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of the faith, the truths of the love
and goodness of God.**

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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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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School Phone..... (219) 836-9151
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Weis Center**

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

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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
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Peace & Social Justice Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship..... Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship..... Paul Liszewski

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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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..... STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
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Gabriel Project..... Marilyn Glennon (219) 836-8610
Gifts of Love & Warmth..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
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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 27

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, July 28

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, July 27

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

Sunday, July 28

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

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

12:00 p.m. C. Aguilar, E. Ramirez,
C. Schell-O'Connor/MC ~ Jack

Baptisms



Logan Michael

Son of Daniel & Kelly Tim

Alivia Rose

Daughter of Alen & Jade Diaz

Alexander Noel

Son of Alen & Jade Diaz

Silas Leo

Son of Jack & Amanda Blount

Rest in Peace

Lydia R. Carrillo

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, July 22 — St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 am Carol Jean Dalissandro by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Joan Potocky by Julie Murphy

TUESDAY, July 23 — St. Bridget of Sweden

6:30 am Intention of Gino Michels by Pat Sopata

8:30 am Dolores Sidor by Gonzalo & Cindy Herrera

WEDNESDAY, July 24

6:30 am Rafaelito T. Legaspi, M.D. by David Family

8:30 am Deanna M. Shimala by Family

THURSDAY, July 25 — St. James

6:30 am Brenda Slobig by Maria Pozdzal

8:30 am Richard Herrmann (Anniv) by B. Nemeth

FRIDAY, July 26 — Sts. Joachim & Anne

6:30 am John Michalik (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Thomas O'Connor (Ann) by Wife, Donna

SATURDAY July 27

8:30 am Mary Francis Doyle by Kathy Loktu

5:30 pm Michael L. Cenko by Mary Ann McCully

SUNDAY, July 28 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Salvatore Agnello by Pietro & Rosa Merlo & Family

10:00 am Pearl & Amadel Gregoline by Bonita Molinaro

12:00 pm Martin J. Pieters, Jr. (Ann) by Family

Sacrificial Offerings

July 7, 2024

Adult	\$ 15,141.00
Loose	\$ 3,755.00
Children	\$ 39.00
Automated	\$ 7,152.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,087.00

July 14, 2024

Adult	\$ 17,513.00
Loose	\$ 4,128.00
Children	\$ 47.00
Automated	\$ 7,152.00
TOTAL	\$ 28,840.00



Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Stewardship REFLECTION

"He said to them,

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you?

If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him.

Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us?

Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

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 21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

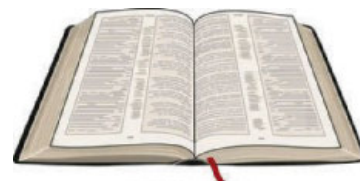
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7- 15/
Ps 126:1bc-
2ab, 2cd-3, 4-
5, 6/Mt 20:20-
28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps
19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see
16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



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	Ann Sardella
Janet Cattana	Kevin Karl	George Sauer
Jaqueline Morrow	Dan Karulski	Marie Schultz
Christian	Mark Kenney	Marianne Schwartz
Ursula Cichy	Irene Kerps	William Schwartz
Charlie Clam	Janet Knight	Zachery Scriff
Loretta Clott	Susan Kolodziej	James Secviar
Joseph Clune	Gregory P. Koscielski	Jim Seul
Willie Colby	Melvin Kostalik	Renee Shehan
Charlotte Conn	Crystal Kurek	Nick Skinner
Vincent Corsello	Annika LeMonier	Laurie Slazyk
Mike Curtain	Chris LeMonier	Karen Sliwa
Valerie Czapkowicz	Debbie LeMonier	Deborah Stareck
Sarah Dalton	Nicklas LeMonier	Georgianne Suto
Janice Devries	Dorothy Lesnefsky	Florence Stevens
Aaron Dudek	Kris Lisikiewicz	Carol Storey
Alex Eiland	Jo Lisiniewicz	Charles Svitko
Sherlon Evans	Edward Liskiewicz	Rose Theis
James Fletcher	Stanley Liskiewicz	Michele Thomas
Heriberto Flores	Maria Lovell	Rosemary Thomas
Maria Flores	Brady Martin	Russ Thomas
John Forde	Paul Martin	Gerardo Trevino
Bonnie Gabrione	Carolyn McGill	David Trotman
Rich Gagliani	Larkin McKenzie	Kathie Trudgian
Christine Gajda	Jacob Mencliewicz	Anthony Ubuaue
Gary Gardner	Jenny Mendoza	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Andrea Garritano	Faye Meny	Raymond Vanderbok
Emily Gibson	Michael Mercier	James Wachel
Joan Glinski	Sandi Merlo	Kathy Wachel
Monica Gonzalez	Erin Meyer	Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Howard Gralewski	Gino Michels	Mark Wein
Margaret Gray	Benjamin Mikels	Ruth Williams
Susan Graff	Madeline Mikolanis	Stephanie Wisniewski
Christine Greenberg	Robert Minnick	Bill Wisniewski
Mary Ellen Gullicks	John Mitchener	Dick Wright
Katie Kardes Hargett	Andrew Moll	Cecilia Ziegler
Amy Hayes	Thomas Mordaunt	Cody Ziemkowski
Dick Hemingway	Genevieve Mrvan	

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us. But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. "Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!" And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied.

What finally gives our heart rest isn't more vacation time. It's experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve.

Father John Muir

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OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – Noon

School Office

Summer Hours — Monday to Thursday:

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

INNOCENCE

As a little boy opened the big family Bible, something fell out of it: an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mamma, look what I found," he shouted excitedly. "What have you got there?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, the little boy answered: "I think it's Adam's underwear." ~ Unknown

In October, I will be sixty-eight years old. There are some days that I feel every minute of those sixty-eight years. There are other days that I feel it should be seventy-eight or eighty-eight. Yet, there are still other days that it feels more like twenty-eight. Why? Children.

Children can really keep you on your toes. Children can keep you wondering. Children can keep you young. They have such an open, innocent way of looking at their world that amazes me. Even in the joke above, we can well imagine a child thinking that he found Adam's underwear. The reason would be quite simple. For years he would have heard about Adam and Eve. He would have heard the story about them eating the fruit of the tree and realizing that they were naked. He would have heard that they clothed themselves with the leaves of the trees. Hence, underwear.

In the same manner of seeing things through the eyes of a child, I have often been called God. Little children have often come with their parents for Mass and say, "Hi, God", to me when they see me. Why? The only thing I could think is that their parents tell them they are going to God's house and I am the person that they see. Therefore, it is natural to call me God.

The minds of children are keen and open and impressionable. The eyes of children see all. The ears of children hear all. They may get things wrong or confused and it becomes our responsibility to inform them of the truth of things. We just need to make sure that we do so in a loving manner. It is never easy to be told that we are wrong, even at a very young age.

Do not laugh at innocent observations. Do not ridicule innocent questions. They are ways in which people can learn the truths of life, the truths of the faith, the truths of the love and goodness of God.

When children ask me questions about the faith, it gives me the opportunity to think about new ways to explain the mystery of God. I hope it helps them to come to know God better. I know that it helps me.

FAITH ACTION: Think about the deep mysteries of the faith that have always had special meaning to you. If possible, share those with family or friends today.

In. Mike

REFLECTIONS ON THE EUCHARIST

There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.

~John Vianney

Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven.

~ Pope Pius X

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

~ Mother Teresa

From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.

~ Pope John Paul II

In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.

~ Pope Benedict XVI

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A church had a man in the choir who couldn't sing. Several people hinted to him that he could serve in other places, but he continued to come to the choir. The choir director became desperate and went to the pastor.

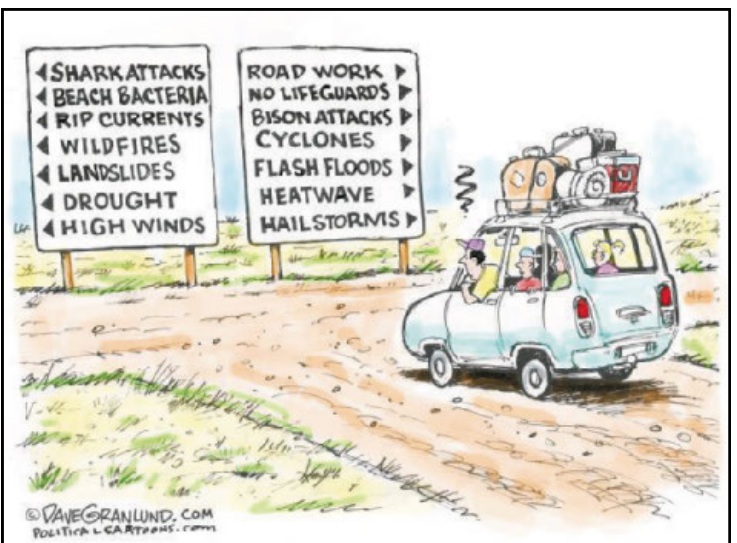
"You've got to get that man out of the choir," he said. "If you don't, I'm going to resign. The choir members are going to quit, too. Please do something."

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

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

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

"That's nothing," the man retorted. "More than fifty people have told me that you can't preach!"



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 21: Rev. John Dillon (1961)
- July 23: Rev. John J. Frawley (1990)
- July 25: Msgr. Michael A. Campagna (1979)





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



Saturday, July 27

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

Sunday, July 28

6:30 a.m. Mass
Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main:
Yvette Radziwiecki
Chapel:
Michael Cardone

10:00 a.m. Mass
Chapel: Kate Daghlor

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Monday, July 22

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus — Weis Center Main Hall
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, July 23

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

Friday, July 26

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

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

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray that...
we may take every day to rest in God's presence.

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.

Attention All Seniors!

Our new year of activities is set to begin with a Business Meeting on

Wednesday, September 4

Our Guest Speaker will be Nicole Harmon from Humane Indiana, who will share interesting educational information about the wildlife her organization helps and will bring some of her favorite furry friends with her for a visit.
Mark your calendar for our exciting new beginning.

This would be a great time for new members to join and for returning members to reconnect.

It's also the perfect time for past members who have been away to come back and rejoin this great organization.

Our yearly dues are \$10 (due by October 2, 2024).

Dues can be paid at any of our meetings or anytime by October 2nd at the Parish Office.

Members who have turned 90 years old need not pay dues.

If you have not done so already, please submit a photo of your "younger self" for our upcoming activity, "The Way We Were".

St. Thomas More School



FIELD DAY



Ask our students and they'll tell you that Field Day is the best day of the whole year! The day started with an inflatables race by our awesome, energetic teachers, followed by lots of fun and games for all ages and topped off with a hot dog lunch for the whole school. It was, indeed, one of the best days of the year!



Come join the fun!



7th Annual St. Thomas More School Golf Classic

Monday, July 29
Innsbrook Country Club

Everyone is invited!

Deadlines to Register:

Advertise your business or show your support by being a
Hole Sponsor

Deadline to Register: **Monday, July 22nd**

Join us for a fun day on the links when you register to
Golf

Deadline to Register: **Thursday, July 25th**

Join us for a fabulous evening with some great people!
Cocktail Hour & Dinner

Deadline to Register: **Thursday, July 25th**

Fantastic Online Auction Coming Soon!

Use QR Code to Sponsor, Golf, Dine or Bid

Register Now!

<https://STMSGolf2024.givesmart.com>



Cooking for the Homeless

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



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

No experience needed!
Come join this
important ministry with others
who wish to serve & nourish
our brothers & sisters in need.

For more info or to join, contact Joe Janostak at 219-308-9182.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

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**



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

Mental Health Ministry

The Mental Health Ministry will begin meetings again in August.

We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Please plan to join us.

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.

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 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.



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WE CORDIALLY INVITE CATHOLIC MEN OVER 18 TO OUR COOKOUT ON MONDAY JULY 22ND AT THE WEIS CENTER AT 7:00PM. FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED. WE WILL HAVE YARD GAMES AS WELL. COME ON OUT FOR A GOOD TIME!



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Events in the Area...

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: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/munster>.

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. \$125/golfer. 18 holes, buffet luncheon & Beer, prizes & more. 7:00 a.m. Registration • 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start 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 501(c)3 with the mission to provide job-skills training, employment & volunteer opportunities for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in Lake County, Indiana.

Clothing Give-Away

St. John Bosco, Columbia Avenue in Hammond, is hosting a Clothing Give-Away on Saturday, July 27 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the school cafeteria (enter Door F for anyone who needs a bit of help with their clothing needs. For more information, please contact the St. John Bosco Parish Office at (219) 844-9027.

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