



*We are all made
in the image and
likeness of God.*

*We cannot change
that truth and should
do all that we can to
cherish and protect
all life.*

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

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Sacramental Information

Confessions

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

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

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

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

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

Marriage Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at **least six months** before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.

Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:

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



New Parishioner Registration

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

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

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:

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

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

Religious Education Phone 836-8610
Director Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232
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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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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 29
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, January 30
 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 29
 5:30 p.m. A. Hanson, K. & K. Cano
 MC ~ Nick

Sunday, January 30
 8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai, A. Buksa/MC ~ Emma
 10:00 a.m. N. Arman, M. Miller, R. Smola/MC ~ Patrick
 12:00 p.m. J. O'Shea, B. & D. Reynolds/ MC ~ Jacob C.

Wedding

January 15, 2022
 Joshua Reeves & Madeline Boukal



Rest in Peace

Margaret M. Amatulli • Agnes Mary Ruder

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all articles at least 2 weeks in advance to:
bulletin@stm-church.com.

Stewardship REFLECTION

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
 NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

MONDAY, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

6:30 am Dr. Bernadette Aghaji by Elaine C. Fechalos
 8:30 am Antonio F. Serrano Sr. by Serrano Family

TUESDAY, January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul

6:30 am Donald Kopenec by Kopenec & Mc Craw Families
 8:30 am Andrew Pajor by Marilyn Pajor

WEDNESDAY, January 26 – Sts Timothy & Titus

6:30 am Mary U. Jones by Altar & Rosary Society
 8:30 am Mary Anhalt by Husband

THURSDAY, January 27 – St. Angela Merici

6:30 am Patricia Anne Osborn by Altar & Rosary Society
 9:00 am All Souls Day Intentions

FRIDAY, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas

6:30 am Doreen Jurkash by Jurkash Family
 8:30 am Anne Scepkowski (Ann.) by Micah Hamanaka

SATURDAY, January 29

8:30 am Rev. Edward S. Nowakowski by Joseph A. Nowakowski
 5:30 pm Dr. Enrique Lopez III by Dr. Rosita Ngo

SUNDAY, January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
 8:00 am K. D. You by Janine Slivka
 10:00 am Deceased Members of Perz Family by Lucy & Dennis Perz
 12:00 pm Brad Barnes by Dan & Marie Karulski

Sacrificial Offerings

January 16, 2022

Adult	19,136.00
Loose	\$ 9,940.00
Automated	\$ 5,114.00
TOTAL	\$ 34,190.00

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
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 Cattanaach
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
Marie 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
James A. Malayter
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 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 23



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
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd -7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence.

We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul.

Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us.

We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi

THE ULTIMATE TEST

“America you are beautiful ... and blessed ... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.”
~ Pope John Paul II

This is a post that is going to be hard to read for many people; however, it must be said. On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court, in a decision known as Roe V Wade, made legal the act of abortion. Many celebrated a “victory” for women and their right to choose. However, we need to take a firm, hard look at that.

Abortion is the taking of a life. Even in the law, there is a wretched double-standard regarding this. If a woman goes into an abortion clinic to terminate a pregnancy, that is well within her right, according to the law, and no mention is made of the baby whose life has been ended. However, if that woman were on her way in to have an abortion and was involved in a drive-by shooting, the perpetrator would be arrested for murder and infanticide, being charged with taking the life of the woman and of the baby.

How can the baby's life be legal and protectable under the law in one case and absolutely neglected and ignored in another case? It makes no sense.

I know that there are deeper intellectual arguments that can be made; but, I like to simplify things whenever possible. I think, in many ways, it is a matter of “out of sight, out of mind.”

People do not see the baby developing in the womb so it is easier to ignore and to terminate. Once the baby is delivered, we see it for what it is and we protect and cherish it for all that it is worth. What we need to do is protect and cherish life from the very moment of conception.

I know that many people will say that I have no right to say this, that I am a man and I have no right to tell a woman what she can do with her own body. However, the woman is not doing something to her own body. She is doing something to the body of another unique individual formed and created by God. That is the shame of it all and the great moral crime.

If one life is not sacred, no life can be considered sacred. If one life is not protected, there is no reason to expect protection for any life. We are all made in the image and likeness of God. We cannot change that truth and should do all that we can to cherish and protect all life.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for lives that are in jeopardy because of abortion or violence of any kind. *J. 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 23: Rev. Anthony A. Balczun (1977)
- January 25: Rev. Joseph Judnic (1958)
- January 29: Rev. Edward M. Boney (1971)

“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



COMING SOON TO A PARISH NEAR YOU!

Next week, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. There is so much about our school of which we could be proud. Our administration and faculty have worked tirelessly these past couple of years to provide a stellar education in the midst of a pandemic. That alone is enough to inspire. Yet, in the midst of it all, our students continue to thrive.

Because of the pandemic, our traditional activities for Catholic Schools Week will have to be scaled back. But our enthusiasm and commitment for educating our youth remains just as high.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Things to learn from a dog

- Never pass up an opportunity to go for a joy ride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air & the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you are not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.





Religious Education

January Schedule

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.

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 Tomorrow
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.



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

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN

Please watch the bulletin for details and updates.

Our next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, February 2nd

where our speaker will address

Balance Therapy

Since this is also the first meeting of the month, please remember to bring

2 items of non-perishable foods or hygiene items for the Salvation Army partnership.

Donations are collected at the first meeting of each month, unless the month has just one meeting date.

Wednesday, February 16

Pizza Party

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



- "What feels best for you may not be the best for the people around you. Someone with genuine self-esteem understands that self-fulfillment is not about self-satisfaction."
Fr. J. Augustine Wetta
- "Avoiding the Cross is the essence of the demonic. Consider the softness of the Church today: the desire to accommodate herself to the world, shrinking away from sacrifice and self-denial." *Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*
- "The riddles of life are more satisfying than the solutions of man." *G.K. Chesterton*
- "Lord, grant me the grace to walk with You through circumstances that make no sense to me." *Scripture Union U.S.*

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



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised

82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking

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

Wednesday, February 9

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Topic:

To Be Announced

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.



St. Thomas More School

Join the St. Thomas More School

VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Grade Level Sessions Available

Sign up for sessions & learn more about STMS:
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/HMOSp2Ug>

APPLICATIONS COMING SOON!



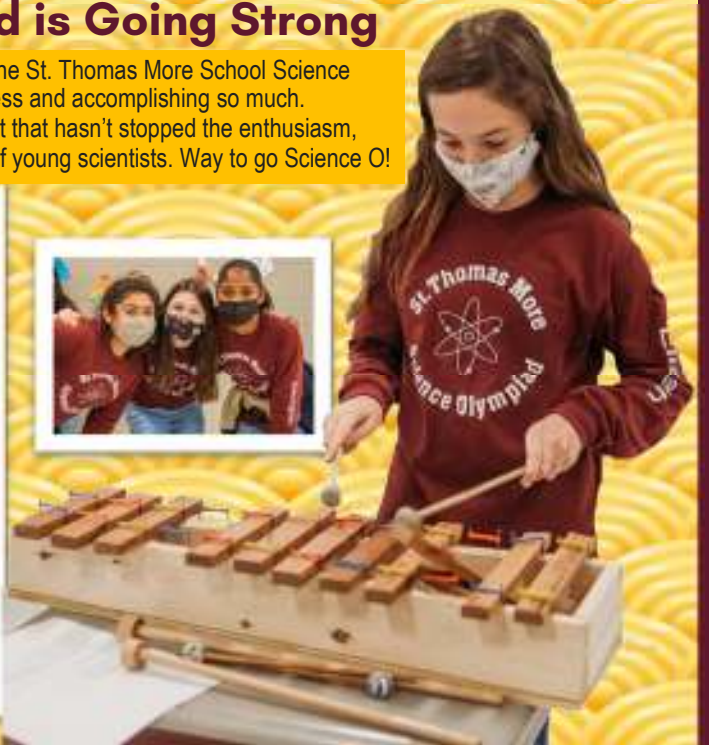
Classes are expected to fill quickly.

Don't delay!

REGISTRATION BEGINS: JANUARY 30, 2022

Science Olympiad is Going Strong

After a full season of altered events, the St. Thomas More School Science Olympiad Team is back in business and accomplishing so much. Competitions continue to be virtual, but that hasn't stopped the enthusiasm, learning and success of this great group of young scientists. Way to go Science O!



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

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The holidays have now come and gone.

As the Vincentians reflect on 2021 and the holiday season, their hearts are filled with gratitude to all their fine fellow parishioners. Without their generosity, we could not have provided for as many persons needing our assistance!

In 2021, through parishioner financial donations and food pantry assistance, we were able to assist 451 households that included 1,296 individuals. The assistance was either provision of food and/or utility assistance.

Additionally, we provided 46 families with Thanksgiving baskets and 40 families with Christmas baskets!

72 children received Christmas toys and Gifts of Warmth. We are blessed with very generous parishioners who appear to understand what it means to follow in Christ's footsteps.

We would like to acknowledge the following organizations for their generous financial support:

Knights of Columbus
Holy Name society
Ushers Club
Altar and Rosary Society

Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals and organizations who contributed to the success of our holiday basket distribution:

STM students and 8th grade CCD students for donation of toys
STM Boy Scouts for their physical assistance distributing baskets

Gifts of Love and Warmth organization for their handmade gloves, hats and scarves

Mike Popovich for assisting with transportation of food items to be placed in baskets

Vickey Odegaard for facilitating the STMS Toy Drive and sorting the toys

STMS student volunteers who assisted with sorting and packing the toys for distribution

STMS cafeteria and maintenance staff

Munster Donut for treating us to donuts while we worked to distribute baskets

**This is what you call
"Stewardship in Action".**

Thank you!



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

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

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



St. Thomas More School

Annual Fund Drive



If you would still like to contribute to the St. Thomas More School Annual Fund, and have not yet done so, it's not too late!

Simply use this QR code to connect directly to the donation page.

Thanks, in advance, for helping our school and our students!

Catholic Women's Conference

The Diocese of Gary will host the
2022 Northwest Indiana

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Bishop Noll Institute
Hammond, IN

Speakers include:

Fr. Donald Calloway • Paula Umana • Sonja Corbitt
Fr. B. Thomas Celso • Fr. Andrew Summerson • Laura Ieraci

Bishop McClory will be celebrating the opening Mass.

For more information and to register, please go to www.nw catholicwomen.com.

Andrean High School

Entrance Exam:

Sunday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Niner Night

Wednesday, April 13 • 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Questions?

Contact Mr. Jim Nohos, Director, Enrollment Management, at 219-887-5959 ext. 260 or jnohos@andreanhs.com.

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.