A bright sun is positioned in the upper center of the frame, casting a soft glow across the sky. The sky is a deep, clear blue, filled with wispy, white clouds that are more concentrated around the sun and in the lower half of the image. The overall atmosphere is serene and hopeful.

The world needs a reason to hope.  
Give that hope to others  
by embracing the Lord  
and living as He calls us to live.

*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  
Senior Deacons ..... David Kapala, KHS  
..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
Deacon ..... Joseph Stodola, KHS  
Director of Parish Mission ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
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

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

**Parish Office Staff**

**Hours: Mon-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm • Saturday 9:00 am –Noon**  
**Email address..... parish.office@stm-church.com**  
**Email address for bulletin..... bulletin@stm-church.com**  
Office Phone..... 836-8610 Office eFax..... (219) 533-4280  
Bulletin Editor ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Receptionist ..... Phyllis Krizmanic; Ext. 2300  
Building Maintenance..... Mike Popovich 836-8610, Ext. 2313  
Custodial Supervisor..... Kim Smith 836-8610, Ext. 2331

**Pastoral Ministries**

Environment & Art..... Helen Jaworski 836-8610  
Eucharistic Ministers..... James Kaspar 836-8610  
Hospitality/Greeters ..... Vicky Odegaard 322-6391  
Lectors..... Richard Gard 836-8610  
Nursery..... Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079  
St. Vincent de Paul..... Terry Oprinovich 836-8610  
Vocations Guidance ..... PJ & Margaret Caraher (219) 680-6775

**2024-2025 Pastoral Council Members**

Julius Ballanco ..... Mike Englert  
Deborah Gena..... Debra Harker, Chairperson  
Elaine Herrmann ..... Paul Liszewski  
Bill McCullough..... Jean Nanos  
Michael Popovich, Co-Chairperson..... Patty Queroz  
Michael Sajn..... Cindy Thompson

**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.....(219) 836-9151  
Principal.....Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception/Office Associate..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
School Admissions..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development..... Annette Czarobski; Ext. 2307  
Business Manager..... Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

**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  
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..... Tim Jevyak  
Parish Life..... Katie Kordeck, Tamara Kozy  
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..... Donna Weidenfeller  
..... STMCareerGroup@gmail.com  
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 (219) 836-8610  
Gifts of Love & Warmth..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544  
Girl Scouts ..... Cynthia Navarrete (773) 726-2411  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: sbburke3@att.net  
Knights of Columbus ..... Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559  
Live Streaming..... Joann Hajduch (219) 836-8610, Ext. 2245  
Mental Health Ministry..... Dr. Jean Nanos [drjnanos@stm-church.com](mailto:drjnanos@stm-church.com)  
Parish Garden Ministry..... Noreen Bickel (219) 836-8610  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739  
Seniors of STM ..... Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916  
Ushers Club..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

## Celebrants

**Saturday, June 29**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, June 30**

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, June 29**

5:30 p.m. S. Diaz, P. Werner/MC ~ Hunter

**Sunday, June 30**

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

10:00 a.m. N. Arman, C. Melynczenko, G. Santellano  
MC ~ Nick

12:00 p.m. S. & L. Ramirez, M. Opat/MC ~ Jack

## Bulletin Deadlines

Holidays & vacations are altering print deadlines. Submit bulletin articles at least 2 weeks in advance: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).

## Summer Office Hours



**Parish Office**  
Monday to Friday:  
9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.-Noon

**School Office**  
Monday to Thursday:  
9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

*The School Office will be closed June 24 to July 5.*  
The School Office will reopen on Monday, July 8.

## Stewardship REFLECTION

*“The he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified?  
Do you not yet have faith?’”*  
MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, June 23 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Rose Gacsko by Bob Klosek

10:00 am Bill & Sal Govert by Dianne Mathews

12:00 pm David Rozmanich by Susan Mardjetko

**MONDAY, June 24 — Nativity of John the Baptist**

6:30 am Julia Deasy by Family

8:30 am Roland Kwasny by Jacqueline Rench

**TUESDAY, June 25**

6:30 am Pat Kish by Helen Jaworski

8:30 am Olivia Sikorski by Joseph Speziale

**WEDNESDAY, June 26**

6:30 am Leon Holda (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Robert Wojcik by Ron & Charlotte Conn

**THURSDAY, June 27 — St. Cyril of Alexandria**

6:30 am Dolores Ray Reffkin by Altar & Rosary

8:30 am Eli Zak by Mike & Jill Popovich

**FRIDAY, June 28 — St. Irenaeus**

6:30 am Wayne Rueckert by Family

8:30 am Dolores “Dee” Ray Reffkin by Pagorek Family

**SATURDAY June 29 — St. Peter & Paul**

8:30 am Frank Flynn by Mardi Flynn

5:30 pm Conrad & Josephine Boniecki by Family

**SUNDAY, June 30 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am Amelia Mercier by Dominique & Angelique Mercier

8:00 am Rose Lepara (Ann) by Family

10:00 am Mary B. Solczak (Ann) by Family

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

## Sacrificial Offerings

**June 16, 2024**

Adult	\$ 18,007.00
Loose	\$ 1,922.00
Children	\$ 39.00
Automated	\$ 7,152.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,120.00</b>

Special Collection for  
**Catholic Charities**  
\$ 9,140.00

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity  
to our parish.*



## 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/](http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/)  
**Questions?**

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

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

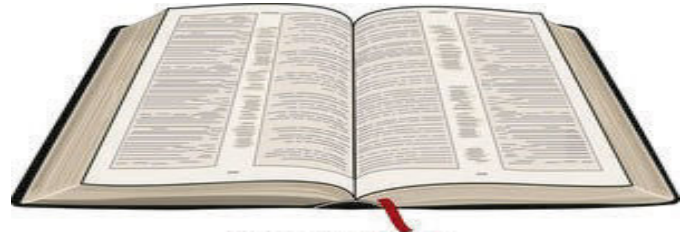
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Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Marielva Banks  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billeo  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
Bill Briney  
Grace Briney  
Stephany Burney  
Kathleen Burns  
Diane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

Elaine Herrmann  
Adelina Hernandez  
Bertha Birdy Hernandez  
Irma Hernandez  
Marisol Hernandez  
Robert Heseck  
Becky Hill  
Marie Hill  
Joan Hoess  
Sally Joy Hollingshead  
Charlotte Hunt  
Joseph S. Iwan  
Steve Izzo  
Melisa Jackson  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Barbara Jamrose  
Stanley Jayjack  
Kelly Jean  
Margaret Jones  
Kevin Karl  
Dan Karulski  
Mark Kenney  
Irene Kerps  
Janet Knight  
Susan Kolodziej  
Gregory P. Koscielski  
Melvin Kostalik  
Crystal Kurek  
Annika LeMonier  
Chris LeMonier  
Debbie LeMonier  
Nicklas LeMonier  
Dorothy Lesnefsky  
Kris Lisikiewicz  
Jo Lisiniewicz  
Edward Liskiewicz  
Stanley Liskiewicz  
Maria Lovell  
Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Carolyn McGill  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jacob Mencliewicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Michael Mercier  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
Gino Michels  
Benjamin Mikels  
Madeline Mikolanis  
Robert Minnick  
John Mitchener  
Andrew Moll  
Thomas Mordaunt  
Genevieve Mrvan  
Bernadine Nemeth

Donna Nichols  
Maria Novak  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien  
Donna O'Connor  
Robert O'Donnell  
Danny Ogren  
Marty Pavlovic  
Lucille Perz  
Judith Peterson  
Dawn Petro  
Johanna Petruich  
Andrew Pieczyrak  
Elizabeth Pilones  
Sylvester Porras  
Dennis Powell  
Ronald Prus  
Jackie Roach  
Christina Rozonca  
Ann Sardella  
George Sauer  
Marie Schultz  
Marianne Schwartz  
William Schwartz  
Zachery Scriff  
James Secviar  
Jim Seul  
Renee Shehan  
Nick Skinner  
Laurie Slazyk  
Karen Sliwa  
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 Ubuaue  
Tony Vanden Heuvel  
Raymond Vanderbok  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
Mark Wein  
Ruth Williams  
Stephanie Wisniewski  
Bill Wisniewski  
Dick Wright  
Cecilia Ziegler  
Cody Ziemkowski

## Readings Week of June 23

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29  
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
**Day:** Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, "rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, 'Quiet, be still!'" He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation.

Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much "wind" is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much "water" is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well. The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

*Father John Muir* ©LPI

## Mass Schedule Change

All St. Thomas More Masses for **Holy Days & Holiday Masses will move to 8:30 a.m.** (previously at 9:00 a.m.)

This will be especially helpful for our students when school is in session.

**IT'S NOT ALL DOOM AND GLOOM**

Despite all the doom and gloom that constantly assaults our senses, there is a way for us to ransom our lives and reclaim our futures: it consists in turning away from the world to recognize what in life makes us truly happy. ~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

I've often based my reflections on quotes. Today, I am doing something a little bit different. The basis of today's reflection comes from a cartoon. It is a cartoon of a painter looking upon a vast blackness and painting — wait for it — a bright yellow smiley face.

Too many people, it seems have adopted a doom and gloom attitude in today's world. Oh, there could be good reason for it. There are wars and other forms of violence around the world. So many nations and societies appear to be in chaos and/or conflict. From all outward appearances, there doesn't appear to be much hope.

And there isn't. Did I just write that? Even more, did I mean that? You betcha. There isn't IF we base our hope upon the insanity of the world. The world cannot supply a hope that will last just as it cannot supply anything else that will last. Because those things would be based on the world, they would eventually tarnish, wither, and pass away.

We cannot get our hope from the world. We cannot get our peace from the world. We cannot get our comfort from the world. We cannot get our security from the world.

If we want any of those things, we have to give them to the world.

Breathnach tells us that the only solution to ransom our lives and reclaim our future is to turn away from the world and find what really matters. Who can bring hope, peace, comfort, and security? Certainly not the world. Only God can do that. God and, I daresay, godly people.

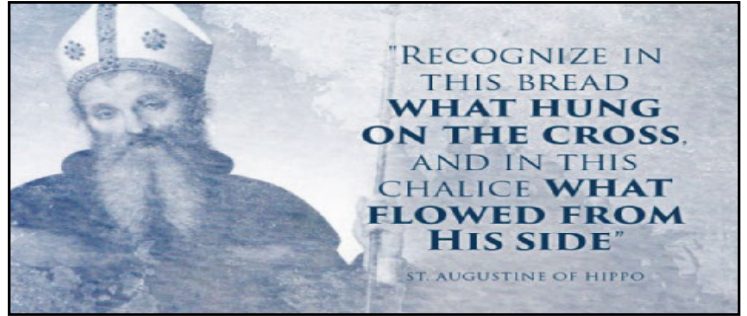
The people of God are called to impact the world in a positive way so that others may see that there is a reason to hope. The people of God are called to be optimists. We need to see the possibility of joy where there is sadness. We need to see the possibility of life where there is death and destruction.

It is not easy and people might very well stand in our way. But the world needs a reason to hope. Give that hope to others by embracing the Lord and living as He calls us to live. God bless the optimists. We need them desperately!

**FAITH ACTION:** Be a source of optimism for others. *In. Mike*

*"Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the gospel. Anyone who prays to the Saviour draws the whole world with him and raises it to God."*

~ Pope St John Paul II



**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**  
*From court transcripts*

- Q: What is your brother-in-law's name?
- A: Borofkin.
- Q: What is his first name?
- A: I can't remember.
- Q: He's been your brother-in-law for 45 years, and you can't remember his first name?
- A: No. I tell you I'm too excited. (Rising from the witness chair and pointing to Mr. Borofkin). Nathan, for God's sake, tell them your first name!



**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:

- June 23: Rev. Louis Madejczyk (1998)
- June 24: Rev. Antoniu Dunca (1981)
- June 25: Rev. Clarence F. Danforth (2003)
- June 26: Rev. George B. Kashmer (2019)
- June 27: Rev. Julian I. Jercha (1987)
- June 29: Rev. Joseph S. Wonderly (1976)
- Rev. Theodore V. Fettig (1983)





# 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](mailto:ehackett@stm-church.com).  
**Register Now for Fall Classes!**

## Vacation Bible School

St. Thomas More Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Thomas More School the week of **July 8-12 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon Daily**.  
Deadline to register was June 17!

## Catechist Needed

We are currently looking for a **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

### Thursday Evening Catechist.

This person will help prepare the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for First Confession and First Holy Communion. 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. You will have the opportunity to grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children.

Please contact Emily Hackett for more info  
(219) 836-8610 ext. 2232 or  
[ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com)



## Join Our Great School Staff!

If you, or someone you know, would like to work in a loving, supportive work environment, please consider applying for one of our open positions at St. Thomas More School.

### Kids Time After-School Coordinator

Responsible for overseeing our after school program with emphasis on safety, engaging activities and monitoring the after school staff. Hours: Monday-Friday from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.

### School Nurse

Oversee student well-being, keep attendance records, etc.  
Hours: Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To apply for any of these positions, please email Dr. Samantha Francis at [sfrancis@stm-school.com](mailto:sfrancis@stm-school.com)



## Greeters Schedule Week



**Saturday, June 29**  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

**Sunday, June 30**  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
Main: Sandra Steele  
Chapel: Odegaard

**10:00 a.m. Mass**  
Main: Kate Dagholor

## Parish/Ministry Schedule

*St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection*  
*After All Weekend Masses*

### Monday, June 24

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

### Tuesday, June 25

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

### Wednesday, June 26

1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting  
Weis Center Room 107

### Friday, June 21

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

## 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

Our only scheduled summer event is

### Wednesday, July 17

### Senior Picnic Luncheon

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Members and guests are asked to bring the following to share:

Last Names A to L: Side Dish or Salad

Last Names M to Z: Dessert

Newcomers are welcome to join us. See you all in July!

### Attention Seniors of STM Members:

Coming this fall: "The Way We Were" picture display.  
Please bring a photo of your "earlier" self to the Picnic on July 17th.

Pictures of our members in their young (er) days will be collected and displayed at a future social meeting; an identification activity will follow.

If you are interested in participating, give your photo to Sue Oczkowski or send to Sue via mail, drop it off at the Parish Office, or in person (she is usually in attendance at the Saturday 5:30 Mass).



# St. Thomas More School



## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL Class of 2020 Reunion

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food & friendship and reunite with your STMS classmates.

**Wednesday, July 17**

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

STMS Gym/North Parking Lot  
**RSVP by Wednesday, July 10**  
with the following information to

Annette Czarowski at

[aczarowski@stm-school.com](mailto:aczarowski@stm-school.com):

Full Name • Home Address

Cell Phone • Email

College Attending or Career Pursuing

Respond ASAP so you don't miss any of the reunion details.

**Wear your college or career apparel to the event for a class photo.**

## Why Send Your Child to a Catholic School?

Twice each week St. Thomas More School students attend daily Mass and each day their schedule includes Religion class...it's all part of our St. Tom's curriculum.

But the times when our students exhibit their true faith, the times when praying is not planned or scheduled or instructed is when you can feel the true power God's love through our young, beautiful children.

Such was the case this spring when one of our 1st grade classes went outdoors to release their butterflies...a long awaited day as students watched larva turn into a chrysalis and finally emerge as a butterfly ready to fly free.

At the end of the big "butterfly release", these students walked to the grotto, unprovoked, to say a personal prayer and wish their butterflies a safe journey.

To observe this was powerful.

To know that these children truly

know and love God, and feel so at ease with prayer that it was a spontaneous, unified gesture by the entire class was sweet and comforting and moving and heartwarming.

These children are our future and our future is indeed bright!



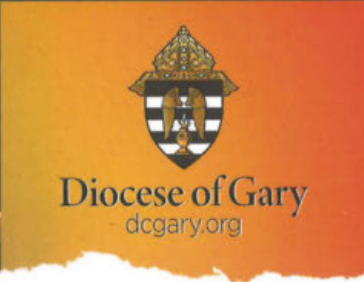
## An "Amazing" Way to Review

In preparation for state testing, the STMS 4th grade went on an "Amazing Race" to review everything they'd learned throughout the year in math class.

Teams competed in a race to complete different math tasks that included solving riddles, answering word problems, building puzzles & cracking codes. Along the way there were some silly roadblocks like doing push ups, making a basket in the basketball hoop, forming a group conga line and more. Everyone worked hard with their teammates to reach the finish line. Learning made fun...only one of the awesome things that happen at our school every day.



St. Thomas More School is planning a MakerSpace, where students will have opportunities to explore & create in an innovative in a tech-based classroom. Proceeds from the STMS Golf Classic & Online Auction and other fundraising activities will support the funding of this exciting new space for our students.



# National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

If attending ANY of these events, please register with the national planning team ([dcgary.org/2024pilgrimage](http://dcgary.org/2024pilgrimage))

## JULY 1 – 5

### MONDAY, JULY 1

#### St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

(2011 Clark St, Whiting, IN 46394)

12:00 p.m. Individual prayer and confession (English and Spanish).

6:00 p.m. Presentation by Mike Aguilina on the early Christians and the Eucharist, followed by Eucharistic procession through Whiting.

#### Whiting Lakefront Park

(1500 Park Rd, Whiting, IN 46394)

7:30 p.m. Conclude procession with Benediction at Whiting Lakefront Park

7:45 p.m. Party on Whiting Lakefront Park beach includes a meal, music, dancing, and fellowship!

**For planning purposes, please RSVP:**  
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### TUESDAY, JULY 2

#### St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

(1 W. Wilhelm St, Schererville, IN 46375)

8:00 a.m. Mass followed by a Eucharistic procession to Portage along the Old Savannah and Prairie Duneland Trails. Wear good walking shoes. Bring water/food (est. 7-8 hrs.). Benediction will be held with pilgrims only walking one mile.

#### St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

(6060 Miller Ave, Gary, IN 46403)

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

#### Nativity of Our Savior Catholic Church

(2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage, IN 46368)

8:00 a.m. Mass followed by a Eucharistic procession to Chesterton along the Prairie Duneland Trail. Wear good walking shoes. Bring water/food (est. 4 hrs.). Benediction will be held with pilgrims only walking one mile.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 (continued)

#### St. Teresa Catholic Student Center

(1511 Laporte Ave, Valparaiso, IN 46383)

4:30 p.m. Eucharistic procession to St. Paul Catholic Church (est. 3 miles).

#### St. Paul Catholic Church

(1855 Harrison Blvd, Valparaiso, IN 46385)

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction

### THURSDAY, JULY 4

#### Queen of All Saints Catholic Church

(1725 E Barker Ave, Michigan City, IN 46360)

9:00 a.m. Mass and Prayerful Independence Day

9:45 a.m. Eucharistic procession on QAS parish grounds

10:15 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, speaker, and lunch

#### Franciscan Hospital Grounds

(3500 Franciscan Way, Michigan City, IN 46360)

1:30 p.m. to

4:00 p.m. Eucharistic procession to chapel, Adoration and prayers (sick and families, medical staff, administration), and Benediction.

#### St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

(10701 Olcott Ave, St John, IN 46373)

6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic procession to The Shrine of Christ's Passion, Rosary with Relevant Radio, and a 4th of July Celebration.

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

#### Sacred Heart Catholic Church

(201 Bach St, LaPorte, IN 46350)

8:00 a.m. Mass followed by a Eucharistic procession through LaPorte.

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12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer





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**Tuesday, June 25**  
 7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

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## Events in the Area

### St. Victor School Remembrance (1927-2004)

June 29 at 4:30 p.m. on the grounds of the old school, 548 Price, for short memorial and then to St. Victor School Museum at the former Our Lady of Knock School for pizza & beverages from 5:00 p.m. A donation to the museum expected. (630) 697-6432.

### St. James Parish Festival

Music, games, rides raffles & Bingo. Mexican & Polish dinners. June 21-23. St. James Church in Highland. 219-924-4220.

### Share Foundation's Leprechaun Hunt

Share Foundation hosts their 30<sup>th</sup> Leprechaun Hunt™ on Sunday, August 4, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Sharing Meadows in La Porte, IN for an Irish-themed family festival. Participants hunt for leprechauns with pots of gold worth \$50 - \$1500. All-you-can-eat BBQ, drinks, Irish music, kid-zone (magician, face painters, games & bounce houses). Ages 14-64 are \$50/advance or \$60/day of. Age 65+ are \$40/advance or \$50/day of. Advance tickets by 7/22/24. Children 13 & under free w/adult. Purchase tickets: 219.778.2585 or [sharefoundation.org/events/](http://sharefoundation.org/events/). Proceeds support SHARE's mission to serve our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### Walk for Sojourner Truth House

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