



Look ahead with hope and confidence because, even though our circumstances may change over the years, even though we may lose some people who were special to us, we never lose the one person who makes everything matter: Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement : The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.

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myadron@stm-church.com
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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

Parish Office Staff

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Bill McCullough..... Jean Nanos
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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.

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 Zozy
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
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, July 6

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, July 7

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, July 6

5:30 p.m. X. Fonseca, S. Posley/MC ~ Nick

Sunday, July 7

8:00 a.m. B. & E. Rueth, K. Karl/MC ~ Derek

10:00 a.m. B. & T. Ogunyoye, A. Monroy/MC ~ Hunter

12:00 p.m. C. Aguilar, E. Ramirez,

C. Schell-O'Connor/MC ~ Francesca

Wedding Banns

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John Dunn & Elizabeth Zaczak

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-July 5.

The School Office will reopen on Monday, July 8.

The Parish Office will be closed on July 4.

Bulletin Deadlines

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



We Wish Everyone a Safe and Happy

4th of July

We are thankful for God and our country.

Let freedom ring!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, July 1

6:30 am Wayne Rueckert by Family

8:30 am Doris Dabrowski by Daughter

TUESDAY, July 2

6:30 am Jim Weidenfeller by Donna Weidenfeller

8:30 am Robert Wojcik by Ron & Charlotte Conn

WEDNESDAY, July 3 — St. Thomas

6:30 am Julianne Laschober by Altar & Rosary

8:30 am Eli Zak by Mike & Jill Popovich

THURSDAY, July 4 — Independence Day

8:30 am Anne Radde by Radde Family

FRIDAY, July 5 — St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

6:30 am Dolores Reffkin by Mr & Mrs. Ronald Smaron

8:30 am Lucy Ema by Joe & Paula Serrano

SATURDAY July 6 — St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am Intention of Ruth Banas by Mardi Flynn

5:30 pm James W. Strain, Sr. by Susan Strain & Family

SUNDAY, July 7 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Joseph Reidelbach by Mother, Mary Paunovich

10:00 am Isaac Larsen by the Sefton Family

12:00 pm Constanca L. Odicta (Ann) by Serrano Family

Stewardship REFLECTION

“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return.

It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same.

This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the “Body of Christ.” We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

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

Pray for the sick of our parish...

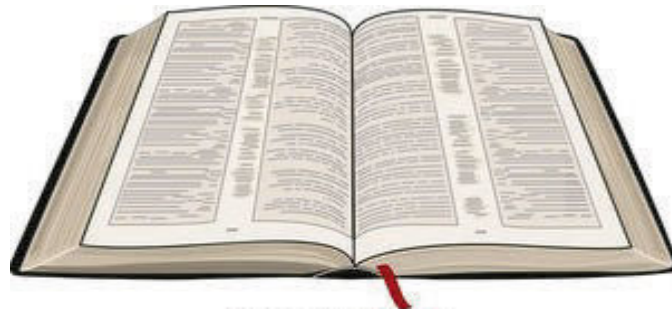
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Paul Martin
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Maria Novak
Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Robert O'Donnell
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Lucille Perz
Judith Peterson
Dawn Petro
Johanna Petruich
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Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jackie Roach
Christina Rzonca
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 30

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
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

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.

EACH PASSING MOMENT

“Has it ever struck you ... that life is all memory, except for the one present moment that goes by you so quickly you hardly catch it going? It's really all memory ... except for each passing moment.” ~ Eric Kandel

I'm in one of those states of mind right now. Today, June 30th, is the completion of my twenty-first year at St. Thomas More. Yes, you read that correctly. Twenty-one. Tomorrow, I begin my twenty-second year at the parish as pastor.

I cannot believe that it has been so many years already. For that matter, I cannot believe that it's been forty-one years since I was ordained or fifty years since I graduated high school. Oh, my.

Time goes on, fleetingly, whether we want it to or not. All of our time is a collection of moments and memories. Some moments, some memories are good ones. Some, not so good. Some are happy moments. Some sad. Some are thrilling moments, some terrifying. All these moments make up who we are and shape who we are to become.

I think it's natural for people my age who have collected a LOT of moments/memories in our lives to look back with nostalgia. Our heartstrings expand or break when we think about some of the people in our lives who are no longer with us: parents, spouses, significant others, relatives, friends, and others who have impacted our lives. This causes us to look ahead and wonder what might await us.

When we look ahead, we might be a bit fearful because the future might not be as clear as we want it to be. We might have had big plans but age and health may have modified those plans. We might have hoped for time to spend with others, others who are no longer here. It could leave us feeling morose and/or depressed.

Or, it could remind us that more moments and memories await. More dreams may be fulfilled. More people may be met. More friendships may be formed.

Look ahead with hope and confidence because, even though our circumstances may change over the years, even though we may lose some people who were special to us, we never lose the one person who makes everything matter: Jesus Christ.

Christ is more than an acquaintance. He is more than a friend. He is our be-all and end-all. He will be with us through all of our days and help us to view our moments and memories with confidence and hope.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who are fearful as they age that they might find the peace that comes from a relationship with the Lord.

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:

- July 2: Deacon Arthur Weeks (1990)
Rev. Dominic A. Mrena (1994)
Msgr. F. Raymond Fowerbaugh (2004)
- July 5: Msgr. George J. Moorman (1979)
- July 6: Deacon Joseph J. Sobek (2004)



THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENTS

Keep in your prayers, please, both Fr. Steven Caraher and Fr. Zach Glick. Tomorrow, they will officially begin their first assignments as newly ordained priests: Fr. Steven to the people in Merrillville and Fr. Zach to the people in Michigan City.

Did you know that first assignments are critical in the life of the priest? There are statistics that show that most men, if they leave the priesthood, do so within the first five years of their ordained lives. Once they make it past the five year mark, chances of staying in the priesthood are rather good.

I'm not writing this because I worry about either of these two men. I share this with you to remind you that priests are people, too, and that they go through all sorts of challenges in their lives, particularly at the beginning of their ministry. Thus, they need prayers just as much as anyone else.

So, please keep all newly ordained priests in your prayers as you continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

May your first assignments feed you spiritually, Fr. Steven and Fr. Zach!

IT WORKS FOR THEM, MAY IT WORK FOR YOU

“When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A husband and wife were shown into the dentist's office, where the man made it clear he was in a big hurry.

“No fancy stuff, Doc,” he ordered. “No gas or needles or any of that stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with.”

“I wish more of my patients were as stoic as you,” said the dentist admiringly. “Now, which tooth is it?”

The man turned to his wife and said, “Show him the tooth that's giving you trouble, Honey.”





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.
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 **3rd Grade**

Thursday Evening Catechist.

This person will help prepare the 3rd 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



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



Greeters Schedule Week



Saturday, July 6

5:30 p.m. Mass
Main: Cathy Delgado & July Mateja
Chapel: Kimberly Eurlay
Choir: Michelle Strimel

Sunday, July 7

6:30 a.m. Mass
Main: Tanya Vasquez
8:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Sandra Steele
Chapel: Zig & Toni Jedrzejczak
10:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Dwight Reed

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Monday, July 1

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous —Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul — Weis Center Room 101

Saturday, June July 6

9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan
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 at the 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 meeting with an identification activity will follow. If you'd like to participate, submit a photo to Sue Oczkowski or send via mail, drop it off at the Parish Office, or in person (she is usually at Saturday 5:30 Mass). Be sure to mark your name on the back. All photos will be returned after our meeting.



St. Thomas More School

Math Probability Carnival



Math is not a favorite subject for many, but when it's paired with innovation, creativity, collaboration and a big dose of fun, the narrative changes.

The annual "Probability Carnival", hosted by the STMS 7th grade, is always a big success, giving students the opportunity to test their mathematical theories.

Our 7th Grade, working in teams, created an original game from concept to finished product, and invited the school's 2nd Grade for an afternoon of fun and games, literally, all while documenting and charting the probability of their game's outcomes.

Learning made fun...it's an STMS specialty!



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL Class of 2020 Reunion

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

Wednesday, July 17

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

STMS Gym/North Parking Lot

RSVP by Wednesday, July 10

to Annette Czarobski at

aczarobski@stm-school.com and provide:

Full Name • Home Address

Cell Phone • Email

College Attending or Career Pursuing

Wear your college or career apparel

to the event for a class photo.

DARE Role Models

It's always a welcome sight to see our STMS alumni return to their grade school "home" for a visit.

Each semester, Munster Police DARE Officer, James Ghrist, brings a group of outstanding St. Thomas More School alumni Role Models back to our school to speak about life beyond the walls of St. Thomas More School.

These Munster High School juniors and seniors spend time with our students, talking about their high school experiences, activities, their interests, their studies, and most of all, how they remain drug and alcohol free to live their very best, healthy lives.

Our students are always full of questions, asking about everything from lockers to lunch and are curious to know about any pitfalls they might encounter as high school freshmen.

Fortunately, the future is bright, safe and filled with great opportunity for our students, if these alumni are any indication.

We love seeing these young people even more than they love seeing us...each are someone to look up to!





• Donate to the Online Auction
 • Be a Hole or Event Sponsor
 • Sponsor a Teacher

7th Annual STMS
Golf Classic
 Monday, July 29
 Innsbrook Country Club



All are Welcome!
 Register to Golf or
 Join Us for Cocktails & Dinner



Register Now!
 To register for golf, dinner or to sponsor:
<https://STMSGolf2024.givesmart.com>


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

Cooking for the Homeless

Help us prepare meals in the St. Tom's Cafeteria for the Hammond Homeless Shelter. We prepare food on the **2nd Tuesday & the 3rd Wednesday Monthly**. No experience needed! For more information contact Joe Janostak at 219-308-9182.



Live Christ Share Christ

Live Christ Share Christ meetings will be on a summer recess for the months of July and August. We will resume our meetings in September. See you then!

DISCIPLESHIP OUTREACH VOCATIONS

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Partners in Christ's Mission



STM Church Roofing Project



We are at 60% of our combined goal!
Help us reach our goal!
 Scan to give or use a donation card



1 DAY 10 BUSES 500 FAITHFUL
 — DIOCESE OF GARY —
Join Us for a One Day Trip!
 Saturday, July 20, 2024 | 5:30 a.m. - Midnight
 Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis



Coach Bus Includes:
 • Early A.M. breakfast meal stop
 • Drop off/pickup at conference doors
 Go to: dcgary.org/2024congress

\$25



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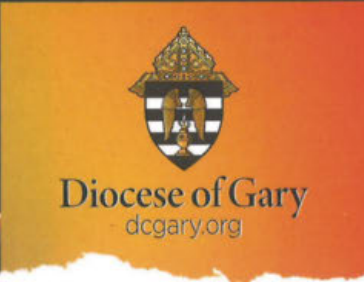
Note: A separate \$125 conference day pass must be purchased online at eucharisticcongress.org/register



Hop on the bus!



FAMILIES • YOUTH • ADULTS • SENIORS



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

If attending ANY of these events, please register with the national planning team (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:**
tinyurl.com/JUL-1-RSVP

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.

St. John Kanty Catholic Church

(7012 N 600 E, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371)

- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Share Foundation's Leprechaun Hunt

Share Foundation hosts their 30th Leprechaun Hunt™ 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. Hunt for leprechauns with pots of gold worth \$50 - \$1500. All-you-can-eat BBQ, drinks, Irish music, kid-zone (fun & games for the kids). \$50/advance for ages 14-64 or \$60/day-of. \$40/advance for age 65+ 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/. Proceeds support SHARE's mission to serve adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Golf for Possibilities

All are invited to Sherwood Golf Course in Schererville.

Saturday, August 3

Visit www.plantingpossibilities.org for info or to register.

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