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HOLY SPIRIT



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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Director of Finance & Operations Charles Schimpf; Ext. 2329
Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

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Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916
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Celebrants

Saturday, May 25

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, May 26

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, May 25

5:30 p.m. J. Dye, P. Werner/MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, May 26

8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Abi

10:00 a.m. L. Patton, A. Monroy/MC ~ Nick

12:00 p.m. C. Aguilar, L. Ramirez/MC ~ Francesca

Rest in Peace

Edward J. Smosna

Bulletin Deadlines

Summer holidays will soon be upon us. Be sure to submit bulletin articles at least 2 weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in need of additional

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

If serving God & your parish is something you feel strongly about, please join by contacting Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

Stewardship REFLECTION

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts.

How we use those gifts is our gift back to God.

For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do.

Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing!

For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 19 — Pentecost Sunday

6:30 am Susan Orabone by Michael Mercier Family

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am Anne Baranowski by the Sefton Family

12:00 pm Angela Bracich (Ann) by Family

MONDAY, May 20

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

6:30 am Richard Herrmann by Mary Ann Kekich & David Colpitts

8:30 am Janice Speziale by Joseph Speziale

TUESDAY, May 21

6:30 am Intention of Luciano Abraham by Juanita Caraballo

8:30 am Beatriz Francisco (Ann) by Aquino Family

WEDNESDAY, May 22

6:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Standerski Family by Marilyn Standerski

8:30 am Dimitre Adich (Ann) by Adich Family

THURSDAY, May 23

6:30 am Guadalupe Garcia (Ann) by Daughter, Juanita Caraballo

8:30 am Michael Dennis Ramirez by Olyntho & Ruth G. Ramirez

FRIDAY, May 24

6:30 am James Young by Hajduch Family

8:30 am Leonardo Antonio (Ann) by Aquino Family

SATURDAY May 25 — St. Bede

8:30 am Concetta Lipay by Family

5:30 pm Anne Baranowski by Phyllis Rueth

SUNDAY, May 26 — Most Holy Trinity

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Jan Cholke by Husband

10:00 am Ted Pajor (Ann) by Marilyn and Family

12:00 pm Robert Wojcik by Ron and Charlotte Conn

Sacrificial Offerings

May 12, 2024



Adult	\$ 17,433.00
Loose	\$ 3,635.00
Children	\$ 143.75
Automated	\$ 7,086.00
TOTAL	\$ 28,297.75

Special Collection
Women's Care Center
 \$ 10,612.00

Automated Contributions



Make your life easier by contributing to the good works of our St. Thomas More Parish using our online system.

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".

Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/

Questions?

Contact Maria Vega, Business Manager at: (219) 836-8610, #2339 or mvega@stm-church.com

Readings Week of May 19

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez	Elaine Herrmann	Bernadine Nemeth
Chiara Andrzejewski	Adelina Hernandez	Donna Nichols
Doris Aurelio	Bertha Birdy Hernandez	Maria Novak
Maria Aurelio	Irma Hernandez	Steven Nowaczyk
Marielva Banks	Marisol Hernandez	Clare O'Brien
Pat Batchelder	Robert Heseck	Donna O'Connor
Antonio Belmonte	Becky Hill	Danny Ogren
Mary Berry	Marie Hill	Marty Pavlovic
Michael Berry	Joan Hoess	Lucille Perz
Michael Billeo	Sally Joy Hollingshead	Judith Peterson
Diane Bochnowski	Charlotte Hunt	Dawn Petro
Cheryl Bostrom	Betty Ingbretson	Johanna Petruich
Linda Braun	Joseph S. Iwan	Andrew Pieczyrak
Bill Briney	Steve Izzo	Elizabeth Pilones
Grace Briney	Elizabeth Jacob	Sylvester Porras
Stephany Burney	Barbara Jamrose	Dennis Powell
Kathleen Burns	Stanley Jayjack	Ronald Prus
Diane Butler	Kelly Jean	Jackie Roach
Dorothy Campbell	Margaret Jones	Christina Rzonca
James Campbell	Kevin Karl	Ann Sardella
Janet Cattanaach	Dan Karulski	George Sauer
Jaqueline Morrow	Mark Kenney	Marie Schultz
Christian	Irene Kerps	Marianne Schwartz
Ursula Cichy	Janet Knight	William Schwartz
Charlie Clam	Susan Kolodziej	Zachery Scriff
Loretta Clott	Gregory P. Koscielski	James Secviar
Joseph Clune	Melvin Kostalik	Jim Seul
Willie Colby	Crystal Kurek	Renee Shehan
Charlotte Conn	Annika LeMonier	Nick Skinner
Vincent Corsello	Chris LeMonier	Laurie Slazyk
Mike Curtain	Debbie LeMonier	Karen Sliwa
Valerie Czapkowicz	Nicklas LeMonier	Deborah Stareck
Sarah Dalton	Dorothy Lesnefsky	Georgianne Suto
Aaron Dudek	Kris Lisikiewicz	Florence Stevens
Alex Eiland	Jo Lisiniewicz	Carol Storey
Sherlon Evans	Edward Liskiewicz	Charles Svitko
James Fletcher	Stanley Liskiewicz	Rose Theis
Heriberto Flores	Maria Lovell	Michele Thomas
Maria Flores	Brady Martin	Rosemary Thomas
John Forde	Paul Martin	Russ Thomas
Bonnie Gabrione	Carolyn McGill	Gerardo Trevino
Rich Gagliani	Larkin McKenzie	David Trotman
Christine Gajda	Jacob Menclewicz	Kathie Trudgian
Andrea Garritano	Jenny Mendoza	Anthony Ubauel
Emily Gibson	Faye Meny	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Joan Glinski	Michael Mercier	Raymond Vanderbok
Monica Gonzalez	Sandi Merlo	James Wachel
Howard Gralewski	Erin Meyer	Kathy Wachel
Margaret Gray	Gino Michels	Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Susan Graff	Benjamin Mikels	Mark Wein
Christine Greenberg	Madeline Mikolanis	Ruth Williams
Mary Ellen Gullicks	Robert Minnick	Stephanie Wisniewski
Katie Kardes Hargett	John Mitchener	Bill Wisniewski
Amy Hayes	Andrew Moll	Dick Wright
Dick Hemingway	Thomas Mordant	Cecilia Ziegler
Marie Henke	Genevieve Mrvan	Cody Ziemkowski

Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the

Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way?

Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

Father John Muir

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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Important

The last day of school is May 29. For the safety of our students, please refrain from visiting the Parish Office between 2:30-3:00 p.m. when school is in session.

Thank you for your help.

THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

"Everyday is a birthday; every moment of it is new to us; we are born again, renewed for fresh work and endeavor." ~ Isaac Watts

Birthdays are such wonderful celebrations. They are times when family and friends gather together in order to give thanks for the great gift of life. The celebration usually takes place in the context of a meal. In my family, our mother had a tradition of giving her birthday boys the option of choosing the meal and what kind of cake we wanted for our special day. She would make whatever we wanted. My selection was very predictable: kiska and pumpkin pie (Yes, I was always a bit of a birthday non-traditionalist.)

Today, we celebrate our common birthday. Pentecost has been considered as the birth of the Church. Thus, it is appropriate that we gather as family and friends to celebrate this wondrous day. Many parishioners dress in red — the color of the day — and to gather around the Table of the Lord from which the best birthday meal could be provided: the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost is all about new life. The gifts of the Holy Spirit breathed life into a group of people who were paralyzed by fear. Locked in an upper room, the Holy Spirit came down upon Mary and the Apostles and gave them the courage to go out and proclaim, boldly, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Nothing changed externally. Their lives were still in danger. Preaching about Jesus still could get them arrested and killed. But they were changed internally. They were freed from the fear, doubt, and confusion that had shackled them. They were, in the words of Isaac Watts, "renewed for fresh work and endeavor."

And so it is with us. The Holy Spirit frees us from fear and dread as well, if we but let Him. This is our day of rejoicing. It is a day in which we can celebrate our heritage and look forward to our future.

Some people paint the future of the Christian faith as very bleak. I do not believe that one bit. Oh, we may suffer for the sake of our faith. There is nothing new about that. But, no one, not any power on earth, can hold back the promise and glory of God.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will provide us all that we need to face this world. We have no reason to fear. So on our birthday, take the opportunity to celebrate God's providential love.

FAITH ACTION: Reflect upon all that God has done for you and give him thankful praise.

Fr. Mike

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

- May 19: Msgr. Ignatius L. Urbonas (2012)
- May 20: Rev. Joseph A. Angotti (2018)
- May 22: Rev. Joseph Herod (1988)
- May 23: Rev. John N. Chylewski (1965)
- May 24: Deacon Joseph Rapal (1992)
Rev. Albert J. Zimmerman (2002)



THERE'S STILL ROOM

The parish has secured two coach buses to go to Holy Angels Cathedral on Saturday, June 1st, for the Priesthood Ordination of parish son, Steven Caraher.

If you would like a ride to/ from the cathedral, contact the Parish Office. 836-8610

FR. STEVEN CARAHER'S FIRST MASS

Fr. Steven will be the celebrant on Sunday, June 2, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. After his First Mass, there will be a reception in the school gym/cafeteria. You are all invited to be at his First Mass to congratulate him and wish him well as he prepares for his first assignment.

"Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come! As you descended upon Mary that the Word might become flesh, work in us through grace as you worked in her through nature and grace. Come! Food of every chaste thought, fountain of all mercy, sum of all purity. Come! Consume in us whatever prevents us from being consumed in you."



~ St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

After preaching a sermon about the gifts of the Spirit and holy prophecies, the minister went up to one of the members of the congregation and said, "You will walk today."

The member told him, "I'm not crippled, pastor."

The minister merely leaned in and insisted, "But you WILL walk today!"

The member simply nodded. After the service, however, when he went to the parking lot, he saw someone had stolen his truck.

Yep. He walked that day.





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

For info regarding St. Thomas More Religious Education/Formation or Vacation Bible School, contact Emily Hackett: ehackett@stm-church.com.

Vacation Bible School

St. Thomas More Vacation Bible School will be held at the Weis Center the week of

July 8-12, 2024

Contact the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office for a registration form or watch an upcoming bulletin.

Deadline to register is June 17, 2024!



Greeters Schedule Week

Saturday, May 25

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Cathy Delgado & Judy Mateja
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

Sunday, May

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
Chapel: Tolnai Family

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholor

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Claudia Mazon

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Monday, May 20

5:30 pm Cub Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

6:00 pm Parent Bible Study — Weis Center Room 107

6:30 pm Meeting- Rebuilt — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542 — Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, May 22

6:30 pm Eucharistic Revival — Entire Weis Center

Thursday, May 23

9:30 am Eucharistic Revival — Entire Weis Center

Friday, May 24

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth — Weis Room 101

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are encouraged to join us

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

Weis Center

Speaker: **Deacon Michael Hogan**

will discuss

“The Mysteries of The Holy Trinity”

We hope you'll join us.

Environment & Art

We are extremely grateful to all who serve in our ministry.

The Easter decorating could not have been completed without the help of a tremendous group of people:

- Loyal Environment & Art Volunteers
- St. Thomas More School 8th Grade Students
- STM Maintenance & Custodial Staff
 - Altar Servers
 - Watering Crew
- Parishioners Who Encouraged Our Group with Compliments

Many, many thanks to all!

Please watch the bulletin for two upcoming Masses, said with the intentions of your good health and abundant blessings.

Seniors of STM



Are You 55 or Older?

Join our fun group of active Seniors. You *do not* need to be a St. Thomas More parishioner to join...anyone 55+ is welcome!

All Meetings (unless noted):

1:00 p.m. • Weis Center

The Seniors of STM will be taking a break for some rest and relaxation over the next number of weeks.

Our only scheduled summer event will be

Wednesday, July 17

Senior Picnic Luncheon

Mark your calendar now, and watch the bulletin for more info.

A Dynamic New Teen Ministry for St. More Thomas More Teens

A Continuing Faith Formation Program is being created for high school teens here at St. Thomas More.

Currently in the planning process, it will launch in September.

All high school teens are invited to attend!

Young adults (age 18 to 40) are still needed for program planning and to serve as team leaders.

The vision for the program is that food, beverages and prayer will begin each meeting, allowing for time to socialize before delving into the evening's topic.

The main focus of each topic will be

“How does that part of our Catholic faith fit into my life?”

There are no tests or homework.

Teens are free to ask the

questions. Team leaders are there to present the topic, provide help, offer direction and act as guides.

The group will meet Sundays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. twice each month at the Weis Center. To get in on the ground floor and be a part of this exciting program, provide your contact information to Phyllis in the Parish Office or Bernadine (Bernie) Barrett, O.S.F. at bb44@ameritech.net or send a text to (219) 781-2801.



St. Thomas More School



A Perfect Morning with Mom!

What could be better than bringing Mom to school with you?

In honor of Mother's Day, our Preschool students invited their beautiful moms to join them for a morning of fun at their "Muffins and Moms" special morning. There was dancing, crafts, muffins and milk and lots of big smiles.

We are so grateful for the incredible gift of these students, and all the support and help we receive from their amazing mothers.

Lucky, lucky us!



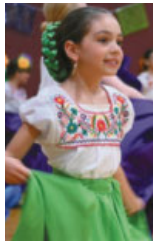
Cinco de Mayo

A Celebration of Dance at St. Thomas More School

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated a few days early with another outstanding performance by the St. Thomas More School Ballet Folklórico dance troupe.

The group, consisting of students in 3rd to 8th grade, performs several times per year, this time offering two performances, one for the student body and another evening performance for family and friends.

We are consistently amazed by the talents of our students. Bravo! Bravo!



All are Invited
to Join Us for the St. Thomas More

Mental Health Ministry Fair

Learn how Catholics maintain their mental health.

Visit other organizations
serving our community, too!

Today!
Sunday, May 19
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Gym

Challenge yourself at various booths:

- Can you deal with anxiety?
- Engage in Prayer
- Expressing your emotions
- What is depression?
- Do you have coping skills?
- Stress relief

Free Food
Free
Give-Aways
Free
Raffles



Mental Health Ministry

The Mental Health Ministry meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101

Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous is a 12-Step program, based off the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Anyone experiencing emotional difficulties who is willing to try this recovery program is welcome to attend our meetings.

Every Monday • 7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101

For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

Rainbows Program

Grief Support Group for Children

The St. Thomas More Mental Health Ministry is starting a **Rainbows Program.**

Rainbows is a grief support group for children in grades 1-8. We are in need of adult volunteers to facilitate small group discussion. Volunteers will lead small groups of children at monthly Rainbows meetings, working with them to deal with loss experienced through death, divorce, or separation. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping the children of our parish through this important ministry,

please contact

Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com



Gabriel Project

Please join us for the next meeting

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center — Room 101

The St. Thomas More Gabriel Project continues to provide assistance to moms who need help.

These moms are provided with baby clothes, diapers, formula and other items for their babies.

A most sincere thanks to all parishioners who have donated items for the mothers and infants we serve, and for those who are participating in the baby bank project.

We welcome new members to join us.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

Soup	Canned Fruit	Hamburger
Cereal	Canned Peas	Helper
Peanut Butter	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Rice
Jelly	Spaghetti/Pasta	Shampoo
Instant Potatoes	Pasta Sauce	Dish Soap
Mac & Cheese	Pancake Mix Syrup	Toilet Paper



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School Cafeteria Help Needed

August to May During 2024/2025 School Year
2 Days/Week • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Compensation: \$11/Hour

Job Description:

St. Thomas More School is seeking a reliable and motivated individual to join our cafeteria team as a part-time Prep/Dish Worker. The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting with food preparation following food safety protocols, assist with receiving and storing food deliveries and maintaining cleanliness in the kitchen area.

Previous experience in a kitchen environment is preferred but not required. Ability to stand for extended periods and lift up to 30 lbs. Must be reliable and punctual.

To Apply:

Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your relevant experience to pdavids@stm-school.com.

Applications will be accepted until May 24th.

St. Thomas More School is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from individuals of all backgrounds. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Nursery

The parish Nursery will be closed May through August. To volunteer for the fall, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

at St. Thomas More

Be sure to visit this booth on

Sunday, May 19th at the Mental Health Fair

and the

Weekend of May 25th/26th in the Church

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Memorial Day Mass

Everyone is invited to
St. John/St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery's
Annual Outdoor Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 27
10:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Robert J. McClory
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The Mass will take place off of 167th Street in the
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For more information, please call: (219) 844-9475.
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Wedding Anniversary Mass

All those celebrating
milestone wedding anniversaries
and their families are invited to
attend.

Sunday, June 2
11:00 a.m.

Holy Angels Cathedral • Gary
Bishop Robert J. McClory
presiding.

This Mass is for couples who have
or will be celebrating a
"5-year milestone" anniversary
such as 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc.

Families are welcome to attend. Lunch to follow the Mass.
Registration required. Go to the events section of dcgary.org.



Wounded Healer Grief Support

Anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one is invited to join the
next series of Wounded Healers, a grief support group.

Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
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