sold in 5 foot increments</small> Per Foot	\$2

**Wreath Stands - \$10**

**Tree Stands - \$10**

**Tree Bags - \$2**

**Cash or Check Only**

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## Altar & Rosary Society

All women of the parish are invited to join us for our annual

### Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon Sunday, December 11

11:00 a.m.  
Weis Center

We will begin our meeting with the Rosary at 11:15 a.m.  
A short meeting will be followed by our luncheon and

### Christmas Presentation

and, of course, door prizes.

*Please make your reservation by Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*

at the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

Space is limited to 50 parishioners, so please reserve your spot early.

Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Fri:

9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am- Noon

For information, please call either Kathleen at

(219) 972-0539,

or Kaaren at

(219) 836-5079.



## The Giving Tree

*Thank You St. Thomas More Parishioners!*  
All Giving Tree Gift Request Cards have been distributed.  
Those who picked a Gift Request Card:



*Please return your wrapped gift, with card/tag attached to the Parish Office no later than*

**Friday, December 9.**

Parish Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-Noon.

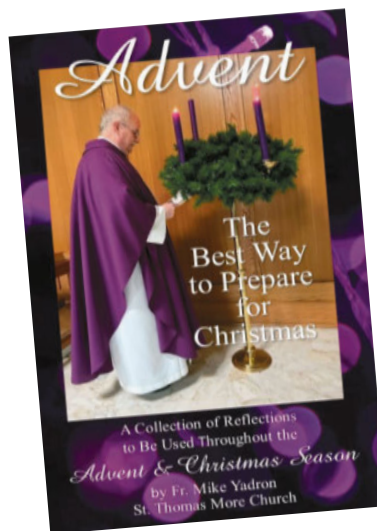
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**Weekend of November 26 & 27.**  
*First Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 27.*

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St. Thomas More is once again offering our parishioners the latest edition of the

### Little Burgundy Book

**Available at all church entrances!**

A handy booklet containing 6-minute reflections about Stewardship in light of the Gospel of Luke.

Surely you have a quick 6 minutes to read a bit and be inspired by the stories offered.



## STM Career Networking Group

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**Wednesday, December 14**

**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Topic:

### It Never Hurts To A.S.K.

Job hunters should be proficient in asking good questions.

Participants will learn how to

**A.S.K. —**

### Acknowledge, Seek and Know

A technique to help job hunters put themselves in the best position possible for finding their next job.

**Guest Speaker:**

**Rick Riddering**

*Director of Leadership Development for Faith Church*

Before joining Faith Church, Rick's work experience included nearly 19 years in higher education & 15+ years in corporate America.

**Where:** Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

**When:** Second Wednesday of Every Month

**Email:** STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

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To learn more SVDP, contact Terry at (219) 836-8610.

## Food Pantry Needs:

- Canned Pasta
- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fish
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# Events in the Area...

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals in the greater Hammond community. Please reach out if you can help.

Contact Charlie Misovyte, Volunteer Manager at 219-756-3663 or [Charlie@mownwi.org](mailto:Charlie@mownwi.org)

## Advent Retreats at Lindenwood

**December 3 -- "Love: Experiencing Deep Connection"** from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (EST). Explore love with retreat leader Henri Nouwen, who wrestled deeply and personally with love of self, God, and others. Help deepen the connection we have with God and with others through our love. Topics: To Love and Be Loved, Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places, Friendship, Forgiveness, From Loneliness to Belonging.

Cost: \$50 includes lunch.

Booklet can be purchased at our bookstore or on Amazon.

**December 11—Silent Directed Retreat with Sr. Joetta Huelsmann** at 4:00 pm (EST). An opportunity to give yourself to the Holy Spirit pondering the presence of Christ in your life. Meet with spiritual director, Sr. Joetta daily for direction on where God might be leading you on this Advent Journey.

Cost: For 3 days, arrive Sunday, leave Wednesday: \$345 includes, meals, room, direction.

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