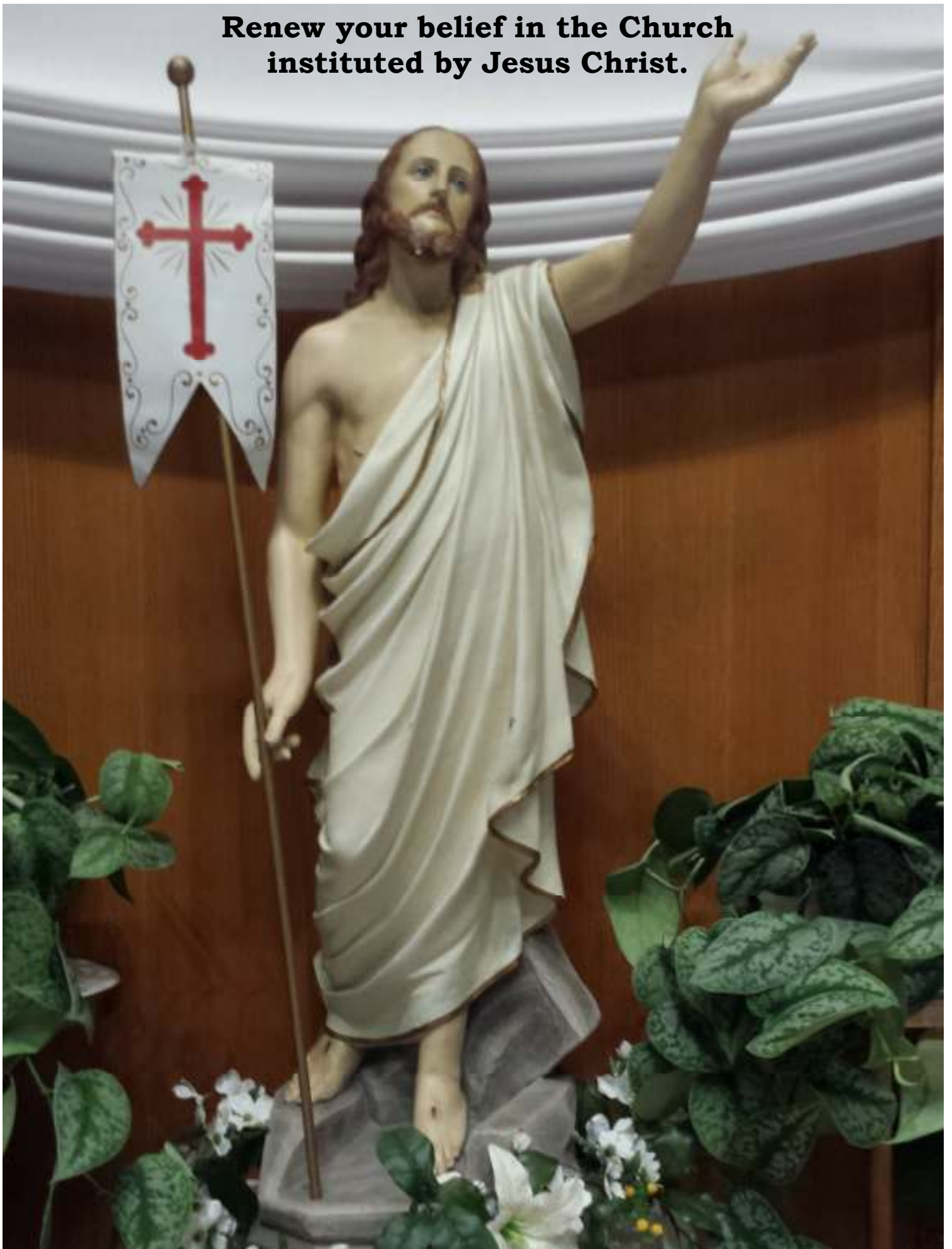


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instituted by Jesus Christ.**



**Mission Statement :** *The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.*

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312  
myadron@stm-church.com  
Senior Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
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..... Joseph Stodola, KHS  
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Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315  
Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338  
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

**St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)**

**Parish Office Staff**

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Vocations Committee ..... 836-8610

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Thomas Alexander ..... Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson  
Carolyn Cenko ..... Leslie Dernulc  
Tim Jevyak, Chairperson ..... Jim Kaspar  
Christi Kordeck ..... Katie Kordeck  
Eric Miller ..... Joe Peters  
Daniel Straka .....

**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 ..... 836-9151 School Fax ..... 836-0982  
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
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School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development ..... Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307  
Business Manager ..... Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

**Weis Center**

**8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321**

Phone ..... 836-2660

**Sacramental Information**

**Confessions**

Saturdays ..... **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
First Friday ..... 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

**Baptisms** ..... First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly attending at **least six months** before the Baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.

**Pre-Baptism Class** ..... 2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.

**Marriage** ..... Must be a registered, practicing member of the

parish at **least six months** before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.

**Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:**

Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.



**New Parishioner Registration**

To make it as convenient as possible for you, new parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

Stop in during the day, or take advantage of our convenient Saturday office hours.

**St. Thomas More Religious Education**

*Kindergarten through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Religious Education Phone ..... 836-8610  
Director ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232  
Administrative Assistant ..... Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236  
Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

Formation/Education ..... Allen Blocher  
Parish Life ..... Elaine Herrmann  
Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas  
Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura  
Stewardship ..... Paul Liszewski

**Parish Organizations**

Altar & Rosary Society ..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862  
Boy Scouts ..... Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109  
Career Networking Group ..... Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335  
..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597  
Circle of Prayer ..... Carolyn Cenko 741-2509  
..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net  
Cub Scouts ..... Duane Schwemlein -[Stmcubpack542@gmail.com](mailto:Stmcubpack542@gmail.com)  
Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200  
Gabriel Project ..... Marilyn Glennon 801-6586  
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409  
Gifts of Love & Warmth ..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544  
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: [sbburke3@att.net](mailto:sbburke3@att.net)  
Knights of Columbus ..... Tim Jevyak  
..... [10596jevvyakt@prodigy.net](mailto:10596jevvyakt@prodigy.net) or (219) 644-8932  
Oblates ..... Denise Gard (219)201-4103  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739  
Seniors of STM ..... Marion Case (219)743-3543  
Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

## Celebrants

**Saturday, January 15**  
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, January 16**  
 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 15**  
 5:30 p.m. D. Brantley, K. & K. Cano/MC ~ Nick

**Sunday, January 16**  
 8:00 a.m. K. Karl, J. Dye, J. Sajn/MC ~ Gavin  
 10:00 a.m. M. Miller, J. Rock, R. Smola/MC ~ Patrick  
 12:00 p.m. J. Korwek, D. O'Brien, A. Sanchez  
 MC ~ Francesca



## Baptisms

**Natalie Brielle**  
 Adam & Lorien Goodwin

## Rest in Peace

**William "Bill" Adams • Janet Somenzi**  
**Claudia M. Pellar • Jean Sharp**

## Sacrificial Offerings

### December 25, 2021

*Merry Christmas*

Adult	\$ 51,674.00
Loose	\$ 5,282.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 61,891.00</b>

### December 26, 2021

Adult	\$ 22,773.00
Loose	\$ 8,966.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 36,674.00</b>

### January 2, 2022

Adult	\$ 10,663.00
Loose	\$ 2,285.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,883.00</b>



*Thank you  
 for your generous  
 contributions  
 to our parish.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am Joseph Flores by Frank Gomez  
 8:00 am Bradley Barnes by Lois McAllister  
 10:00 am Ann Grunewald by Joseph & Carole Janusonis  
 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

## MONDAY, January 10

6:30 am Deceased Members of Stok Family by  
 Lucy & Dennis Perz  
 8:30 am Kathryn Lippie by Felicia Makowski

## TUESDAY, January 11

6:30 am Rose Krizmanic (Ann.) by Family  
 8:30 am Jule Bell Jr. by Lucy & Dennis Perz

## WEDNESDAY, January 12

6:30 am Mary Jones by Teresa B. Glotzbach  
 8:30 am Ceil Albizati by Susan Strain & Family

## THURSDAY, January 13 – St. Hilary

6:30 am Julia Rose Martin by Catherine Pfister  
 9:00 am Rose Mangiaracina by Altar & Rosary Society

## FRIDAY, January 14

6:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Nowakowski  
 Family by Joseph Nowakowski  
 8:30 am Ray Sculley by Mrs. Walter Metz

## SATURDAY, January 15

8:30 am Michael Jores (Ann.) by Serrano Family  
 2:00 pm Reeves/Boukal Nuptials  
 5:30 pm Donald Kopenc by McCraw Family

## SUNDAY, January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 8:00 am Rev. Kenneth Grabner, CSC by Dr. Rosita Ngo &  
 Tina Ngo  
 10:00 am Bill O'Brien by Dan & Marie Karulski  
 12:00 pm Donald Kopenc by Jay Harker Family



### The Baptism of the Lord

*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” Luke 3:16*

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

## 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](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com)

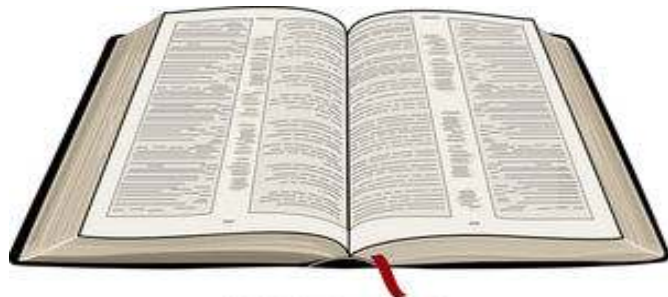
## Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez  
Margaret Amatulli  
Chiara Andrzejewksj  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billeo  
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 Hesak  
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 Mencliewicz  
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 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 Trugian  
Anthony Ubuan  
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 January 9



**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
*or,* Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## The Baptism of the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

*Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes.

Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about.

Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings.

When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead.

There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

**BOW BEFORE THE FATHER**

**“Baptism is bowing before the Father and letting him do his work.” ~ Max Lucado**

Today, we close off the Christmas season as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. John the Baptist was the one who baptized Jesus in the Jordan river. When Jesus was baptized, God’s voice was heard from above proclaiming Jesus as His Son and instructing the people to listen to Him.

Listening to God and letting Him work in our lives is what we are all supposed to do. Jesus acknowledged that and taught that as well by His words and His deeds. He was always instructing His people and encouraging them to embrace His Father’s will for them.

When we were baptized, we were baptized into the life and death of the Lord. Our baptism washed away the stain of original sin from our souls and prepared us to return home to God one day as long as we live as His faithful children while here on earth.

I like the way Lucado shares his thoughts on baptism. He stated that it is bowing before the Father and letting Him do His work. That is much more difficult than it seems. In order for us to do that, we have to rein in our pride, a pride that insists that things be done our way. Letting God work in and through our lives is a tough thing to do but it brings incredible results if we can allow God to do so.

Today completes the Christmas season and tomorrow begins Ordinary Time. It is appropriate today to reflect upon our own baptismal promises. They may have been made for us initially if we were baptized as babies; but, we have renewed them many times in our lives. Embrace your promises to reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises.

Furthermore, cling to the great mysteries of our faith. Hold firm to your belief in God the Father, creator of the universe, God the Son, our Savior and Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit, the one who sanctifies us and makes us holy day by day.

Finally, renew your belief in the Church instituted by Jesus Christ: one, holy, catholic (universal), and apostolic. With a holy pride, go out to all the world and tell the Good News that brings peace to all people.

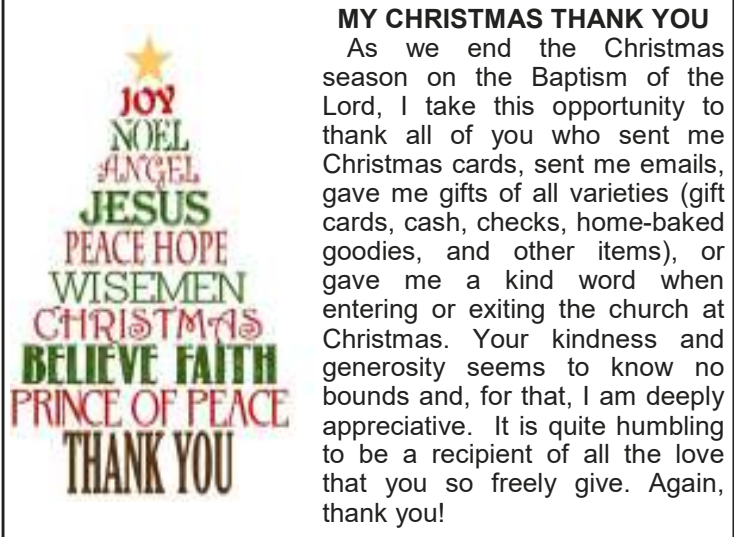
**FAITH ACTION:** Pray the Creed slowly and reflectively so that you can remind yourself of the people we are all called to be. *In. Mike*



**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:

- January 9: Rev. Eugene C. Hoffman (1980)
- January 11: Rev. Ambrose E. Switzer (1967)  
Rev. George A. Masley (1969)
- January 12: Rev. Henry J. Ameling (1970)  
Rev. Joseph A. Buczyrna (1976)
- January 14: Rev. George J. Naudzius (1963)  
Msgr. Alvin J. Jasinski (1969)  
Msgr. John F. Morales (2020)




**MY CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

As we end the Christmas season on the Baptism of the Lord, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent me Christmas cards, sent me emails, gave me gifts of all varieties (gift cards, cash, checks, home-baked goodies, and other items), or gave me a kind word when entering or exiting the church at Christmas. Your kindness and generosity seems to know no bounds and, for that, I am deeply appreciative. It is quite humbling to be a recipient of all the love that you so freely give. Again, thank you!

**“Baptism is not only a sacrament of our union with Christ; it is also a sacrament of our communion as the body of Christ.”**  
~ Michael Horton

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**



Many ministers could, from personal experience, tell of strange names bestowed upon infants at their baptism; but, few could equal the following story.

A mother, who was on the lookout for a good name for her child, saw on the door of a building the word “Nosmo”. It attracted her, and she decided that she would adopt it.

Some time later, passing the same building, she saw the name “King” on another door. She thought the two would sound well together, and so the boy was baptized, “Nosmo King Smith”.

On her way home from the church where the baptism had taken place, she passed the building again. The two doors on which she had seen the names were now closed together, and what she read was not “Nosmo King”, but “No Smoking”.





# Religious Education

## January Schedule

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](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).



Mrs. Leto's Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class put on a Nativity play before Christmas.

## Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, January 16**

**6:30 am Mass**

Main: Mary Jez

**8:00 am Mass**

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil

Chapel: Susan Walker

Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

**10:00 am Mass**

Main: Rosa Maldonado

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

Choir: Andrea Mazerik

**12:00 Noon Mass**

Main: Pat Batchelder

## Join Our Wonderful 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. Must be able to operate and maintain zero turn and hand lawn 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:jobopenings@stm-church.com).

### Cafeteria Cashier

This person will interact with students, faculty and staff regularly 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:** Mon—Fri 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. Would serve students/faculty/staff during lunch periods & assist with food prep with the Café team. **Hours:** Mon—Fri 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you are interested the Cafeteria positions, please contact Andy Power at (219) 836-9151, # 2224 or [apower@stm-school.com](mailto:apower@stm-school.com)



**“Rejoice always.  
 Pray without ceasing.  
 In all circumstances, give thanks...”**  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### Prayer ... the Foundation of Stewardship

- In prayer, we listen for God's response, this is best done in silence.
- We open our hearts in gratitude so that they overflow with generosity.
- We ask God how He wants us to use our gifts daily.

*Continued Next Week...*

**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

One Pillar of a St. Thomas More School Education is

## *Service to Others*

From collecting food & clothing for the homeless of Chicago, to donating Christmas toys and games for area children in need, to sorting & packaging clothes for those less fortunate, our students find true joy and purpose in helping others. Our thanks to all who have assisted with these and the many service projects at our school. We are truly grateful to STMS parents & staff who have coordinated these efforts and help our students realize that it really is better to give than to receive.



## Snow Removal Help Needed at STM

*St. Thomas More is looking for assistance with snow removal on the parish & school campus.*

If you can help in any of the following capacities, please contact Mike Popovich at [mpopovich@stm-school.com](mailto:mpopovich@stm-school.com) or call (219) 836-8610, ext. 2313 with your name, phone and email address:

- If you have a plow truck and can help plow during snow events.
- If you know how to operate plow truck with salt spreader
- If you can shovel walkways
- If you can run a snow blower and/or a small tractor to clean & salt walkways.

Hours vary depending on snow accumulation and time of day.

Thanks in advance for your help to keep our church & school lots safe for our parishioners, students and staff.



Click on the QR Code below to give directly via the St. Thomas More School donation page. It's quick & easy!



Your generosity is greatly appreciated by our students & staff!

### Make a Difference Today!

When You Contribute to the St. Thomas More School

## Annual Fund Drive

For 70+ years, St. Thomas More School has provided a rigorous, comprehensive Catholic education for the children of NWI and neighboring communities.

### Your gift to the Annual Fund Drive

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

### Last year's Annual Fund Drive provided:

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

**Thank you for supporting our students!**



### Thanks for Contributing



Thank you to all who participated in the *Christmas Giving Tree!*

We received a letter of thanks from the Gary Diocese acknowledging the generosity of our parishioners, who provided gifts for 140 individuals, helping many area families enjoy a

Merry Christmas, too!

A sincere thank you to all who contributed.

### Altar & Rosary Society Save the Date

The next Altar and Rosary Society event will be:

***Chili Bingo — Sunday, March 13***

### Live Christ Share Christ

Meetings are held on the

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month**

**9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center**

Please join us to share and renew your faith.

All are invited to join us!



Upcoming Meetings:

**February 12 • March 12 • April 9 • May 14**





## 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

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. A lifelong resident of NWI, Chandra loves all things purple, including Prince! She considers herself a cupcake connoisseur, prefers tea over coffee and looks forward to the day when she can once again hop on a Carnival Cruise ship.

**Where:** Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster  
**When:** The Second Wednesday of Every Month  
**Email:** [STMCareerGroup@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Spend Those Amazon Gift Cards

*Time to cash in those great Amazon gift cards!*



Find the perfect little somethin' somethin' and start spending your gift cards using AmazonSmile.

Remember to designate St. Thomas More School as your charity of choice and our school will earn .05% of your total purchase.

**Start Shopping Today!**

Go to: [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733)

## 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.

Contact Jim Nohos at 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or contact him at [jnohos@andreanhs.com](mailto:jnohos@andreanhs.com) for information or to schedule a visit.

## Seniors of STM

# Hey Seniors

**Happy New Year from the Seniors of STM!**

Mark your calendars for our very informative first meeting of the New Year on January 19 and for all our great meetings to follow.

We're looking forward to a great start to 2022.

Join us for fun, friendship and some great information.

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

St. Thomas More Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN

*Please watch the bulletin for details and updates.*

### 2022 Schedule

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: "Give **Two** Help Live"

**Wednesday, February 2**

***Business Meeting***

Topic of Guest Speaker: Balance Therapy

**Wednesday, February 16**

***Pizza Party***

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 2**

***Business Meeting***

Topic: Senior Safety

Guest Speaker: Munster Police Department

**Wednesday, March 16**

***Pot Luck Luncheon***

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

## 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.



## 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](http://www.lakeloveslife.org) • 219-838-1138

## Praying For Our Parishioners



Reignited & the  
Circle of Prayer ministries  
offer prayers for our  
parishioners.

Please send your prayer  
requests via email to:

[STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com](mailto:STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com).

We are happy to pray for you  
and/or your  
family members.

God bless our parishioners,  
those they care for,  
and our community  
and nation.

## 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.

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.

### 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](mailto:joan@mownwi.org) or call (219) 756-3663.

Make a difference today!

