

*Live
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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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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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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
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Spirituality & Worship Kaaren Mashura
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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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Career Networking Group Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335
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Garden Club Paul Mazerik 644-8409
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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 22
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, January 23
 6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
 8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

Saturday, January 22
 5:30 p.m. W. Arens, D. Brantley, S. Rozmanich
 MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, January 23
 8:00 a.m. M. Slivka, N. Thompson, A. Burzynski
 MC ~ Derek
 10:00 a.m. R. Andzrejewski, A. Monroy, L. Patton
 MC ~ Vanessa
 12:00 p.m. B., I. & S. Ramirez/ MC ~ Francesca

Rest in Peace

Kenneth Somenzi • Jean Sharpe

Bulletin Deadlines

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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”
 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason.
 How has God blessed you?
 Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan?
 How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth?
 Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you,
 no one else can do it.
 Live the life God has intended for you.
 Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit).
 Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy
 God desires for each of us.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Kopeneck by Jay Harker Family

MONDAY, January 17 – St. Anthony

6:30 am Courtney Marie Warner by Altar & Rosary Society
 8:30 am William Jones by Pat Kish

TUESDAY, January 18

6:30 am Intention of Stephanie Perz by Lucy & Dennis Perz
 8:30 am John C. Lasics Jr. (Ann.) by Serrano Family

WEDNESDAY, January 19

6:30 am Dorothy Giannini by Arthur Helfen
 8:30 am Walter Bracich (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Bracich

THURSDAY, January 20 – St. Fabian

6:30 am Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Jule Bell Sr. by Lucy & Dennis Perz
 9:00 am Maryan Dupree (Ann.) by Kathy & Gus Georgelas

FRIDAY, January 21 – St. Agnes

6:30 am Frank S. Nowakowski by Joseph A. Nowakowski
 8:30 am Veronica Brtos (Ann.) by Kathy & Gus Georgelas

SATURDAY, January 22 – Universal Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 am Mary Anhalt by Husband
 5:30 pm Dr. Bernadette Aghaji by Dr. Rosita Ngo & Tina Ngo

SUNDAY, January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Intention of Dennis Perz by Lucy Perz
 10:00 am Amanda Jurkash (Ann.) by Jurkash Family
 12:00 pm Bill O’Brien by Serrano Family

Sacrificial Offerings

January 9, 2022

Adult	18,871.00
Loose	\$ 2,445.00
Automated	\$ 5,114.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,430.00

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish.



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

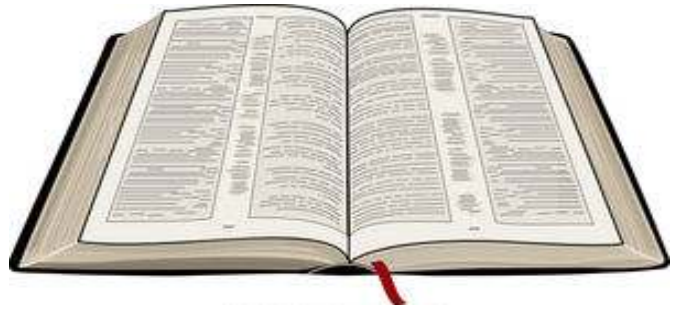
Pray for the sick of our parish...

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 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 Komytte
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 Pilonos
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 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 January 16



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
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that?

Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPI

NOTE WELL

“Those who died yesterday had plans for this morning. And those who died this morning had plans for tonight. Don't take life for granted. In the blink of an eye, everything can change. So, forgive often and love with a full heart. You never know when you may not have that chance again.” ~ Unknown

Last weekend, we closed the Christmas Season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As we did so, we reminded ourselves of the responsibilities of our own Baptisms. That is, we are to continue to carry out the work of Jesus Christ and to extend knowledge of Him throughout the whole earth.

This responsibility doesn't come lightly. As such, it is something that cannot be put on the backburner. We must be ready, at all times, to live our faith in this world of ours. We must be ready, if for no other reason, than we have no idea how much time is ours before we are called from this life to the next.

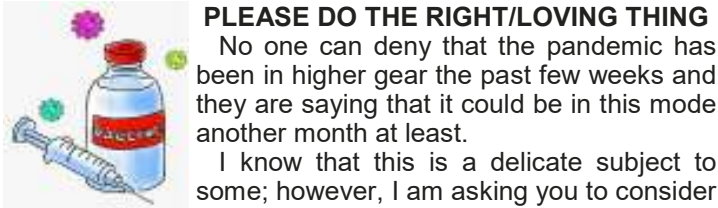
There are so many ways that we take life for granted; but, I think the biggest way we take it for granted is by believing that we have an infinite number of days at our disposal. We are mere mortal creatures. How we come to believe that is beyond me. I have a suspicion, though. I think that is one of the works of the devil.

Think about it. If the devil can convince us that we have all the time in the world, that we do not have to act accordingly today, we could fall flat on our faces. How sad to think that we might stand before the judgment seat of God and hear Him say, “Why didn't you do this? I asked you and you said yes. What happened?” I don't think He's going to want to hear us say, “I thought I'd have more time! Why didn't you give me more time?!”

There is a plaque that I received when I was ordained. It said, “Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it were your first Mass, as if it were your last Mass, as if it were your only Mass.” The time allotted to us is known only to God. Each day, we should act as if we will not be given another. I don't mean this in some morbid kind of way. I mean this in a way as to help us focus on the task at hand.

Live each day as if it were your only day. Love as if you will not have the chance to love again, forgive to the extent that you wish to be forgiven, and thank God for the great gift of this very day, this very moment. If we live that focused, we will be ready for whatever comes our way, whether it be another day or our last day.

FAITH ACTION: Read the quote once again, think about it long and hard, and take it to heart. *Fr. Mike*



PLEASE DO THE RIGHT/LOVING THING

No one can deny that the pandemic has been in higher gear the past few weeks and they are saying that it could be in this mode another month at least.

I know that this is a delicate subject to some; however, I am asking you to consider getting vaccinated if you have not already

been and that you get your booster if you are eligible for that and have not received it yet.

The data seems to be pretty clear on the fact that those who are vaccinated and who get COVID-19 fare a lot better than those who are not vaccinated. If hospitalized, those who are vaccinated have an excellent chance of going home with fewer complications. Those who are not vaccinated and who require hospitalization are often beset by many complications even leading up to death.

If you have children, I encourage you to have them vaccinated as well.

I know that there are some who have legitimate/medical reasons for not receiving vaccines and I understand those without any problem. I do not understand the hold-outs though who refuse to get vaccinated and who jeopardize themselves, loved ones, and the community at large.

Please, consider being vaccinated if you have not already done so.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A preacher was becoming terribly distracted by a man who came to church every Sunday and slept through the entire sermon.



One Sunday the preacher decided to do something about it. As he began to preach, the man, true to form, fell fast asleep. Whereupon the preacher said quietly, “Everyone who wants to go to heaven, stand up.”

The entire congregation immediately stood up, except the sleeping man. When they sat down, the preacher shouted at the top of his voice, “Everyone who wants to go to hell, stand up.”

This startled the dozing man. Still half asleep, he jumped up, looked around to see what was going on, then said to the preacher, “I don't know what we're voting on; but, it looks like you and I are the only ones in favor of it.”



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 16: Deacon Joseph Kwitko (2004)
- January 19: Rev. Ignatius C. Vichuras (1984)
- January 20: Deacon Joseph Wilczynski (2004)
Rev. Tony Valtierra (2007)



Religious Education

January Schedule

19/20 Class
26/27 Class

February Schedule

2/3 Class
9/10 Class
16/17 Class
23/24 Class

March Schedule

2/3 **No Class** — *Ash Wednesday*
9/10 Class
16/17 Class
23/24 Class
30/31 **No Class** — *Spring Break*

April Schedule

6/7 Class
13/14 **No Class** — *Holy Week*
20/21 Class
27/28 Class

May Schedule

7 **First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.**
Religious Ed and St. Thomas More School

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

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Mass
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Mass
Main: James & Nancy Kaczka
Chapel: Yvette Radziwieki
Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass
Main: Kate Dagholor
Chapel: Danielle & Sophia Munoz

Holy Name Meeting

Join us for our January meeting on

Monday, January 17

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

This month we will be joined by

Fr. Ben Ross

who will speak about

Catholic Manhood: Selfless Courage

Remember to bring a friend!

Seniors of STM

Join us for fun, friendship and some great information.

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

St. Thomas More Weis Center

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Please watch the bulletin for details and updates.

The Seniors of STM will meet

Wednesday, January 19

Our speaker will discuss

Tax Facts for Seniors

Please remember to bring your food donation for our Salvation Army partnership.

Wednesday, February 2

Business Meeting

Topic: Balance Therapy

Wednesday, February 16

Pizza Party

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

Knights of Columbus

The Msgr. Weis Council #10596 of the Knights of Columbus is inviting all practicing Catholic men, 18 years and older to our next monthly

Social Meeting

Monday, January 24

7:30 p.m. at the Weis Center

Join us for a great way to learn more about our fraternal organization, founded by the Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney and our local Council. There will be food & refreshments, too.



"The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few".
Mt. 9:37

Participation ... Responding to God's Call

- Each person has been given unique gifts.
- We are called to nurture and develop our gifts and not keep them hidden or buried.
- We work together in a complementary way as one Body of Christ in our parish.
- We accept and embrace our role in God's plan.

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

Classes are expected to fill quickly so don't delay!
Watch next week's bulletin to join our

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Sunday, January 30,
2022

For more information about St. Thomas More School, visit our website at stm-school.com or contact Pam Pasyk, at

APPLICATIONS COMING SOON!



REGISTRATION BEGINS: JANUARY 30, 2022

Congratulations 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team!

Hats off to the St. Thomas More School 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team, who finished as Runner-up in the annual St. John Evangelist Holiday Tournament.

Participation in this annual tournament has been a St. Thomas More School tradition for many years.

We thank Coaches Olczak and Laschober, our awesome players for their hard work, dedication and good sportsmanship, and everyone at SJE for hosting this fun event each year.

Good Going Team:

Gavin B., Rush K., Patrick L, Luke L., Jacob M., Liam O., Alec P., Andrew R. and Nate S.



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 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.

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



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 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.



Altar & Rosary Society Save the Date

The next Altar and Rosary Society event will be:

Chili Bingo

Sunday, March 13

Watch the bulletin for details coming soon.

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.

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.

Live Christ Share Christ

Meetings are held the

2nd Saturday of the Month

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

Dining for Dollars

What could be better on a cold winter's night than a delicious, warm homemade Italian dinner?

And you don't have to do the cooking!
Join us for our next St. Thomas More School Dining for Dollars event.



Little Italy

Ristorante

1155 Joliet Street • Dyer, IN • (219) 865-3040

Wednesday, January 22

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dine-in or Carry-out

Don't forget to show this ad or mention STMS when ordering. Little Italy will generously donate 20% of all proceeds to St. Thomas More School.



St. Thomas More School

Annual Fund Drive

The St. Thomas More School Annual Fund Drive serves as an important fundraising vehicle for our parish school, enabling us to maintain our A-rated education for our 465 wonderful students. In addition, funds raised make it possible to make necessary building improvements and upgrade technology.

Last year's Annual Fund provided:

- 100 new Chromebooks
- Classroom & facility improvements including new lighting, flooring, ceilings and the replacement of sinks/cabinetry and original lockers
- Funded nearly \$30,000 in student scholarships



Thank you to all who have already contributed.

If you'd still like to make a donation, it's not too late. Simply click on the QR code above and donate today.

Thank You AmazonSmile Patrons

To date, St. Thomas More School has received

nearly \$3,000 in donations

thanks to the participation in the AmazonSmile program by our parishioners, school families and friends.

Every time you shop on AmazonSmile, designating St. Thomas More School as your charity of choice, STMS earns .05% of your purchase, so even

little purchases add up to be big donations for our school!

In just the last three months of 2021, STMS received a check for \$320! And it's such an easy way to support our

A-rated school!

So keep up the good work and know that everyone at St. Thomas More School thanks you for your efforts.

To take advantage of after-Christmas sales and clearance, or to join now, please use this link to start ordering:

smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733

Happy Shopping!

Whether it's for necessities, or just something fun, you'll find it all on AmazonSmile.



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



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 info: (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 or call

(219) 756-3663. Make a difference today!



Retreats at Lindenwood Retreat Center

Register online: www.lindenwood.org

Stillness Retreat — February 5, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (EST)

Do you find yourself struggling with restlessness, busyness, or distraction after distraction? We are invited to “be still and know that I am God.” Ps. 46:10

Join Sue Wilhelm and Cheri Krueckeberg for an experience in the practices that assist us in coming to inner stillness. Cost: \$45

Women Who Knew God: Urging Us Forward with Thea Bowman — February 11, 2022 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.(EST)

Thea Bowman preached through everything she did. She preached the Gospel when she taught, when she sang, when she invited everyone to do their part. And most of all she preached through her joyous love. Join Arleen Peterson and Sue Wilhelm to learn how Thea is urging us forward today! Cost: \$55

Couple's Valentine Retreat — February 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. (EST) (w/ optional overnight & breakfast)
What a great Valentine gift to each other! You are invited to an evening of dining, wine, and a program specifically for couples to explore ways to deepen their relationship with each other and in Christ. Extend the time if you wish to include an overnight stay and breakfast the next morning.

Cost: \$100 per couple Friday evening only. \$175 per couple with Friday evening and overnight stay and breakfast.