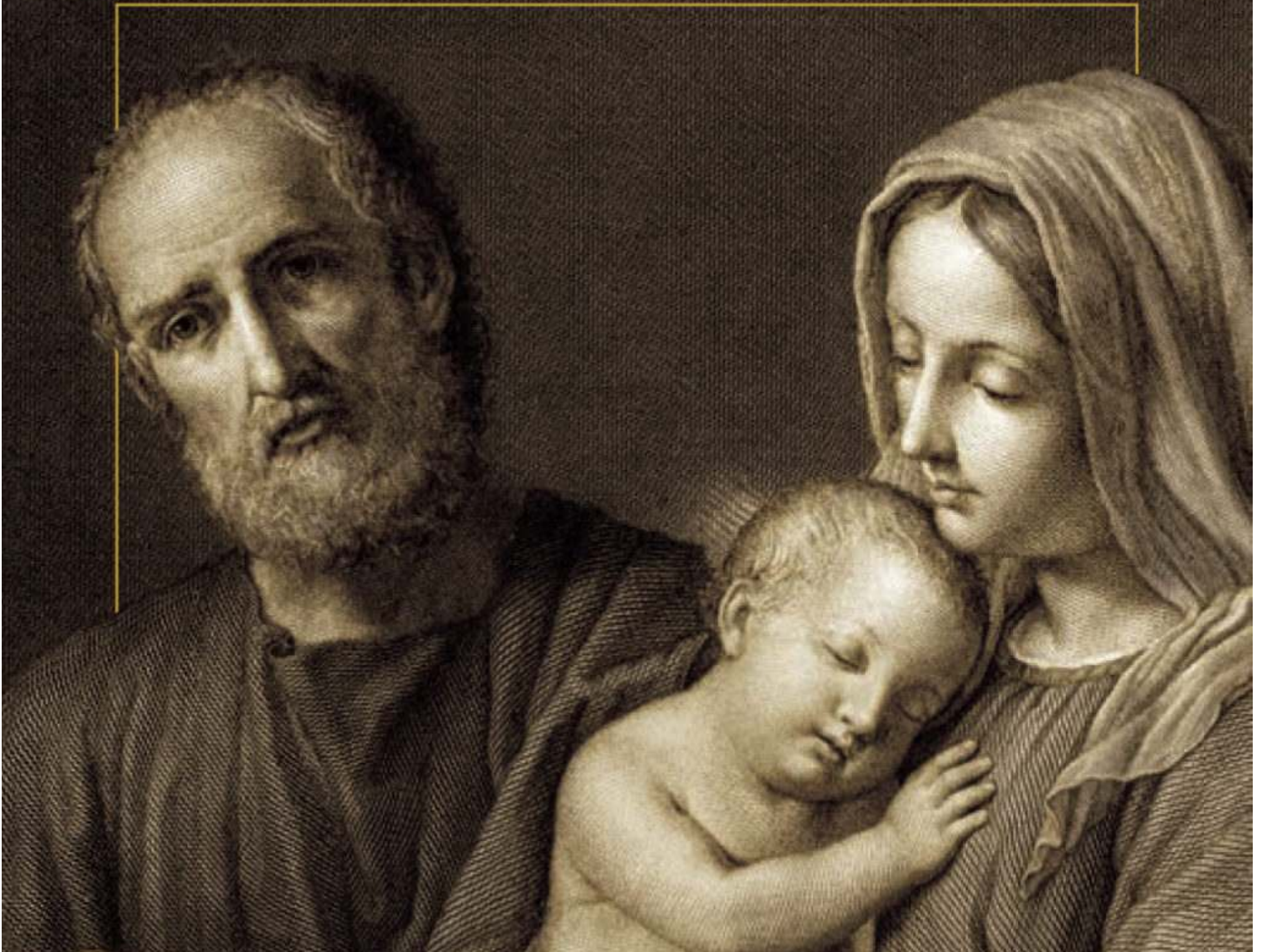


CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



O Lord Jesus,
You lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom, and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
You are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured Him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
You provided a secure and loving home
for Jesus and Mary,
And gave us a model of fatherhood
While showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
We consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith,
persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work,
and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example
in our daily life.
Amen.
*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Pray for us!*

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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Religious Education Phone 836-8610
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Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

Saturday, January 1
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, January 2
 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, January 1 — Happy New Year
 5:30 p.m. W. Arens, K. & K. Cano/MC ~ Jacob C.

Sunday, January 2
 8:00 a.m. N. Thompson, A. Burzynski, A. Buksa
 MC ~ Derek
 10:00 a.m. J. Rock, R. Smola, N. Arman/MC ~ Patrick
 12:00 p.m. A. Sanchez, B. & D. Reynolds/MC ~ Ty



“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Automated Contributions

We pray for the safety & good health of you and your family during this holiday season and throughout the new year of 2022.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, December 27 — St. John

6:30 am Catherine and Julian Oblon by Bob and Virginia Gauger
 8:30 am Bonnie Salvador by Family

TUESDAY, December 28 — The Holy Innocents

6:30 am Dr. Bernadette Aghaji by Lucy & Denny Perz
 8:30 am Mariane Magro (Ann.) by Tilly Fechalos

WEDNESDAY, December 29

6:30 am Joseph Yadron (Ann.) by Family
 8:30 am John Popovich (Ann.) by Mike & Jill Popovich

THURSDAY, December 30

6:30 am Betty Dixon by Dr. Rosita Ngo & Tina Ngo
 9:00 am Donald Kopeneec (Ann.) by Carol Kopeneec

FRIDAY, December 31

6:30 am Mary Butkiewicz by Bud and Barbara Boblink
 8:30 am Bernice Christiana (Ann.) by the Christiana Family

SATURDAY, January 1 — Mary, Mother of God

6:30 am Intention of Lucy Perz by husband, Denny Perz
 5:30 pm Lois Strain by Susan Strain

SUNDAY, January 2 — Epiphany of the Lord

6:30 am Mary J. Bilse by Stephanie Carrothers
 8:00 am Virgil Slivka (Ann.) by Slivka Family
 10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 12:00 pm Merced Aquino (Ann.) by Aquino Family



Religious Education

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.

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.



Readings for the Week of December 26

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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 Hesak
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Sally Joy Hollingshead
Charlotte Hunt
Shirley Huskey
Betty Ingbretson
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
Maianna Pazik
Judith Peterson
Dawn Petro
Johanna Petruch
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 Ubane
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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

Early Bulletin Deadlines

We are always happy to print parishioner information in our weekly bulletin, if space is available. Please submit all bulletin articles at least 2 weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

FAMILY IS EVERYTHING

"The family is the first essential cell of human society." ~ Pope John XXIII

A sarcastic quip often describes people's thoughts about family: "Family. Can't live with them. Can't live without them." We chuckle when we hear phrases like that but, at the same time, we often see a glimpse of truth to that. Families can be wonderful blessings. Families can also be sources of great stress. Sometimes the stress comes from within and other times the stress comes from without.

The Holy Family is often portrayed as a peaceful, loving, perfect family. While that is all true, that doesn't mean the Holy Family didn't have problems. It began before Jesus' birth. Before Joseph and Mary were married, Mary was found to be with child as she had conceived the Son of God. Joseph had no clear knowledge of that and decided that he was going to divorce Mary quietly and get on with his own life. In a dream, Joseph found out the truth of Mary's pregnancy and was asked to take Mary as his wife and to raise the child, Jesus.

Then, shortly after Jesus was born, King Herod heard from the Magi that a new king was born in his territory. Herod became determined to find the child and kill him. He was not going to allow any threat to his throne. Thus, while very young, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to flee their homeland and take refuge in Egypt.

When Jesus was twelve, there was a bit of panic in the family when Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not among them as they were on their way home from Jerusalem. They backtracked and found Jesus in the temple speaking to the teachers. While the holy leaders were all impressed with Jesus' faith and knowledge, Mary and Joseph were stressed because Jesus had elected on His own to remain behind.

After Jesus became a Rabbi, there was talk that many wanted Him dead. One can only imagine the stress upon Jesus' family when that was discovered. The Holy Family was dedicated to one another and to God but that did not preserve them from stressful times.

Today, the day after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We might try to compare our families to the perfect family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and find ourselves coming up far short. However, we may have forgotten about the stressors that the Holy Family went through as well. What made the Holy Family holy was their ultimate trust in God and their willingness to accept God's will for them.

Our families may not be perfect. Our families may be far from perfect. Our families may even be poster families for Dysfunction Monthly. That's okay. Each and every member of our family was made in the image and likeness of God and God loves each member of the family as much as the next. He loves the family unit as well.

Maybe it's time for us to love our families as much as God loves us, to trust God completely, and to accept God's will for us. It might not be easy. It might be very stressful. But God fashioned us and He will sustain us if we ask Him to be a part of our families.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for all families, especially those who may be experiencing troubles, that the peace and love of the Holy Family may guide them into closer union with one another and with God.



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 26: Msgr. Francis J. Jansen, (1967)
Rev. John P. Zubak (1976)
- December 27: Msgr. Francis X. Guerre (1956)
- January 1: Deacon George Modrak (2007)

MASSES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST

This coming Saturday is January 1, 2022. New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is often a Holy Day of Obligation unless, that is, it falls on a Monday or on a Saturday. Since it falls on Saturday this year, January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the day is at 8:30 a.m., the same as any Saturday morning.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

T'was the day after Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The family members were all snuggled tight in their beds while visions of yesterday's meals danced in their heads. The stockings had been torn from the mantle with glee and wrapping paper was strewn around the lit tree. The dishes, quite dirty, still sat in the sink not even a clean glass was available if you wanted a drink. The radio was blasting songs from the genre "classic rock" and nary a Christmas song was heard 'round the block. The parents, with dread, were feeling a bit ill knowing that soon, in the mail, they would receive their bills. On Visa, on American Express, on MasterCard as well. A Merry Christmas to all and "the check's in the mail."



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Spend Those Amazon Gift Cards

If you received Amazon Gift Cards for Christmas and are browsing to find the perfect items, be sure to use AmazonSmile and designate STMS!



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Greeters for the Week



Saturday, January 1

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Cathy Delgado

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am Mass

Main: Maria Rodriguez

Chapel: Tolnai Family

Choir:

Katie & Christi Kordeck

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Gladys Escobedo

Join Our Friendly, Dedicated Staff



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, operate a plow truck for snow removal and be ready to plow snow during off hours as needed during snow season and operate and maintain a zero turn lawn and hand mowers.

Requirements: 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. (occasional nights and weekends, as needed). **Salary:** Based on skill level/experience. 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

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: Mon—Fri 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (occasional Sundays). Apply in person at the STM Parish Office, 8501 Calumet Ave. in Munster or email: jobopenings@stm-church.com.

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. STMS operates a cash-less Café; 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. See below to apply.

Cafeteria Dishwasher

This person is responsible for collecting, sorting and washing dishes/trays/silverware/pots & pans utilizing a commercial dishwasher or manually washing, as needed, and would serve students/faculty/staff during lunch periods & assist with food preparation with the Café team. Hours: Mon—Fri 11:00 a.m.-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

A Thanks for the Altar & Rosary

The Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank the Knights of Columbus organization for their generous donation of large sheet cake to serve our members at our Christmas Luncheon. And thanks to the many women parishioners who donated new children's hats, gloves and scarves for the needy. Because of this generosity, we filled a huge box and 5 large bags with these warm items to be distributed in the community, just in time for the cold winter temperatures.

Save the Date

The next Altar and Rosary Society event will be:

Chili Bingo — Sunday, March 13



- "Virtue must be sought out and can be acquired only by continual practice. You learn to ride a bike by riding a bicycle. You learn to be patient by practicing patience." *From the book, Better Together*
- "God makes saints as He pleases, but they are made always according to His plan, and in submission to His will. This submission is true and most perfect abandonment." *Fr. Jean Pierre de Caussade*
- "Mass is not about us. It is about our relationship with God." *Fr. John Mayo*

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

Seniors of STM

May you all enjoy the rest of the holiday season!

Our first meeting in 2022 will be held on

Wednesday, January 19

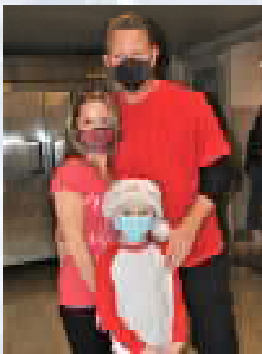
The speaker's topic for this meeting will be

Tax Facts for Seniors

This is our only meeting in January. Please remember your food donations for our partnership with the Salvation Army.



St. Thomas More School



Pizza with Santa

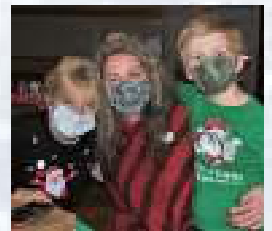
There are so many wonderful traditions at St. Thomas More School, especially at Christmastime. A favorite December event is the annual Pizza with Santa.

A great night for families, there are games and activities, pizza and drinks, and the highlight of the evening...a special visit from Santa, who always has a perfect gift for each and every child in attendance.

This year, Santa brought Mrs. Claus with him, too!

Our thanks to Santa and his lovely wife of many, many, many years, our enthusiastic 7th & 8th grade student volunteers and our fantastic event host, the STMS Parent Association!

We can't wait until next year! Ho! Ho! Ho!



Christmas Flowers

Remembering Those We Love with Memorial Flowers This Christmas

George & Clyde Abelseth	Bev Carbonare Mr. & Mrs. John Carney	Julia Dillos Doktysz Family Dolan Family	John & Susan Hanyicska Jay Harker Havran Family	Joan Klein Esther Klobuchar Peter Klobuchar
John & Ceil Albizati Allen & Rita Alexander Aunt Colleen Alexander	Harold Carroll Cazmar & Ramaswamy Families	Donovan Family Mary Francis Doyle Joseph & Dorothy Dubeck	Al & Bernice Hedke Bettina Hefner Yvonne & Richard Helmer	Knitter Family Dolores Koch William Koch Emily Kolbus
Jerry & Susan Allen Aureliano Alvarez Margarita Alvarez Alvarez Family	Gustavo Chavez Bernice Christiana Mary Jean Christy Churley Family	Frances Dudek Peter Dumaresq Maria Ebert Mary Ellen & Don Echterling	Grandma & Grandpa Helmer Bridget Hennel Richard Hennel	George & Margaret Kolina Lucille Kolodziej Johnnie & Jackie Kovach
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Wednesday, January 12, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Weis Center

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An EEOC Overview

Presenter: Chandra L. Gary, MAIO

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