



Second Sunday of Advent

We commit our time and energy to our annual process of preparation, the process that we call Advent.

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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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.

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

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Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning

Celebrants

Saturday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, December 12

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, December 11

5:30 p.m. S. Rozmanich, A. Hansen, W. Arens
MC ~ Jacob C.

Sunday, December 12

8:00 a.m. A. Buksa, K. Karl, M. Slivka/MC ~ Gavin

10:00 a.m. R. Andrzejewski, N. Arman, A. Monroy
MC ~ Patrick

12:00 p.m. A. Sanchez, C. Aguilar, D. O'Brien/MC ~ Ty

Baptisms



Fletcher George

Son of Matthew and Ashley Lee

Katherine Anne

Daughter of Douglas and Julie Quasny

Rest in Peace

Norbert E. Rzonca • Carol Ann Koepke

Sacrificial Offerings

November 14, 2021

Adult \$ 16,959.00

Loose \$ 3,274.00

Automated \$ 3,879.00

TOTAL \$ 24,112.00

November 21, 2021

Adult \$ 15,771.00

Loose \$ 2,581.00

Automated \$ 3,879.00

TOTAL \$ 22,231.00

November 28, 2021

Adult \$ 16,136.00

Loose \$ 3,877.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

TOTAL \$ 24,948.00



**Campaign for
Human Development
Special Collection
\$ 5,075.67**

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, December 5 — Second Sunday of Advent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Janet Sheehy by Deacon Dennis Kobs

10:00 am Frank Molinaro by Bonnie Molinaro

12:00 pm Thomas Butynski by Family

MONDAY, December 6

6:30 am Bill O'Brien by Michelle & Derek O'Brien

8:30 am Eddie Richter by Micki Richter

TUESDAY, December 7 — St. Ambrose

6:30 am Ann C. Pazik (Ann.) by Tom & Marianna Pazik

8:30 am James Rossi by Michael Mercier Family

5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Eliodoro/Maurialia Godinez by
Lucy & Denny Perz

WEDNESDAY, December 8 — Immaculate Conception

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the O'Connor
Family by Donna

5:00 pm Domenico Costantino by Dominique & Angelique
Mercier

7:00 pm Vivian Driscoll (Ann.) by Andrea & John Mudro

THURSDAY, December 9

6:30 am Lillian Jaworski by Family

9:00 am Frank Markey by Family

FRIDAY, December 10

6:30 am Mary J. Bilse by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Rose Lepara by Family

SATURDAY, December 11

8:30 am Chet Milen by Family

5:30 pm George Brezene by Bob Klosak

SUNDAY, December 12 — Third Sunday of Advent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Carolyn Kenning by Karl Family

10:00 am John Gianotti by William & Dorothy O'Brien

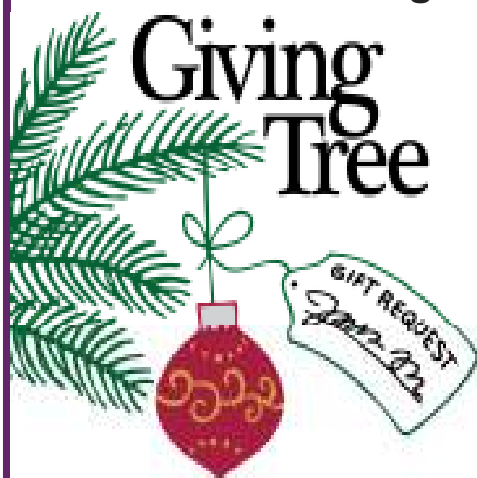
12:00 pm Donald Kopenc by Jay Harker Family



"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

The Giving Tree



If you selected a name from the Giving Tree, please remember to return your wrapped gift & tag by Friday to the Parish Office.

Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Return wrapped gifts with tag attached by Friday, December 10.

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the Week of December 5

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/P 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Chiara Andrzejewski
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Ursula Cichy
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Doris Dabrowski
Mary Ann Daliege
Matthew Daliege
Sarah Dalton
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
James Fletcher
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Rich Gagliani
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Joan Glinski
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Katie Kardes Hargett
Rosemarie Havran
Amy Hayes

Dick Hemingway
Marie Henke
Elaine Herrmann
Bertha Birdy Hernandez
Irma Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Heseck
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Sally Joy Hollingshead
Charlotte Hunt
Shirley Huskey
Betty Ingretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Kevin Karl
Dan Karulski
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatte
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Menclawicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
John Mitchener
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Thomas Mordaunt
Genevieve Mrvan
Bernadine Nemeth
Martin Nemeth
Donna Nichols
Maria Novak

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

Second Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPI

EVERY YEAR

“Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.” ~ Karl Rahner.

A week has passed already. We are beginning the second week of Advent. The time flies so quickly that we need to remind ourselves every once in a while what we are doing. I will attempt to do just that. We are in the midst of the season of Advent. A season that is used to prepare ourselves for the proper celebration of Christmas.

Some people might think that is not a huge task. After all, we all know what is necessary to prepare for Christmas. We've got cards to send, goodies to bake, presents to buy, and a whole lot of other things that can be easily accomplished if we just manage our time right. There's not a whole lot of reason to stress.

There. Case closed.

Ah, but it's not that simple. Christmas is more than that. Christmas has a huge spiritual component and that is what demands much preparation if we want to do more than pay Christmas lip service.

Rahner writes of that rich spiritual component when he acknowledges the yearly task of praying and singing, of longing and waiting, and of hoping. All of that is focused upon the promises of God, specifically His promise to send a redeemer into the world.

We are not like those people over two thousand years ago who waited for a redeemer. We know that our redeemer, Jesus Christ, was born to us. We know that He taught His people about the love of God, that He ultimately died upon the cross, and that He rose from the dead on Easter morn.

Yes, we are not like those people who waited for a redeemer. However, we are now a people who wait for that redeemer to come again in His glory. We wait for Him to call us to Himself at the end of our days. That waiting demands response. We need to be ready for God's call. Jesus was rather insistent upon that when He taught His people.

Being ready does not happen automatically. It takes time. It takes energy. It takes sacrifice. It takes commitment. Thus we commit our time and energy to our annual process of preparation, the process that we call Advent. We think about the glory that awaits us all as we prepare to celebrate the birth of glory Himself.

FAITH ACTION: Begin this second week of Advent with renewed enthusiasm and longing for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Jr. 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:

December 9: Deacon James Haugh (2012)

WEDNESDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Don't forget, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

We have had a tradition of welcoming the Munster High School Chorale to our church in Advent so that they could enthrall us with their holiday music. We were not able to host them last year because of the pandemic. I am happy to announce that they will be with us this year **next Sunday, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the church.

Since this is a Munster High School event, masks are required to be worn by everyone who attends. We thank you for your part in keeping everyone safe.



LESSONS AND CAROLS

The beautiful tradition of Lessons and Carols will continue this year on Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to begin the Fourth Week of Advent. I hope that you can join us.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Confessions will be heard on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a number of confessors available to hear confessions that evening so you might want to join us. Confession is a good, appropriate way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A couple was delighted when finally their long wait to adopt a baby came to an end. The adoption center called and told them they had a wonderful Japanese baby boy, and the couple took him without hesitation.

On the way home from the adoption center, they stopped by the local college so they each could enroll in night courses. After they filled out the form, the registration clerk inquired, "What ever possessed you to study Japanese?"

The couple said proudly, "We just adopted a Japanese baby and in a year or so he'll start to talk. We just want to be able to understand him."

Toy shortage expected...





Religious Education

December Schedule

- 8/9 No Class — *Holy Day of Obligation*
- 15/16 Class
- 22/23 No Class — *Merry Christmas!*
- 29/20 No Class — *Happy New Year!*

January Schedule

- 5/6 No Class — *Happy New Year*
- 12/13 Class
- 19/20 Class
- 26/27 Class

For information, about the Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, December 12

6:30 am Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 am Mass

Main: Nicole Odegaard

Chapel: Sue Walker

Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Danielle Munoz

Chapel: Steven Rozmanich

Saturday, December 11

5:30 pm Mass

Chapel: Judy Mateja

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

Chapel: Susan Anglin

Calling All Friendly Parishioners!

We need you!

If you normally attend the Noon Sunday Mass, how about coming a few minutes early to greet parishioners & visitors as they enter the church?

We need Greeters and your help would be appreciated! Please contact Vicky at (708) 932-0408.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we want to express our thanks to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More, who have consistently contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to support our neighbors in need. Thanks to your support, our pantry needs are minimal at this time.

Food Pantry Requests:

- Soup
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Frosting
- Jelly
- Pancake Syrup
- Canned Fruit
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper



Please check the expiration dates prior to donating. To learn more about SVDP, or to join this important ministry, please contact Terry at (219) 836-8610.

Stewardship Thoughts



Prayer from Pope Francis

"Lord Jesus, unite to your cross the sufferings of the many innocent victims: the children, the elderly, and the persecuted Christians; envelop in paschal light those who are deeply wounded: abused persons, deprived of freedom and dignity; let those who live in uncertainty experience the enduring constancy of your kingdom: the exiles, refugees, and those who have lost the joy of living.

"O Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, you who stood at the foot of the cross, obtain from your Son pardon for our sins; you who never doubted the victory of his resurrection, sustain our faith and our hope; you who are enthroned as Queen in glory, teach us the royal road of service and the glory of love. *Amen*

If you are not a part of a Ministry at St. Thomas More Church, please consider joining and sharing with others.

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

We might still have the perfect tree for you!



Monday-Friday:
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Supplies are extremely limited!

There aren't many trees left, but the one for you may still be waiting on the lot.

Checks should be payable to:
Knights of Columbus

Thank you for your support.
Msgr. Robert Weis
Knights of Columbus
Council 10596

Table Giveaway

St. Thomas More School has several extra tables which we are offering free of charge to parishioners.

If you would like specifics, or to reserve a table, please email: Kim Smith at ksmith@stm-school.com.

Tables must be picked-up from the school within the week. Please secure adequate transportation prior to contacting us.



St. Thomas More School



At St. Thomas More School, we always keep gratitude at the forefront of our thoughts, prayers and classroom discussions. To celebrate this special season, we not only exercised our thankfulness, but had some Thanksgiving fun, too. From the 1st Grade's Thanksgiving Vests, to our very own STMS version of the Macy's Day Parade, complete with homemade balloons by our 2nd Graders, to the traditional "Disguise the Turkey" project, this was a Thanksgiving to remember. We are forever grateful for our students, their families and the parishioners who generously support our school.



Altar & Rosary Society

Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 12, 2021

11:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

All women of the parish
are invited.

We will begin with the
Rosary at 11:30 a.m.,
followed by a short meeting,
lunch, a Christmas Presentation
and door prizes.

**Please make a reservation
by December 9th.**

Space is limited.

Call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 to reserve.

The Parish Office is open from

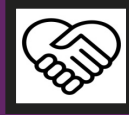
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Please make your reservation early.

Altar & Rosary will provide food, desserts & door prizes.

**Everyone attending is asked to bring
New Children's Hats, Scarves or Gloves.**

For information, please call Kathleen (219) 972-0539,
Kaaren (219) 836-5079 or Cindy (219) 923-9862



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised

82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking

15% Found Want Ads • 4% Create Their Job • 2% Blind Resumes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. • Weis Center

Open Session

Have a topic, question, concern or comment about your job
search?

The Open Session is where you will be able to share your
thoughts and experiences with fellow participants on everything
job search related.

The topics and discussions are unlimited; it could be about your
resume, interviews, elevator speech, cover letter, job search en-
gines, social media or any other related topic.

It's all here for you: listen, learn and participate!

It's networking at its best, it's in our name:

STMCareer Networking! Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you at the Weis Center.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Jim Kaczka & Donna Weidenfeller

Guest: Chandra Gary

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

When: The Second Wednesday of Every Month

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!

For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market,
employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment
opportunities through their current professional connections. Have
your cover letter, resume or thank you critiqued.

Live Christ Share Christ

All are welcome and invited to join us for our next meeting.
Come and share the joy of our faith during this
Advent and Christmas season.

All are invited to join us!



December 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Weis Center

Speaker:

Cindy Keilman

Topic:

Waiting in Joyful Hope

Holiday Luncheon to follow.

Please RSVP by 9:00 a.m. December 6th to:
dctabion@gmail.com or (219) 972-3719 or (219) 218-4491 and
leave a message if there is no answer. Thank you.

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to attend our December
meeting. Join with other dedicated, faithful men in our parish
when we meet again later this month.

Monday, December 20
7:00 p.m. in the Weis Center

A special welcome is extended to
all college-age men

who may be in town for their Christmas Break.

This month's meeting will feature a talk by Steven Caraher,
seminarian for the Diocese of Gary.

Seniors of STM

Christmas Luncheon

For those who have made an advanced reservation, a reminder
that the Seniors of STM will hold their Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 8

Teibel's Restaurant beginning at Noon.

We'll see you there for food, fun and friendship.



Looking Ahead...

Our first meeting in 2022 will be held on

Wednesday, January 19

Weis Center at 1:00 p.m.

The speaker's topic for this meeting will be

Tax Facts for Seniors

Food donations for our partnership with
The Salvation Army will also take place that day.

Remember: **Give "Two" to Help Live**

Every Purchase Helps Our School

Every time you purchase a gift, holiday decoration or a new item of clothing, you will be helping the students of St. Thomas More School!

STMS earns funds from each and every purchase now at Christmastime and all through the year when you designate St. Thomas More School as your charity of choice.

Every order on AmazonSmile earns St. Thomas More School .05% of your total purchase, so start shopping today!

Order now:

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Positions Open at STM

The St. Thomas More Cafeteria is seeking friendly people to join the team!

Cafeteria Cashier

This person would interact with students, faculty and staff on a regular basis to ensure that pre-selected lunch orders are verified with accuracy. St. Thomas More operates a cash-less Café so there is no money exchanging hands; all orders are entered and verified in a web-based billing system.

Hours: Monday to Friday — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cafeteria Dishwasher

This person would be responsible for collecting, sorting and washing dishes/trays/silverware/pots & pans by utilizing a commercial dishwasher or manually washing, as needed. This person would also serve students/faculty/staff during lunch periods and assist with food preparation along with other team members. Hours: Monday to Friday — 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Andy Power at (219) 836-9151 ext. 2224 or

apower@stm-school.com



Part-Time Custodian

This is a perfect job for a retiree, student or someone looking for part-time evening work.

Responsibilities include cleaning offices, classrooms and restrooms with occasional set-ups for church/school events. Experience in commercial cleaning & floor

machines preferred. Must be able to follow written directions and have reliable transportation w/ valid driver's license.

Hours: Monday to Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and occasional Sundays.

Apply in person at the STM Parish Office, 8501 Calumet Ave. in Munster or email: jobopenings@stm-church.com.

Bishop Noll News

Entrance Exam for Prospective Students

Bishop Noll Institute will host an Entrance Exam for Prospective Students

Saturday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.

1519 Hoffman Street • Hammond

Arrive by 8:45 a.m. at Door A.

Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude between Noon and 12:30 p.m.

Pick-up is also at Door A.



This is the first step in the admissions process for all 8th graders who are interested in attending Bishop Noll in the fall of 2022 and have not taken the entrance exam. Those who have taken an entrance exam at their Diocese of Gary grade school **do not** need to take this exam.

Parents must pre-register their child for the exam by downloading and completing a transcript and behavioral report request form, available at bishoppnoll.org.

Email completed documents to Jeff Stur, Director of Admissions at jstur@bishoppnoll.org no later than December 9. Questions

about the exam can also be directed to Jeff Stur at (219) 932-9058, ext. 1008.

No walk-ins will be accepted on December 11.

Highlights of a Bishop Noll Education:

A mind, body and soul focus for each student, 27 Honors, AP, ACP & DC classes, 40+ varsity sports, clubs & academic teams. Students also participate in four class retreats (one each year) with student-leader opportunities.

BNI offers a state-of-the-art STREAM Lab & Innovation Center opened for STEM, computer and engineering classes in 2020, the \$1 million-plus project at the centerpiece of the school's drive to become the first elite STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) school in Indiana and recognized as one of the top 12 high caliber STEM facilities in the nation.

Now in its 101st year, Bishop Noll consistently receives high rankings from the Indiana Department of Education, including the highest graduation rate (99%) of any high school in Lake County over the past 6 years. Noll offers a discount to Diocese of Gary families and participates in the IN School Choice program.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

The beautiful season of Advent and Christmas is upon us. With this season also comes advanced printing deadlines for our bulletin. Articles must be submitted a full 2 weeks (or more) in advance, so please submit all articles early, particularly for January events. Send articles to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Upcoming Andrean Events

Niner Night

Wednesday, December 8 • 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*Enter at Door A

Entrance Exam

Saturday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m.

*Enter at Door A. Pick-up is at 4:00 p.m.

Schedule Your Shadow Day

Contact Andrean's Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos, at 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or contact him at jnohos@andreanhs.com to schedule your visit today!

Andrean High School

219-887-5959 • andreanhs.org • 5959 Broadway • Merrillville



Events in the Area...

Emotions Anonymous (EA)

Free Emotional Support Group through "New Hope Road".

Open to all. Join us for this 12-step program (available to everyone age 15 +), to help with depression, anger, anxiety, grief, relationship issues and emotional disorders, and most especially, the stresses of the season. We meet Mondays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 1 W. Wilhelm in Schererville in St. Patrick Hall (SW Room). For more information, call (219) 308-0929.

A Fabulous 50's Christmas

Get tickets now for the popular "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" at the Towle Theater. Friday-Sunday, December 3-19. (219) 937-8780 • www.towletheater.com.

Bishop to Speak at Serra Club of NWI

The Serra Club of Northwest Indiana announces that Bishop Robert J. McClory will be our guest speaker on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Bridget's Hall in Hobart. Come to learn more about our support for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Call Susan at 219-688-8209 for more information.

Retreats at Lindenwood

Women Who Knew God Series:

Teresa of Avila— Friday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Join Sue Wilhelm in exploring Teresa of Avila's invitation to grow deeply in a relationship with God. A reformer, Teresa knew that the power of the Love of God was the source of all transformation. Teresa used images such as a castle, water & silkworm to describe growing in awareness of the abiding presence and desire of God for us. Cost \$55. Please register by December 7, 2021.

An Advent Stillness Hermitage Retreat —December 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (EST) Sr. Nancy Raboin, a spiritual director and facilitator for hermitage retreats at the Center at Donaldson will guide you through a day at Lindenwood. Besides introducing the history of hermitages in the Christian tradition, Sister will lead you in an opening experience, invite you to your "hermitage" room and facilitate the process. Cost: \$65.00 Please register by December 7, 2021. **To register for either seminar:** email@poorhandmaids.org or from the website at Lindenwood.org or call (574) 935-1706 9601 Union Road, Plymouth, IN 46563