

Our journey through Lent should challenge us. It should also comfort us, knowing that we are doing our best to respond to God's invitation to grow closer to Him.



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

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Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura  
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Altar & Rosary Society ..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862  
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Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

**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. Fr. Mike Yadron  
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
 10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father  
 12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

## Servers

**Saturday, March 12**  
 5:30 p.m. K. & K. Cano, A. Hansen/MC ~ Nick

**Sunday, March 13**  
 8:00 a.m. N. Thompson, A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Gavin  
 10:00 a.m. A. Monroy, M. Miller/MC ~ Patrick  
 12:00 p.m. B., I. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Ty

## Rest in Peace

Amanda Kallen • Betty Jane Crnarich  
 Lilliana Prince • Ann A. Miskovich



## Baptisms

**Jana Claudia**  
 Daughter of  
 Jacob and Mary Kaitlin Pelletier

**Lucy Virginia**  
 Daughter of  
 Jack and Amanda Blount

## Bulletin Deadlines

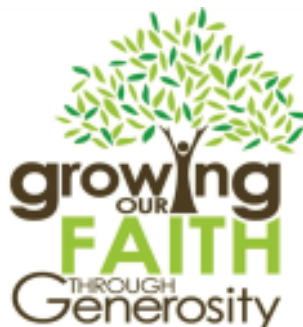
Please submit all articles at least 2 weeks in advance to:  
[bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).

## Sacrificial Offerings

February 27, 2022

Adult	\$ 21,691.00
Loose	\$ 6,055.00
Automated	\$ 5,179.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,925.00</b>

Thank you for generously supporting our parish with your contributions.



# MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

### MONDAY, March 7

6:30 am Laura Holda Wikel (Ann) by Family  
 8:30 am Joseph Kwiatkowski (Ann) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

### TUESDAY, March 8

6:30 am Barbara & Tom Griffin by Rose Yothment  
 8:30 am George J. Pluard, Jr. by Don Aldridge

### WEDNESDAY, March 9

6:30 am Intention of Denny & Lucy Perz by Lucy Perz  
 8:30 am Intention of Dennis Keilman Family by Trudy Walters

### THURSDAY, March 10

6:30 am Intention of Rose Yothment by Bill & Barbara Krause  
 9:00 am Charlotte Madajczyk (Ann) by Family

### FRIDAY, March 11

6:30 am Intention of Stephanie Perz by Lucy & Denny Perz  
 8:30 am Timothy Veldkamp by Family

### SATURDAY, March 12

8:30 am Corinne Dagnillo by Donna Weidenfeller  
 5:30 pm Jose F. Serrano Sr. (Ann) by Serrano Family

### SUNDAY, March 13 — Second Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 8:00 am Elaine Caco by Stephen & Family  
 10:00 am Agnes Blocher (Ann) by Blocher Family  
 12:00 pm Joe Trgovich by Wife, Rose



### First Sunday of Lent

“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)

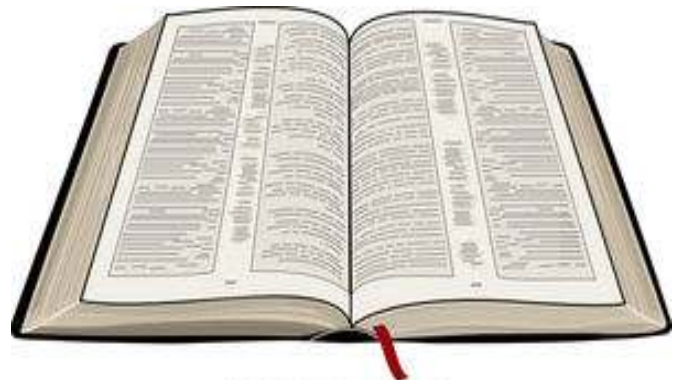
## Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez  
Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billeto  
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 Gliński  
Monica Gonzalez  
Howard Gralowski  
Margaret Gray  
Susan Graff  
Christine Greenberg  
Mary Ellen Gullicks  
Katie Kardes Hargett  
Rosemarie Havran

Amy Hayes  
Dick Hemingway  
Marie Henke  
Elaine Herrmann  
Bertha Birdy Hernandez  
Irma Hernandez  
Marisol Hernandez  
Robert Heseck  
Becky Hill  
Marie Hill  
Joan Hoess  
Sally Joy Hollingshead  
Charlotte Hunt  
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  
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. Malayer  
Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jacob Mencelewicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
John Mitchener  
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  
Jim Seul  
Renee Shehan  
Nick Skinner  
Laurie Slazyk  
Karen Sliwa  
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 Ubuane  
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 March 6



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  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

## First Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance."

The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive.

What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true.

The Evil One is very convincing.

But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love.

Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance.

It can do the same for us. ©LPI

LET IT SHOW

“Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?” ~ Blessed Fulton Sheen

There are many people who talk a good game when it comes to living the faith. They talk about the importance of serving the poor and the needy. They talk about the need to celebrate Mass together as a community. They talk about the necessity of daily prayer. They talk and they talk and they talk. Sadly, that's all they do. They talk.

But when it comes right down to it, they are nowhere to be seen. Are they out somewhere serving the poor and the needy? No. Do you see them at Masses on the weekend? Afraid not. Do they make and take time regularly to pray? You know the answer to that as well.

Christianity is not a verbal sport. We can't talk and expect things to happen. We must live our faith and live it to the fullest. We must do so no matter the cost and no matter the inconvenience to us. We must live the faith completely even if it leads to suffering and death. Why must we do this? Jesus did and He calls us to do the same.

It's very nice to hear someone tell us that we mean the world to them and that they would do anything for us. However, if we find ourselves in real need and they are nowhere to be seen, what good were their words? We receive no help and our self-worth diminishes.

If, on the other hand, someone tells us that we are valued and that they would do anything for us and they actually come to us in our need to help us out? That makes us feel like a million bucks. It helps our self-worth. And it provides what we need at that moment as well.

Last Wednesday, we began the Season of Lent. We were invited to look into our lives and see what is lacking within so that we can make the changes necessary to grow closer to God. One of the best ways to monitor our progress is to ask ourselves whether or not we are growing closer to one another.

If we look out for one another and if we come to each other's needs, we will draw closer to God because God dwells in all of His people. Don't just tell God that He means the world to you. Show God by serving others.

Our journey through Lent should challenge us. It should also comfort us, knowing that we are doing our best to respond to God's invitation to grow closer to Him. By prayer and good works, may your Lenten journey be blessed beyond your wildest imaginings this year so that your celebration of Easter may be glorious.

**FAITH ACTION:** Do all that you can this Lent to honor and serve the Lord by word and deed. *Jr. 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:

- March 8: Rev. Patrick A. Meehan (1969)
- March 9: Rev. Rocco J. Guerriero (1968)

THE LAWS OF FAST & 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.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Feel free to join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

The Stewardship Series of Little Black Books for Lent were made available last weekend at all the Masses. Copies are still available at the exits of the church if you would like to take one home with you.

The books contain daily reflections for the season of Lent that will help you prepare yourselves spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

If you know someone who might want a copy, feel free to take one for them as well.



Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour when you go to bed this coming **Saturday**. Daylight Savings Time begins at **2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13.**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- My clock got really tense about springing forward for Daylight Savings. I guess you could say it was all wound up.
- Maybe if daytime was more careful, it wouldn't have to be saved all the time.





# Religious Education

## March Schedule

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  
 23 **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
*8th Grade Students of our Parish*  
 27/28 Class

## May Schedule

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

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 12**  
**5:30 pm Mass**  
 Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

**Sunday, March 13**  
**8:00 am Mass**  
 Main: Jan & Paul Liszewski  
 Chapel: Pat Strange  
 Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

**10:00 am Mass**  
 Main: Hal & Suzanne Lusk  
 Chapel: Diane Adley

**12:00 Noon Mass**  
 Chapel: Susan Anglin

## 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

## Shop AmazonSmile

Spring is on the way! Something new for a fresh, new season is in order, so start shopping. Every time you order from AmazonSmile, STMS earns .05% of your purchase when you designate St. Thomas More School as your charity of choice.

To order: [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733).

Thank you for supporting A-rated St. Thomas More School!



- "Far deeper than good manners or a superficial exchange of pleasantries, the virtue of hospitality is the outward expression of seeing people as God sees them." *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*
- "If you want to see what you really value and prioritize in your life, look at how you spend your time." *Jon Leonetti*
- "What we eat in Holy Communion is not a piece of matter; it is the Son of God who became man. Eating this new food therefore does not mean eating something rather it is an encounter with the Son of God, it is a heart-to-heart conversion." *Pope Benedict XVI*
- "What do you think about most? That's your treasure. That's your heart." *Justin Fatima*

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

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 New Families Tab

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## St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thanks to the generosity of St. Thomas More parishioners, STMS school families and our parish ministries, our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to provide food and utility assistance to area families for area families.

Our thanks to all who truly understand what it means to follow in Christ's footsteps.

### Food Pantry Needs:

Soup  
 Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
 Pancake Syrup  
 Jelly • Frosting  
 Canned Fruit  
 Toothpaste • Toilet Paper

**Please check expiration dates on items prior to donating.**

To learn more about SVDP, or to join this important ministry, please contact Terry at (219) 836-8610



# St. Thomas More School

## Service to Others:

### *One of the Four Pillars of a St. Thomas More School Education*

A St. Thomas More School education is based on four pillars: Faith, Academic Excellence, Service & Leadership.

So it was only fitting that, during Catholic Schools Week, we emphasize all of these and put the act of service into play by acknowledging all those who serve us and our big STMS family.

On "Community Day", students and their parents delivered sweet treats throughout the area. Stops were made at the hospital, fire station, library, town garage, area high schools and more.

The Munster Police Department actually came to us and left with plenty of treats, plus biscuits for our three Munster Police service dogs.

We are so grateful for everyone in our community who help our students and their families! Thank you!



## 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.*

We offer our recognition and deep thanks to this year's recipient of the Above & Beyond Award to STMS school parent, Mike Dye.

Mike joined our school family three years ago, and began sharing his seemingly endless enthusiasm and limitless energy to help our school from the day his family selected STMS for his son, Jax, now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

From the beginning of his tenure at STMS, Mike jumped in, volunteering to help and serve wherever necessary and eagerly sharing his expertise, insight and most of all his time, for the betterment of our school.

Most school families will recognize Mike as the friendly guy in the parking lot at morning arrival, as he braves the elements to safely direct foot and vehicle traffic. Other STMS families may know him from the School Advisory Committee or his volunteer work at many other school events.

In addition to his time at STMS, Mike currently serves in many civic and city positions: Purdue Challenger Learning Center, Hammond Planning & Development, Hammond Sanitary District and is a coach for Pop Warner Football and Little League.

Definitely a person who lives what he believes, Mike feels that every person can make a difference in the life of another and loves seeing the impact that his efforts make in the lives of others in his community.

### **Mike's thoughts about the importance of educating his child at St. Thomas More School:**

"Our family believes that our child's teachers should serve as moral role models. The educators at St. Thomas More School have the "strong moral values" we believe in and that is the top reason we choose to send our son to St. Thomas More Catholic School. We want our child's education at school to be an extension of what we are teaching at home. We find that St. Thomas More School works hand in hand with us as parents, teaching our child in a way that mirrors our religious beliefs and moral choices of all that we value as a family."

Our thanks to Mike, his wife Kristina and their children for sharing the gift of time to help our school.



**Mike Dye**  
*2022 Above & Beyond Award*

## 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

Make your reservation via the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 by  
**Wednesday, Wednesday, March 9!**

Office Hours  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. to  
3:00 p.m.  
Saturday  
9:00 a.m. til  
Noon

50 person limit.

The Rosary will  
begin at  
11:30 a.m.

Women  
attending are asked to bring  
a **new prize** valued at \$10 or  
more (give to Therese Sons or Ruth Banas on arrival).

Altar & Rosary will provide the food & beverages.

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



## 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

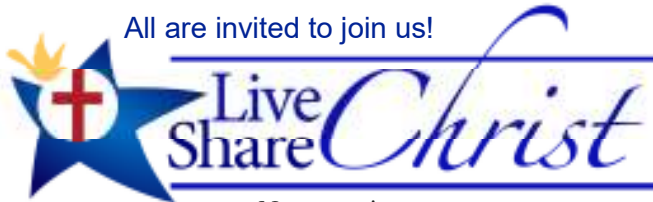
**Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!**

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 critiqued.

## Live Christ Share Christ

Join us for our next meeting & feel the strength of your faith!

All are invited to join us!



Next meeting:

**Saturday, March 12**

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

**Living Lent Now & In the Future**

Speaker: Deacon John Bacon

Upcoming Meetings: April 9 • May 14

## 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 ones.  
Celebrate the warmer  
weather by getting out  
of the house...  
now is 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.**

**Wednesday, March 16**

**Pot Luck Luncheon**

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

Those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share:

A to L: Dessert

M to Z: Side Dish or Salad.

All Seniors 55 and up are welcome to attend. We hope to  
see you for an afternoon of good food & great friendship.

## 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

Bishop McClory will be celebrating the opening Mass.

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



## Knights of Columbus

### Thank You!

In October, the St. Thomas More Monsignor Weis Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsored a **Box of Joy Program**



to send Christmas gifts to children. Giving this box to a child is a simple, tangible work of mercy to benefit the poorest of the poor in impoverished countries. Over 101,000 boxes were collected from organizations across the country, with 21,000 of these from K of C councils, like ours.

With your generosity, over 300 boxes were sent from our parish alone, the most in the state of Indiana. Words alone cannot express our sincere thanks for supporting our Box of Joy Program and bringing joy to God's children.

### Pierogi Sale

Knights of Columbus Mgrs. Weis Council will be selling **Pierogi for Easter.**

Pierogi provided by Alexandra's. Cost: \$6/dozen.

**Order Online:** <https://forms.gle/uwd6hmxMv1jWP3wE9>

Use link to order before 8:00 p.m. on March 28

Pick-Up: Sunday, April 3

11:00a.m -2:00 p.m. • Weis Center Main Hall

Bring email receipt. Payment due at pick-up (*cash or check only*). Questions: [dkritzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkritzer@sbcglobal.net)



## 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

To schedule a Shadow Day or to learn more, 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)

# NWI CATHOLIC

## NWI Catholic: Subscribe Now!

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

It's new, refreshed and beautiful and 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.**

Use the envelope in your collection pack (make checks payable to St. Thomas More) or *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.

## 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](https://facebook.com/garytapt).

# Events in the Area...

## 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, consider donating a bit of your time as a Meals on Wheels volunteer. 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!

## Live Passion of Christ

The Live Theater Production will present "The Passion of Christ" at 1:00 p.m. (Polish) and at 4:00 p.m. (English) on Sunday, April 10 at the Carmelite Fathers Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road, in Munster, IN. Comprised of approximately 70 amateur volunteer actors and singers and directed by Cecylia Jablonska, the troupe has performed "The Passion of Christ" throughout Chicagoland and NWI as a Lenten tradition for the past 25 years.

All are welcome. A free-will offering will be accepted. For information, call Live Theater Production at 773-544-6573 or the Carmelite Fathers Monastery at 219-838-7111, on Facebook at "Live Theater Production" or [www.livetheaterproduction.com](http://www.livetheaterproduction.com).