

We should never be satisfied with what we give to our Lord because there is always more to give.

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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 myadron@stm-church.com
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 Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
 Deacon Joseph Stodola, KHS
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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

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 Lectors..... Richard Gard 836-8610
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2024-2025 Pastoral Council Members

Julius Ballanco Mike Englert
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 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
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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
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 Knights of Columbus Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559
 Live Streaming..... Joann Hajduch (219) 836-8610, Ext. 2245
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 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 20

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, July 21

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 20

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

Sunday, July 21

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, L. Ball, J. Sajn/MC ~ Derek

10:00 a.m. E. & R. Smola, C. Dagholor/MC ~ Nick

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

Wedding Banns

BANN III

John Dunn & Elizabeth Zaczyk

Rest in Peace

Jean Marie Sobek • Irene D. Adams

Prayer of the Faithful

That we may learn from the Apostles to give up our strong attachment to material possessions.

Sacrificial Offerings

June 23, 2024

Adult	\$ 20,055.00
Loose	\$ 2,584.00
Children	\$ 42.00
Automated	\$ 7,152.00
TOTAL	\$ 29,833.00

Diocesan Charities
\$ 525.00

June 30, 2024

Adult	\$ 20,724.00
Loose	\$ 1,976.00
Children	\$ 32.00
Automated	\$ 7,152.00
TOTAL	\$ 29,884.00



Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 14 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am William W. Burke by Wife & Children

10:00 am Donna Jean Strange (Ann) by Family

12:00 pm Dennis Miller by Diane Susoreny

MONDAY, July 15 — St Bonaventure

6:30 am Linda Campbell by Phyllis Rueth

8:30 am Jan Cholke by Kapala Family

TUESDAY, July 16 — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

6:30 am Carmen Derkacz by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Eugene Florek by Jose & Paula Serrano

WEDNESDAY, July 17

6:30 am Tia Luchas Vilchis by Gonzalo & Cindy Herrera

8:30 am Carol Dalissandro by Valerie Zurick

THURSDAY, July 18 — St. Camillus de Lellis

6:30 am Intention of Patricia Zygmunt by Catherine & Patty Pfister

8:30 am Arnold Susoreny by Diane Susoreny & Children

FRIDAY, July 19

6:30 am Jane Kieltyka by Denise, Renee & Jennifer

8:30 am Joan Potocky by Patty Pfister

SATURDAY July 20

8:30 am Florence Therese Obrzut by Marge & Mitch Tarvid

5:30 pm James L. Klein, Sr. by Eli Zak & Margaret Zak

SUNDAY, July 21 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Diana Markey by Family

10:00 am Francis Mikolanis (Ann) by Wife & Family

12:00 pm Lou Rozmanich by Family

Stewardship REFLECTION

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”

MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

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".

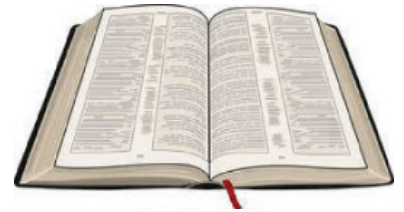
Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/

Questions?

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

Readings Week of July 14

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
 Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



Pray for the sick of our parish...

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood.

Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy.

Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians—to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

Father John Muir ©LPi



Parish Office

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – Noon

School Office

Monday to Thursday Summer Hours:

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Closed Daily from Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

RELY ON GOD

"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done." ~ C. S. Lewis

There are times in our lives when we should be satisfied with ourselves.

Perhaps it is in our work lives. We have to put in 100% and accept what comes of it. If we know that we have done our best, that should suffice. There may always be someone who gripes or complains; but, if we have put in a truly honest day's labor, we should be content.

There are times in our lives, however, when we should never be satisfied.

One of those times regards our faith lives. No matter how close we have grown to the Lord, we can always grow closer. No matter how much we have served others, we can always serve more. No matter how much we have prayed, we can always utter one more prayer. No matter how much we have sacrificed, there is still more to offer.

If we are satisfied with our faith lives, we sell God short because we quit trying to get as close to Him as possible. God does not deserve a little bit from us. God does not deserve a lot from us. God deserves our very best and then some.

Disney Imagineers would refer to that principle using Walt Disney's philosophy. He would look at a ride, at an attraction, or at a theme park and ask the question, "How could we plus this?" That meant, "How could we make this even better, more intriguing, more exciting?" He always encouraged his employees to do all that they could to improve things. And, when an attraction was improved, to ask the question, "Now, what else can we do to plus this?"

If we truly love God, we will always want to plus our relationship with Him. We should never be satisfied with what we give to our Lord because there is always more to give. We should never be satisfied serving our Lord in others because there is always one more person who needs our help. We should never be satisfied with the time that we give Him in prayer because we could always make more time for Him and spend less time on ourselves.

If you were satisfied with your relationship with God yesterday, that's wonderful. However, do not rest on your laurels. Today is a new day with its own set of demands and circumstances.

Give God a little more today than you gave yesterday and more tomorrow than you give today.

FAITH ACTION: Look at the areas of your spiritual life where you find satisfaction and comfort and ask yourself the hard question: "What can I do to improve my relationship with God so that I can be even closer to Him?"

In. Mike

THE EUCHARIST — SO GREAT A GIFT

"I no longer take pleasure in perishable food or in the delights of this world. I want only God's bread, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ, formed of the seed of David, and for drink I crave His Blood which is love that cannot perish."

~ St. Ignatius of Antioch

"My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!"

~ St. Katharine Drexel

"O Jesus! on this day, you have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able To sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, In this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, And like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You."

~ St. Therese of Lisieux

"I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God."

~ St. Gertrude

"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, "Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.""

~ St. Bernadette Soubirous

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

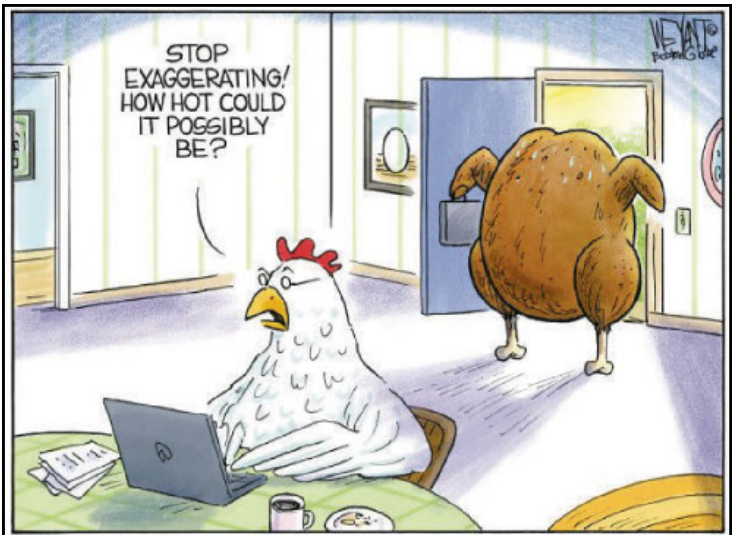


Taxiing down the tarmac, a jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate.

After a wait of about an hour, the plane finally took off.

When they were in the air, a curious passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

The flight attendant didn't help the passenger's nerves any when he responded, "The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine. It took us awhile to find a new pilot."



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 14: Rev. James I. Cis (1911)
- July 16: Lukasz Kleczka, SDS (2013)
- July 18: Rev. Eugeniusz Pogorzelski (2002)



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!

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 & 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



Greeters Schedule Week



Sunday, July 21

6:30 a.m. Mass
Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Jan & Paul Liszewski
Chapel: Maria Rodriguez

10:00 a.m. Mass
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Pat Batchelder

Saturday, July 20

5:30 p.m. Mass
Main: Joann Karr & Miles Sepiol
Chapel: Mack Family

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Monday, July 15

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

12:00 pm Seniors of STM Picnic — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Assembly 235
Weis Center Main Hall

Friday, July 19

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

Saturday, July 20

9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan
Weis Center Main Hall

Mass Schedule Change

From this point forward, all St. Thomas More Masses for **Holy Days & Holidays will now be at 8:30 a.m.**
This is consistent with our normal daily Mass schedule.

Bulletin Deadlines

Holidays & vacations alter print deadlines.
Please submit bulletin articles at least 2 full weeks in advance:
bulletin@stm-church.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

Seniors of STM

All members & newcomers are invited

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:

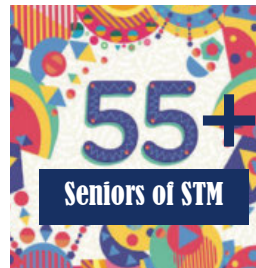
Last names beginning

A to L: Side Dish or Salad

M to Z: Dessert

Newcomers are welcome to join us.

See you all this week!



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 this Wednesday, 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 at the picnic or send via mail or drop off at the

Parish Office. Be sure to mark your name on the back.
All photos will be returned after our meeting this fall.

St. Thomas More School



St. Thomas More School Inducts New Honor Society Members

At St. Thomas More School, our motto, "Excellence Happens on Purpose" is not just a saying, but how we conduct our daily activities, for both students and members of our staff.

We are proud to congratulate our students who have met the qualifications for the STMS Msgr. Weis Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, this year, inducting ten new members to the existing membership of 30 outstanding NJHS members. Each student is selected based on their dedication to scholarship, stewardship & leadership, and has continually demonstrated exemplary character. Congratulations students!



Reminder:
The St. Thomas More School
Class of 2020
Alumni Reunion
is this week!

Wednesday, July 17
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

STMS Gym/North Parking Lot

Advanced reservations are required for this event (deadline 7/10).

Can't attend?

We'd still like to keep in touch!

Send the following contact information to Annette Czarobski at
aczarobski@stm-school.com:

Full Name

Home Address • Cell Phone • Email

College Attending or Career Pursuing

We'll keep you posted on any future alumni events and activities.



Summer Band

This summer, a big group of STMS students are acquiring a new skillset! We are happy to add approximately 30 new band members this year, as these young musicians are learning to read music and tackle the ins and outs of playing a new instrument. Thanks Mr. Gloppen & Mrs. Van Manen!

Come join the fun!

7th Annual St. Thomas More School
Golf Classic

Monday, July 29
Innsbrook Country Club



Everyone is invited!
**Tickets Still Available for
Dinner Guests!**
Join us for cocktail hour, dinner
and our amazing
Online Auction!
Great people having a great time!



Donate to the Auction or
Sponsor a Hole!
Register Now!

To sponsor or register:
<https://STMSGolf2024.givesmart.com>

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

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



The needs of those who utilize the services of our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry do not go away during the summer months. Often, their needs are greater, as families have children who are home from school for all three meals a day. Please continue to support are pantry and utility assistance. On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for your continued support as we work to help our neighbors with food and financial insecurities.

**DISCIPLESHIP
OUTREACH
VOCATIONS**

**CATHOLIC
SERVICES
APPEAL**



STM Church
Roofing Project

Partners in Christ's Mission

Help us reach our goal!

Scan to give or use a donation card
available at all church entrances



Cooking for the Homeless

Help us prepare meals in the STM Cafeteria for the Hammond Homeless Shelter.



We prepare food on the
**2nd Tuesday & 3rd Wednesday
of Each Month.**

No experience needed!

Come join this important ministry with others who wish to serve and nourish their brothers and sisters in need.

For more information or to join, 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!

Eucharistic Ministers Requested

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.”

The Eucharist truly sits at the center of our faith and sharing this Blessed Sacrament makes us one.

Come and serve at the table of the Lord and bring this special gift of our faith to our flock.



**We Need Additional
Extraordinary
Ministers of
Holy Communion**

at every Mass to share the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister. If interested in helping our parish, please contact Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

AIM Ministry Ability Inclusion Ministry

AIM, the Abilities Inclusion Ministry, of the Diocese of Gary is working to set the foundation to do the work that Pope Francis has called us to do – welcome and include all of our brothers and sisters by providing opportunities for our other abled parishioners who are called to participate in Masses. If you or anyone you know has expressed a desire to participate in a parish ministry, contact AIM at AIM4inclusion@gmail.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

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

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 with the launch in of this program set for 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.



Wounded Healer Grief Support

All those grieving the loss of a friend of loved one is invited.

Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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Groups to help with grief available for those who have lost a Parent/Sibling • Spouse/Significant Other Child/Grandchild • Friend

Beginnings Groups & Advanced Groups Available

For more info: www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.

Events in the Area...

Share Foundation's Leprechaun Hunt

Share Foundation hosts their 30th 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).

Admission: 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.

To purchase tickets: 219.778.2585 or sharefoundation.org/events/. Proceeds support SHARE's mission to serve our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Golf for Possibilities

All are invited to Sherwood Golf Course in Schererville.

Saturday, August 3

Visit at plantingpossibilities.org/golf/ for info or to register, or use the convenient QR code on the left.



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Registration at 7:00 a.m.

Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

Signup online using the QR code or the email address above. Event and hole sponsorship opportunities are available.

Seeking sports tickets/sports memorabilia, goods/services and promotional items for our raffle, door prizes, and goodie bags: golf@plantingpossibilities.org.

Planting Possibilities is a registered

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provide job-skills training, employment & volunteer opportunities for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in Lake County, Indiana.

Lions Steak & Chicken Grill

The Munster Lions Club, serving Munster since 1938, will be hosting their 39th Annual Steak & Chicken Grill on Saturday, August 3 from 3:00- 7:00 p.m.

at the Munster Social Center, 8751 Lions Club Drive in Community Park.

Tickets: \$20/Adults & \$7/Children.

Raffle with prizes of \$200, \$150 and \$100.

Purchase at the door or from parishioners Mike Mezey at mwmezey@hotmail.com or Chris Ylo at ecylo@yahoo.com.

To join Munster Lions Club:

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