



*Can our Easter version of self be nicer, better, and more holy than our pre-Lent version of self?*

*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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*Preschool through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours: Monday– Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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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

Administrative Assistant ..... Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236

Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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**Parish Organizations**

Altar & Rosary Society ..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862

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

## Celebrants

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

**Sunday, March 6**  
 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

**Wednesday, March 3 — Ash Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. MC ~ Hunter  
 5:00 p.m. A. Hansen, K. & K. Cano/MC ~ Dereck  
 7:00 p.m. A. Burzynski, M. Slivka, D. O'Brien  
 MC ~Patrick

**Saturday, March 5**

5:30 p.m. G. Scalzo, W. Arens, D. Brantley/MC ~ Hunter

**Sunday, March 6**

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsh, K. Karl, J. Sajn/MC ~ Emma  
 10:00 a.m. R. Andrzejewski, N. Arman/MC ~ Vanessa  
 12:00 p.m. B., I. & S. Ramirez, J. O'Shea/MC ~ Francesca

## Parish Office Hours



*Please note:*  
**Effective Immediately**  
 Parish Office Hours are as follows:  
**Monday to Friday:**  
 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.  
**Saturday:**  
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

## Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all articles at least 2 weeks in advance to:  
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## Sacrificial Offerings

**February 13, 2022**

Adult	\$ 16,413.00
Loose	\$ 4,729.00
Automated	\$ 5,179.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,321.00</b>

**February 20, 2022**

Adult	\$ 14,130.00
Loose	\$ 7,138.00
Automated	\$ 5,179.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,447.00</b>



*Thank you for generously supporting our parish with your contributions.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, February 27 — Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 8:00 am Intention of Denny Perz by Lucy Perz  
 10:00 am Ray Sculley by Tula Lunsford  
 12:00 pm William O'Brien by Tilly Fechalos

**MONDAY, February 28**

6:30 am Barbara & Tom Griffin by Rose Yothment  
 8:30 am George Pluard by James Kaspar

**TUESDAY, March 1**

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions  
 8:30 am Intentions of Rose Yothment by Lucy & Denny Perz

**WEDNESDAY, March 2 — Ash Wednesday**

6:30 am Intention of Nathan Kuras by Denny & Lucy Perz  
 9:00 am Norm Banas (Ann) by Ruth & Family  
 5:00 pm For the Intentions of Dennis & Lucille Perz  
 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Greg & Vickie Stok  
 7:00 pm Julie Martini by Seniors of STM

**THURSDAY, March 3**

6:30 am Intention of Rose Yothment by Trudy Walters  
 9:00 am William J. O'Brien, Jr. by Ruth Banas

**FRIDAY, March 4**

6:30 am For Nowakowski Family Living and Deceased by Joseph A. Nowakowski  
 8:30 am Mary Ann Rovai by Cindy Ruchman & Dave Carlson

**SATURDAY, March 5**

8:30 am Jose Caraballo by Wife, Juanita Caraballo  
 5:30 pm Jose Alvarado (Ann) by Garcia Family

**SUNDAY, March 6 — First Sunday of Lent**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 8:00 am For Living & Deceased Members of Mercier and Constantino Families by Michael Mercier Family  
 10:00 am Cyril Moran by Wife & Daughters  
 12:00 pm Mary Jones by Teresa B. Glotzbach



### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

## 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)

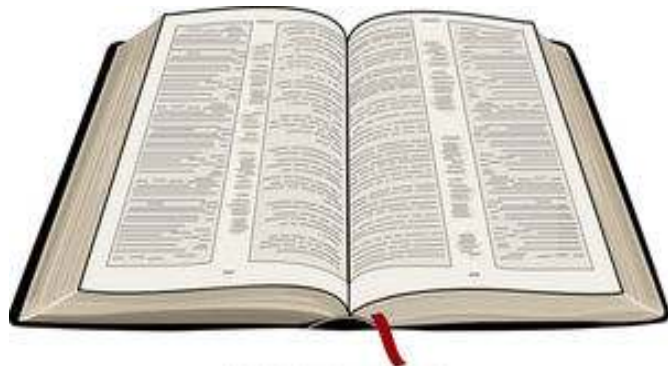
## Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez  
Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billeo  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
G. Briney  
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  
Marie Hill  
Joan Hoess  
Sally Joy Hollingshead  
Charlotte Hunt  
Shirley Huskey  
Betty Ingbreton  
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  
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Nicklas LeMonier  
Kris Lisikiewicz  
Jo Lisiniewicz  
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Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jacob Mencilwicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
John Mitchener  
Ann Miskovich  
Andrew Moll  
Thomas Mordaunt  
Genevieve Mrvan  
Bernadine Nemeth  
Donna Nichols  
Maria Novak

Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien  
Donna O'Connor  
Danny Ogren  
James Pancheri  
Marty Pavlovic  
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  
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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 February 27



Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed.

As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others.

After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves.

We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St.

Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be.

Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites. ©LPi

**COMPETING WITH SELF**

**"The biggest competition is myself. I am not looking to follow others or pull them down. I'm planning to test my own boundaries." ~ Rain**

We are soon to enter a spiritual competition as we begin the holy season of Lent on Wednesday. Lent always challenges us to examine our lives, to determine what needs to be removed, and to make plans to grow more holy day by day. At the end of Lent, we should be holier than we were when we first began it. This Lent should leave us holier than we were at the end of last Lent.

We are not competing with anyone else, however. Not a spouse, sibling, friend, or co-worker. The only person with whom we compete is ourselves. Can our Easter version of self be nicer, better, and more holy than our pre-Lent version of self?

We can be better if we use the season of Lent to its fullest advantage. During the season, we are asked to give favorite things up for the sake of Jesus. This is the time so many people give up candy or soft drinks or take out food.

There is a place for giving up. However, that should not be our sole sacrifice. We are also asked to do positive acts of kindness and mercy as well throughout the season. Can we be kind to someone we typically ignore? Can we recognize, and fulfill, the need of others around us? Are we willing to give of our time to someone we might rather choose to ignore?

Giving things up is good. Doing positive good for others is a step up in Lent. If we want to utilize Lent to its fullest, there is another thing that we could and should do: pray more. Too many of us do not pray enough. We might, just might, say a quick morning prayer or prayer at meals. That might be the extent of it, though.

Our prayers this season should employ some of the rote prayers that we know and love. Our prayers should also include scriptural reading as well as spiritual reading. All of these will give us new perspective on our God and on our faith and help us to draw closer to the Lord.

The season of Lent can be a beautiful season. It can also be a tedious and worrisome season to those who strive to do too much. Don't do that. You are in competition with no one but yourself. Set realistic and achievable goals. When you accomplish a goal, move on to the next. That way you will not overburden yourself. Doing so leads to people discontinuing their Lenten practices.

As you draw closer to the Lord day by day, realize how good God feels since it is His desire to be close to you.

**FAITH ACTION:** Set realistic and achievable goals for yourself for this year's Lenten season. *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:

- February 27: Msgr. Vincent L. Lengerich (2015)
- February 28: Deacon Rufus Harris (1991)
- March 4: Msgr. Robert B. Weis (1992)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Masses this week on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, will be the same as any year: 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.



**THE LAWS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE**

Don't forget, Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence. Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

**Fast:** Allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age through to those who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.** [Medical conditions may make it impossible to fast. The Church has never held its people to the impossible. If you have a condition that prohibits you from fasting, you are not obliged to do so.]

**Abstinence:** The practice of refraining from meat and meat products. **Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.**



**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

On Sunday, March 6, there will be a special second collection for the Churches in Eastern Europe. You are asked to be as generous as possible.

Thank you, ahead of time, for helping.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

- ❖ Wearing an "I voted" sticker is like wearing a cross on your forehead on Ash Wednesday: you hope some positive things will result in what you did, but either way you'll still eat more carbs than you should that night.
- ❖ Everyone walking around with plus signs on their forehead — it's like a flash mob for equations.
- ❖ I wonder how many Catholics get "Dust in the Wind" stuck in our heads on Ash Wednesday?
- ❖ I went to church to get ashes, and I think the priest recognized me. He put an X on my forehead instead of a cross.





# Religious Education

## March Schedule

<b>2/3</b>	<b>No Class</b> — <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<b>9/10</b>	Class
<b>16/17</b>	Class
<b>23/24</b>	Class
<b>30/31</b>	<b>No Class</b> — <i>Spring Break</i>

For information, about the Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610 or [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).

## Greeters for the Week



**Saturday, March 5**

**5:30 pm Mass**  
Main: Cathy Delgado

**Sunday, March 6**

**6:30 am Mass**  
Main: Leilani Suchanuk

**8:00 am Mass**  
Main: Maria Rodriguea  
Chapel: Tolnai Famiy  
Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

**10:00 am Mass**  
Main: Dwight Reed

**12:00 Noon Mass**  
Main: Gladys Escobedo



## Stewardship: Gift of Mercy

We are called to imitate Christ. We are called to show mercy to others, regardless of how much someone has wronged us. Yet, we hand out punishment easily. Our mercy is a different story. There is a lot of hatred and anger in the world right now. Many are searching for justice and equality. Maybe we need to balance the equation with mercy and compassion.

We are one Body of Christ. We are a Church of sinners and saints. We have a shared responsibility for each other's lives; to help each other in this life so that we can all share in God's glory in the next. As Catholics, we have plenty of gems in the treasure chest of Mercy:

Chaplet of Divine Mercy – as revealed to St. Faustina by Jesus, the prayers of mercy help us to obtain mercy, to trust in Christ's mercy and to show mercy to others.

- "Our Father" – most of us pray this prayer multiple times a day. We pray, "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us".
- Beatitudes – "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
- Holy Mass – several times throughout Mass, we specifically ask for mercy in our prayers: Lord Have Mercy, Glory to God in the Highest and Lamb of God.

Reconciliation – through the sacrament our sins are forgiven, we receive God's love and mercy, and we become "right" with God, our relationship is reconciled.

God teaches us that for our sins to be forgiven, we must also forgive those who've hurt us. When hate is in our hearts, there's no room for God's love. How can we expect God to be merciful if we refuse to be merciful? Forgiveness is often easier said than done; only God can give us the strength to do it through prayer.

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

## Last Day is March 1



If you have been collecting Strack & VanTil cash register receipts for the Apples for the Students, please submit your receipts in a marked envelope to the Parish Office (or collection basket) **by March 1, 2022.**

Thank you for helping our students earn great educational items!



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# St. Thomas More School

## St. Thomas More School 2022 Honorees

*Each year during Catholic Schools Week, St. Thomas More School recognizes individuals who have helped our school and our students with exceptional gifts of service, treasure, time and talent. We are proud to announce our Honorees for Catholic Schools Week 2022.*



St. Thomas More School's success would not be possible without the dedication and expertise of our outstanding educators. Chosen her ability to educate students with kindness, wisdom, strong Catholic values and a love for all students is at the forefront of selecting this year's Teacher of the Year, Jeannine Fiegle.

Known for her caring, gentle nature, anyone who is acquainted with Jeannine Fiegle has felt her open kindness and true love for her students.

And if you have been lucky enough to be one of her students in the past 15 years, you know that her patience, expertise and dedication to seeing her students succeed is her number one priority. Her calm, loving approach to education makes each student feel special, unique, loved and capable of conquering the toughest challenges.

A member of St. James Parish in Highland, Jeannine lives her faith every day and feels blessed to be able to incorporate her faith into classroom activities. Her lessons not only cover curriculum standards, but also teach the importance of treating everyone with kindness, love and respect. She also stresses the significance of helping others, teaching her students that even they, at a young age, can make a difference in the lives of others.

You can often find Mrs. Fiegle's students doing thoughtful things for others or working on a special project, melding educational standards with a meaningful service project...a win-win all around!

When not in school, Mrs. Fiegle loves spending time with her husband, Steve, and sons, Ryan and Jordan, and tries to find time to enjoy some of her favorite past times of swimming, hiking, reading, crafting or taking in a good movie.

In addition, she dedicates time to help others, just as she teaches her students, by volunteering to help the homeless and those in need.

### Mrs. Fiegle's Thoughts on Her Ministry at STMS:

"I absolutely love teaching first grade. I love the eagerness and joy that my students come in with every day. Working at STMS allows me to bring God into every lesson and talk about how Jesus wants us to live our lives by helping others and being kind. I love teaching lessons in the Catholic faith to help create a strong foundation for our young children and how a Catholic education focuses on educating the whole child—socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically. STMS is a true family and our students feel that family atmosphere every day"

**Jeannine Fiegle**  
First Grade Teacher at St. Thomas More School  
*2022 Teacher of the Year*



## Making Math More Fun

### With the Help of Barbie & Ken

Mrs. Irvin's Honors Algebra 1 class recently studied linear regression. And Mrs. Irvin knows her students understand lessons best when they can apply mathematical principals to real world activities, and thus,

"Barbie Bungee Jumping" was created.

Utilizing a Barbie (or Ken) doll, students figured out how many rubber bands were needed in order for the dolls to bungee jump from the second floor to the first. Various jump trials were performed, increasing the number of rubber bands with each "jump".

Based on the data collected, students predicted how many were rubber bands would be needed to bungee jump off the side of the 15 foot stairwell.

As usual, turning a lesson into a hands-on experience not only makes the lesson more memorable and definitely more fun!



## Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society or attend any of our upcoming meetings.

The Holy Name Society is an organization of men of the parish who are involved in service, spirituality, charity and social activities. Holy Name Society makes annual contributions to Catholic charitable organizations and groups.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the St. Thomas More Weis Center.

### Next Meeting:

**Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us for all, or any, of these other

### Upcoming 2022 Meetings:

April 18 • May 16

August 15 • September 19 • October 17

November 21 • December 19

## Seniors of STM

### Are You 55 or Older?

If so, come join our STM Seniors!

Everyone 55+ is invited to join our fun loving group. Come and bring a friend. Or just show up and make new friends. Beat the winter blues...get out of the house... it's a great time to join!



All Seniors of STM meetings are at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted) STM Weis Center • 8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN  
*Please watch the bulletin for details and updates.*

Senior Safety will be the topic of discussion at the Seniors of STM meeting this

### Wednesday, March 2 Business Meeting

1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Please remember to support our partnership with the Salvation Army with your monthly donation of non-perishable foods or personal hygiene items.

### Wednesday, March 16 Pot Luck Luncheon

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

## St. Vincent De Paul Society



Thanks to the generosity of St. Thomas More parishioners and STMS families, the STM St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to provide assistance to area families, including food, utility assistance, Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets and warm hats, etc. from our parish's Gifts of Love & Warmth ministry.

We have been blessed with generous parishioners who truly understand what it means to follow in Christ's footsteps.

We are again working to continue our help in the community and appreciate you partnering with us to make it all happen.

### Food Pantry Needs at This Time:

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

## Altar & Rosary Society

All women of the parish are invited to join us!

### Chili Bingo

**Sunday, March 13**

11:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Please make your reservations by  
**Wednesday, Wednesday, March 9**

by contacting the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (Noon on Saturday).  
There will be a 50 person limit for this event.

We will begin with reciting the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. Ladies attending are asked to bring a **new prize** valued at \$10 or more (give to Therese Sons or Ruth Banas upon arrival).

Altar & Rosary will provide the chili, hot dogs, desserts, soda, water and coffee.

For information, please call Cindy (219) 923-9862 or Therese (219) 844-7715 or Kaaren (219) 836-5079



## 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 info or to register: [www.nwicatholicwomen.com](http://www.nwicatholicwomen.com).





## 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, March 9**

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Topic:

### Practice Your Interviewing Skills

Practice Your Interviewing Skills & Receive Constructive Feedback in a Friendly Environment

Presented by:

Career Networking Group

**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

## Andrean High School

**Apply Today!**

Andrean High School invites families to apply for enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. The application can be completed online at [andreanhs.org](http://andreanhs.org).

### Entrance Exam

Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Enter at Door A (pick-up 4:00 p.m.)

### Niner Night

Wednesday, April 13

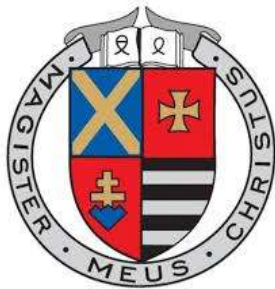
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Enter at Door A.

### Schedule a Shadow Day

Questions? Want to schedule a Shadow Day?

Contact Jim Nohos, Director of Enrollment Management at 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or [jnohos@andreanhs.com](mailto:jnohos@andreanhs.com).

Andrean High School • 219-887-5959 • [andreanhs.org](http://andreanhs.org)



## Teen Retreat at Camp Lawrence

The Diocesan TAPT Retreat returns to Camp Lawrence

**April 1-3, 2022**

TAPT is a dynamic, life-changing

**spiritual retreat for high school teens**

sponsored by the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth.

Cost: Only \$90 • Deadline: March 18

For complete details, visit

<http://www.garyoyya.org/tapt> or facebook.com/garytapt.



## NWI Catholic: Subscribe Now!

*Have you seen the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper lately?*

You'll love the new, refreshed newspaper design and content, beautifully available in both *print and digital format*. The paper offers a Catholic perspective on current events and lets readers connect with the broader Church through the national and international news section.

### A one-year \$30 subscription includes:

- 24 bimonthly issues of the newspaper
- Special publications and inserts
- The annual Diocesan Directory

Subscribe now through March 18, using the envelope in your collection pack. Make checks payable to St. Thomas More. For one rate, subscribers will have access to the print & online versions (email address required) as well as special magazines and the annual Northwest Indiana Catholic Directory.

**Subscribe online using the secure website:**

[dioceseofgary.org/subscriptions](http://dioceseofgary.org/subscriptions).

## Join the STM Staff Now!

### Part-Time Evening/Saturday Receptionist

Our parish is seeking a person responsible for welcoming all who visit/call the Parish Office. This person will also provide administrative and related office services to staff members and parishioners of St. Thomas More.

**Requirements:** Proficient computer skills & at least 3 years of experience as a receptionist/admin assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must; experience with Parish Data Systems & QuickBooks a plus. If qualified, submit a cover letter & resume to: [jobopenings@stm-church.com](mailto:jobopenings@stm-church.com).

Visit: <http://www.stm-church.com/ParishReceptionist.pdf>.

### Full-Time Maintenance

**Responsibilities include:** Completing small plumbing repairs, painting, light carpentry, 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 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 anyone looking for part-time evening work. Responsibilities include cleaning offices, classrooms & 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).

# Events in the Area...

## Special Olympics Fundraiser

The Lake County Special Olympics and all area Strack & VanTil stores are having a fundraiser February 28 to March 6. When you shop at Strack's, the cashier will ask if you would like to round-up your change to the next dollar to support Special Olympics. Please say "yes". That extra change will go to our Lake County Special Olympics to support our programs.

## Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Council 8082 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph School Gym located at 440 Joliet Street in Dyer.

To register, please go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

In the red box labeled "FIND A BLOOD DRIVE", type in stjoe. As you may know, our national blood supply is critically low, so every donor helps. Please join us!

## 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, or want to give back to your community, please consider donating a bit of your time as a Meals on Wheels volunteer to make a difference in your community.

To register, or for info, contact Joan Vith at [joan@mownwi.org](mailto:joan@mownwi.org) or call (219) 756-3663.

## Lenten Reflections Concert Series

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,  
119<sup>th</sup> Street & Lincoln Avenue in Whiting  
will host a concert series,

Sundays at 4:00 p.m. during the season of Lent.

March 6 -- Michigan City Festival Orchestra Chamber Ensemble

March 13 -- Tatiana "Tajci" Cameron

March 20 -- St. John the Evangelist Praise Ensemble

March 27 -- Whiting Park Festival Orchestra Chamber Ensemble

April 3 -- Marian Theatre Guild presents Godspell in Concert

All concerts are free. A free-will offering taken.

Face masks are requested.

Plenty of free parking. All are welcome and invited!