

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Advent reminds us that we prepare to celebrate the birth of love, Jesus Christ our Lord. It further reminds us that the Lord of Love will come again in all of His glory. We long for that moment with joyful anticipation. The memories of what God has done for us indeed fills us with hope.

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.

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

Celebrants

Saturday, December 25

5:30 p.m. **NO 5:30 p.m. Mass December 25th**

Sunday, December 26

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

Friday, December 24 — Christmas Vigil

5:30 p.m. S. Rozmanich, A. Hansen, G. Scalzo
MC ~ Nick & Hunter

Saturday, December 25 — Merry Christmas

Midnight All MCs

6:30 a.m. A. Buksa, J. Dye, C. Aguilar
MC ~ Derek

8:00 a.m. A. & UI. Tolnai, K. Karl
MC ~ Emma

10:00 a.m. J. Rock, R. Andrzejewski, N. Arman
MC ~ Vanessa

12:00 p.m. J. & M. Blanford, J. Korwek
MC ~ Francesca

Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, J. Sajm, M. Slivka
MC ~ Gavin

10:00 a.m. A. Monroy, L. Patton, M. Miller
MC ~ Patrick

12:00 p.m. B., I. & S. Ramirez
MC ~ Francesca

Early Bulletin Deadlines

With this season comes advanced printing deadlines for our bulletin. Articles must be submitted 2+ weeks in advance. Submit articles early to: bulletin@stm-church.com.



“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

LUKE 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?”

If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus?

How do you prepare for Mass each week?

Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 19 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Margaret Waters by Carol & Jack Waters

10:00 am Renee M. Hladek by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

12:00 pm Jeffrey Shebesta by Kate, Emily & Caleb Shebesta

MONDAY, December 20

6:30 am Sandra M. Hynak

8:30 am Michael Tomandi by Rita Beird

TUESDAY, December 21

6:30 am Thomas Beird by Family

8:30 am Tyrone (Ty) Beird by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 22

6:30 am Dr. Bernadette Aghaji by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Carolina Alvarado (Ann.) by Garcia Family

THURSDAY, December 23

6:30 am Gloria Ramirez by Frank Gomez

9:00 am Jeff Paschen by Jim & Ann Miskovich

FRIDAY, December 24 — Christmas Vigil

6:30 am Dennis Trelinski by Dr. Rosita Ngo & Tina Ngo

8:30 am Intention of Michael by Family

5:30 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

SATURDAY, December 25 — Merry Christmas

Midnight For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

Please note, there is NO 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday evening, December 25th

SUNDAY, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

6:30 am Nancy Bossi (Ann.) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

8:00 am Our Deceased Grandparents by Fr. Mike

10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

12:00 pm Steven C. Andrews by Mr. & Mrs.

Larry Mackowiak

Automated Contributions

We pray for the safety & good health of you and your family during this holiday season.

We thank you for your continued support of our parish!

Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution: Drop off at Parish Office.

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” section.

Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish

website: <http://www.stm-church.com/>

Questions? Contact Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330

nbickel@stm-church.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society

As the Christmas 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
Pancake Syrup • Jelly
Frosting • 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.



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 Gralowski
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.
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Maria Lovell
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Mencliewicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
John Mitchener
Ann Miskovich
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James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Maianna Pazik
Judith Peterson
Dawn Petro
Johanna Petruich
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilonos
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Sevciar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Karen Sliwa
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Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Charles Svitko
Rose Theis
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
David Trotman
Kathie Trugian
Anthony Ubuaue
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

Readings for the Week of December 19

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: **Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPI

MEMORIES OF GOODNESS

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

I know that there are some whose sole hope by the fourth Sunday of Advent is that they can hold on to their Advent practices for the remaining days of the season. By now fatigue may have set in for many. There are many who have also given up doing anything specifically Advent related. That's typical for this season. It's even worse in Lent as the season of Lent is nearly twice as long as Advent.


This reflection is not going to be about how long Advent feels or about giving up, though. Instead, I encourage you to look back at the season thus far and to count your many spiritual blessings. How has the season spoken to you? What have you discovered about yourself or about God's love? In what ways has Advent prepared you for the celebration of Christmas? What is your hope for Christmas? What is your ultimate hope?

I would hope that as you look back at the season thus far you will see several shiny moments, memories of goodness as Pope Benedict puts it. These moments may have spurred you on and given you great comfort. They may have touched your life in such a manner as to draw you closer to the God who loves us so completely.

God's love is a deep and profound mystery. His love for us is absolute and unconditional. It is hard to fathom such a love since the love that we know and experience here on earth is often much less than that. The love that we know is often conditional. It comes with strings attached. The love that we know is often fair-weather. Someone may be devoted to us when times are good but if things change, they may be far away.

Advent reminds us that we prepare to celebrate the birth of love, Jesus Christ our Lord. It further reminds us that the Lord of Love will come again in all of His glory. We long for that moment with joyful anticipation. The memories of what God has done for us indeed fills us with hope.

FAITH ACTION: Make a solid plan to utilize this last week of Advent to your best advantage so that you will be prepared for the celebration of Christmas on Saturday. *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:


- December 19: Msgr. Alfred Reinig (1963)
- December 21: Msgr. Albert Van Nevel (2000)
- December 22: Rev. Conrad Stoll (1956)
- December 24: Rev. John Bargielski (2002)
Rev. Alfred Dettmer (2013)
- December 25: Rev. Michael C. Gadacz (1971)
Deacon John P. Beda (1972)



**JOIN US TONIGHT
LESSONS AND CAROLS**
The beautiful tradition of Lessons and Carols will continue tonight, 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.


CHRISTMAS CAROLS

As we have done in the past, we will sing Christmas carols before the Midnight Mass of Christmas. Carols will begin Friday night at 11:30 p.m. for those of you who might want to join us in joyful song.



NO EVENING MASS THIS SATURDAY FOR SUNDAY
This Saturday is Christmas Day and the Masses for Christmas are 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 24 and Midnight, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25. Because Christmas falls on Saturday this year, please note that there is NO 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday evening for Sunday. The church will be locked after the Noon Mass.
[We are not doing away with the Vigil Mass. This one-time change only affects this coming Saturday evening.]

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Dear Santa,
We're worried about you. We know that dealing with Christmas wishes from millions of children could certainly put one on the emotional hot seat and produce great anxiety.
We do have some good news, though: A medical news service tells us that laughter — as evidenced by your trademark "Ho, ho, ho" — is one of the best stress-busters going.
So, our dear Jolly Old Elf, please take care of yourself and, if at all possible, make sure to deliver the presents that we requested this year.





Religious Education

December Schedule

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 26

6:30 am Mass

Main: Karen Rutz

8:00 am Mass

Main: Pat Strange

Chapel: Sue Walker

Choir:

Katie & Christi Kordeck

Saturday, December 25

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Carolyn Cenko

10:00 am Mass

Main: Shannon Pischner

Chapel: Kate Dagholor

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.

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

All meetings are at 1:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

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Please watch the parish bulletin for updates & details of events and activities.

The Seniors will not meet again until our first meeting of 2022 on January 19 for a Business Meeting. Since this is our only meeting in January, please remember to bring your food donations for our partnership with The Salvation Army.

May you all enjoy a blessed holiday season!

Looking Ahead to the New Year ...

Our first meeting in 2022 will be held on

Wednesday, January 19

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

Wednesday, February 2

Business Meeting

Speaker/Topic: Balance Therapy



Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with your talent
is your gift to God.

- "Do you have powerful routines and rhythms that ground your day in health, happiness, and holiness? They are strongly connected." *Matthew Kelly*
- "We must extend mercy to everyone, including ourselves. Reach out to accept the freedom Jesus offers us from despair, addiction, egotism, materialism or something else." *Mike Pacer*
- "Your work is part of your sanctification. The next time you are tempted to grumble about your work, remember it is an honor because it has been redeemed by Jesus." *Fr. Augustine Wetta*
- "If we fail to forgive, we are rejecting our own faith." *Fr. Emil Kapaun*
- When distracted in prayer, pray to let go of the distraction. The Catechism says "a distraction reveals to us what we are attracted to." (CCC 2729)
- "Lord give me the ability to know when someone not to my liking is nonetheless speaking wisdom." *Scripture Union USA*

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



St. Thomas More School



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL *Christmas* BAND CONCERT



Another amazing performance by the St. Thomas More School Band! Our students never cease to amaze! A huge thanks to band director, Rick Mlynarski, who, after 50 years of directing students at STMS, can still pull the very best from his students and make musical magic happen. Kudos to everyone involved in this outstanding performance and thanks for lighting the holiday spirit in all of us!





St. Thomas More School Kicks Off the **2021 Annual Fund Drive**

For the past 70+ years, St. Thomas More School has provided a rigorous, comprehensive Catholic education for the children of Northwest Indiana and neighboring Illinois communities. Our priority remains to teach and empower our students to grow and thrive in a loving environment of faith and excellence, focusing on our mission of

“Educating the Whole Child in the Values of Jesus & Mary”.

Your 2021 gift to the STMS Annual Fund Drive

is a vote of confidence in our A-rated school, our students and our commitment to Catholic education.

Contributions to last year’s Annual Fund Drive were used to:

- Purchase 100 new Chromebooks
- Make necessary school classroom & facility improvements including new lighting, flooring, ceilings, replacement of sinks & cabinetry and a portion of the original lockers
- Fund nearly \$30,000 in student scholarships

**Thank you for
supporting our students!**



3 Easy Ways To Give

1 Click on the QR Code below and give directly from the St. Thomas More School donation page. It’s quick & easy!



2 Submit the yellow envelope in your parish envelope packet. Drop it in the weekly collection basket at church or, if you’re visiting the Parish Office, feel free to drop it off.

3 If you have given previously, please use the form & envelope included in your recent letter, which was mailed to your home.

No matter how you choose to give, know that your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be used wisely for the benefit of our 465 wonderful students .

Join Our Friendly, Dedicated Staff Positions Open at St. Thomas More

Full-Time Maintenance

Responsibilities include: Completing small plumbing repairs, painting, light carpentry work, changing light fixtures, ballasts, bulbs and completing small wiring jobs.

The preferred candidate will have some HVAC experience: able to change motors, belts, pumps couplings and complete routine filter changes.

This person shall be able to operate a plow truck for snow removal and be ready to plow snow during off hours as needed during snow season. Must also be able to operate and maintain a zero turn lawn mower and hand mowers during the spring and summer seasons.

Requirements: Candidate must have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and auto insurance.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (there will be occasional nights and weekends as needed.)

Salary: Based on skill level and experience. Includes health benefits and paid time off.

If interested, contact Mike Popovich at mpopovich@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 ext. 2313.



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.

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

Every Purchase Helps Our School

There's still six shopping days left til Christmas!
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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

Join us for our next meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 pm

St. Thomas More Weis Center

Masks Optional

Employee Rights & Employer Responsibility

An EEOC Overview

Presenter: Chandra L. Gary, MAIO

Chandra L. Gary is the owner of Solutions By Chandra LLC. She is an educator specializing in helping women gain confidence to leave toxic and unhealthy work environments.

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.

Upcoming Andrean Events

Entrance Exam

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

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

Schedule a 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!



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Respect Life March for Life

Save the date for this life-changing event.
All denominations are welcome to join in.

**2022 National March for Life
January 19, 2022**

For more information about the National March for Life,
please contact the Lake County Right to Life
www.lakeloveslife.org • 219-838-1138

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.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Meals on Wheels provides a hearty meal to many in our area who are homebound or in need of food sustenance. If you are recently retired, have a few hours a week to volunteer, or want to give back to your community, please consider donating a bit of your time as a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

You can truly make a difference in your community.

To register, or ask questions, please contact

Joan Vith, Volunteer Manager at
joan@mownwi.org or call (219) 756-3663.

Make a difference today!