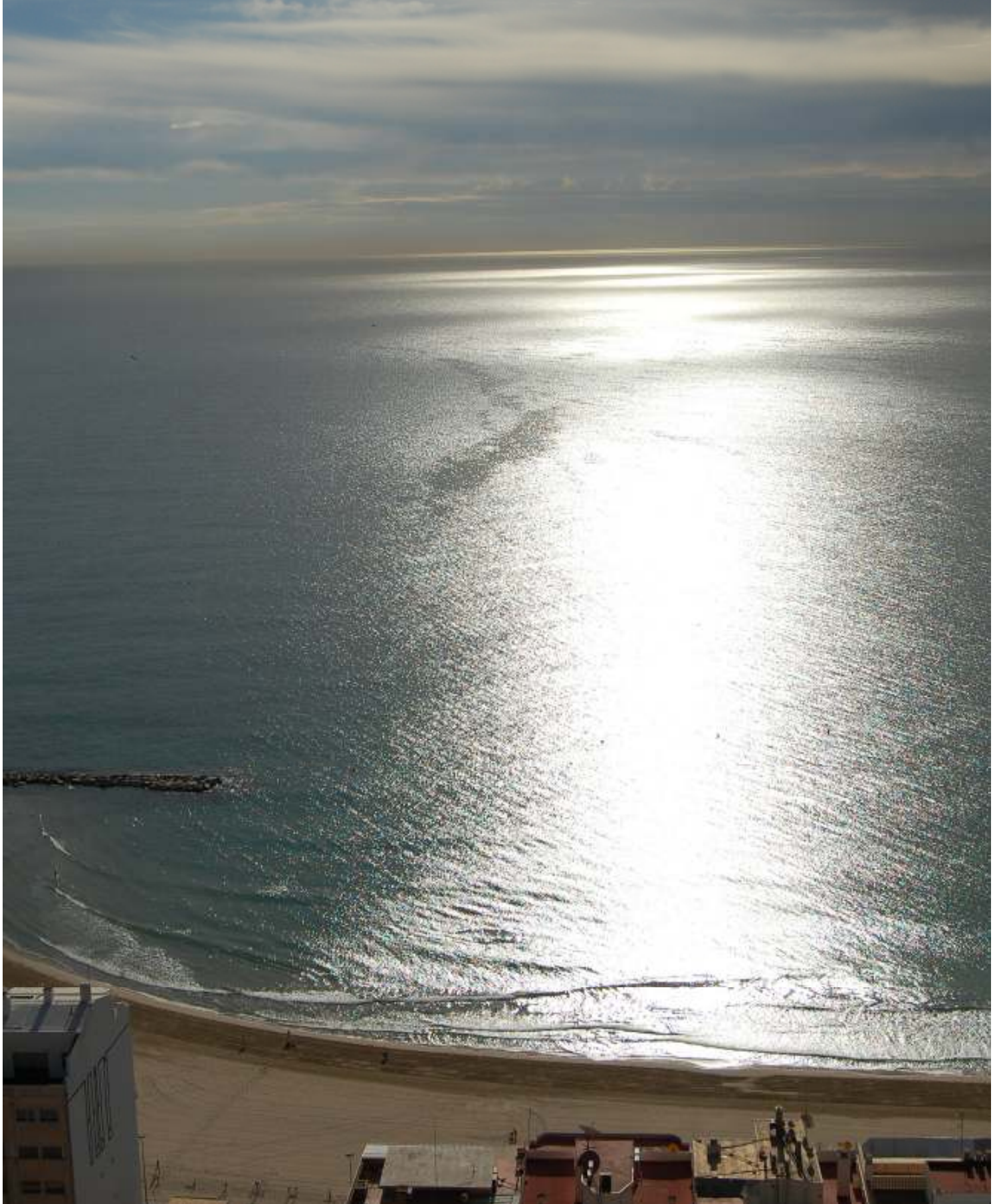


Don't let the good situation of your life keep you from being open to God and His grace and love.



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

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312  
myadron@stm-church.com  
Senior Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
Senior Deacon ..... Daniel Zurawski, KHS  
Deacons ..... David Kapala, KHS  
..... Joseph Stodola, KHS  
Director of Finance ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315  
Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338  
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

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Email address for bulletin ..... bulletin@stm-church.com  
Office Phone ..... 836-8610 Office Fax ..... 836-9185  
Bulletin Editor ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Daytime Receptionist ..... Ext. 2300  
Evening Receptionist ..... Ext. 2300  
Building Maintenance ..... Mike Popovich 836-8610, Ext. 2313  
Custodial Supervisor ..... Kim Smith 836-8610, Ext. 2331

**Pastoral Ministries**

Environment & Art ..... Helen Jaworski 836-8610  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... James Kaspar 836-8610  
Hospitality/Greeters ..... Vicky Odegaard 322-6391  
Lectors ..... Richard Gard 836-8610  
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St. Vincent de Paul ..... Terry Oprinovich 836-8610  
Vocations Committee ..... 836-8610

**2020-2021 Pastoral Council Members**

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

**St. Thomas More School**

*Preschool through 8th Grade*

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

Website ..... [www.stm-school.com](http://www.stm-school.com)  
School Phone ..... 836-9151 School Fax ..... 836-0982  
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
School Parent Association ..... Kandace Mack (708) 415-4133  
School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development ..... Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307  
Business Manager ..... Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

**Weis Center**

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

Phone ..... 836-2660

**Sacramental Information**

**Confessions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**New Parishioner Registration**

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

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

**St. Thomas More Religious Education**

*Kindergarten through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours:**

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

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

Religious Education Phone ..... 836-8610

Director ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

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

**Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

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

**Parish Organizations**

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

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



## Celebrants

**Saturday, March 19**  
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, March 20**  
 6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father  
 8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father  
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

## Servers

**Saturday, March 19**  
 5:30 p.m. S. Rozmanich, G. Scalzo, W. Arens  
 MC ~ Ty

**Sunday, March 20**  
 8:00 a.m. A. Buksa, A. Burzynski, H. Jorsch  
 MC ~ Dereck  
 10:00 a.m. L. Patton, R. Smola  
 MC ~ Vanessa  
 12:00 p.m. B. & D. Reynolds, A. Sanchez  
 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

We are always happy to include information relevant to our parishioners in the bulletin, if space is available. Submit all articles at least 2 weeks in advance to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).  
 Note: Lenten & Easter deadlines will be altered, so submit early.

## Sacrificial Offerings

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Collection**  
 \$ 5,784.00

**March 6, 2022**

Adult	\$ 22,008.00
Loose	\$ 3,594.00
Automated	\$ 5,179.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,781.00</b>

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

### MONDAY, March 14

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions  
 8:30 am Karen Kalwasinski (Ann.) by Kalwasinski Family

### TUESDAY, March 15

6:30 am Stephen Rousseau (Ann.) by Wife, Susan  
 8:30 am Jose Caraballo (Ann.) by Wife, Juanita Caraballo

### WEDNESDAY, March 16

6:30 am Robert Zubay by Ramona Skarupa  
 8:30 am Intention of Edward Smosna by Wife, Diane & Family

### THURSDAY, March 17

6:30 am Tom Griffin by Rose Yothment  
 9:00 am Bernadine Henson by Ronald & Charlotte Conn

### FRIDAY, March 18

6:30 am John Jurkash (Ann.) by Jurkash Family  
 8:30 am Cecilia Kristl (Ann.) by Family

### SATURDAY, March 19 — St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

8:30 am Chet Milen by Family  
 5:30 pm Frank & Dorothy Laciak by Therese Laciak Doran

### SUNDAY, March 20 — Third Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Intention of Rich Cox by Sue and Jeff Cox  
 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
 10:00 am Gary Garcia (Ann.) by the Serrano Family  
 12:00 pm Dorothy Dubeck (Ann.) by Carol & Jack Waters



### Second Sunday of Lent

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."* GENESIS 15:7  
 Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home.  
 Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him.  
 How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind?  
 Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

## 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)

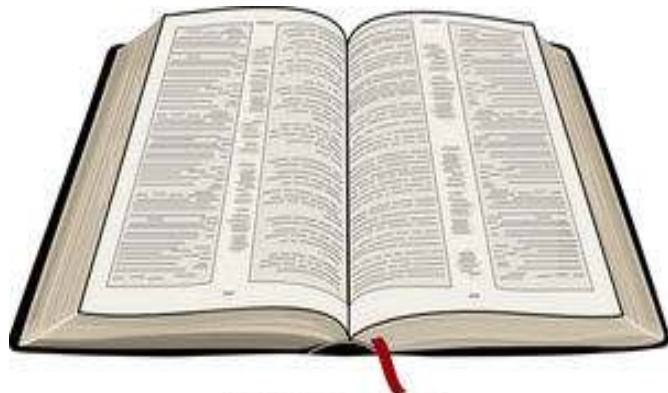
## Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez  
Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billedo  
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  
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  
Michael D. Madura  
James A. Malayter  
Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jacob Mencliewicz  
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 Petruch  
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 13



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  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## Second Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi



**BLESSED ARE YOU**

**"A guilty suffering spirit is more open to grace than an apathetic or smug soul."** ~ Edna Hong, *Bread & Wine* (day 5)

Whenever I read the Sermon on the Mount passage in the Bible, I form an immediate picture in my mind. In that passage, Jesus gives what we call The Beatitudes to the people.

I imagine a vast crowd of people looked bewildered and glancing at one another as if to say, "Did I just hear that right?!" I imagine they turned to their neighbors and said just that or asked them to say what they heard.

After all, what downtrodden people would want to hear blessed are you who are poor, weak, powerless, lonely, suffering, or sorrowing. That is not the message that they expected to hear, especially from someone that they hoped to be the Messiah. The Messiah, in their view, was going to be someone that lifted them from their miserable condition in life. Why would they consider their condition as blessed.

Of course, Jesus knew what He was doing. He knew that it is only when we are down, weak, and powerless that we can be open to the graces waiting for us from God. If we are well off, if we have all our needs met, if we are powerful, we can fall into the thought that we don't really need God, at least not today.

We might become so smug that we even tell God, "I've got today covered. Why don't you go help someone else." We might chuckle at that thought; but, that happens more times than we might care to admit.

Look at your past. How many times, when things were going extremely well, did you think about going to church or consider praying. How many times, on the other hand, when things were going badly, did church or prayer become absolute necessities? It is true. "A guilty suffering spirit is more open to grace than an apathetic or smug soul."

Yes, blessed are we when times are rough. Blessed are we when we mourn the loss of a loved one. Blessed are we when things don't go our way. Blessed are we because we are so much more open to the graces that await each and every one of us. When we suffer, we are quicker to ask for help and more disposed to receive help.

Don't let the good situation of your life keep you from being open to God and His grace and love. Lent is all about examining our lives and doing our best to draw closer to God. Allow Him to give you all that your soul needs this day.

**FAITH ACTION:** Begin each day asking God to help you recognize how He is present in your daily life and how you may best respond to His love.

*Jr. Mike*



**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.

**Please pray for those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Vigil Mass of Easter either by Baptism or by their Profession of Faith.**

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 7:00 p.m. (I will try to hear confessions from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays unless something comes up such as helping at local parish penance services.)
- ❖ **Confessions** each Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Lenten Penance Service** (multiple priests present) on Tuesday, April 5th. We will also hear the students' confessions that morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. You are invited to come to confession then if you do not want to come in the evening.



**BLEST ART**

Because of the pandemic, we have not had the chance to welcome the people of Blest Art to our parish the past couple of years.

They will be with us the weekend of April 2/3 so that you might be able to look at all their products and purchase something in order to help the Christians in the Holy Land.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Jack's boss was angry because Jack was an hour late to work because he forgot to set his clock forward for the beginning of daylight savings time.

After the boss left, Jack kicked a lamp to vent his frustration. Suddenly a genie appeared and said, "you have made me free. I will grant you a wish."

Jack said, "Can you bring peace between Ukraine and Russia?"

The genie responded, "That's not possible. Sorry you'll have to ask for another wish."

Jack said, "Well, then, can you please explain to me the benefit of daylight savings time?"

To which the genie responded, "Ahhhhh, okay. I will call Putin."



**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 14: Rev. Thaddeus S. Plawecki (1967)  
Rev. Henry I. Krysinski (1987)
- March 16: Rev. Matthew G. Spebar (1979)
- March 19: Rev. Milan F. Bach (1995)



# Religious Education

## March Schedule

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



**Sunday, March 20**

**6:30 am Mass**  
Main: Mary Jez

**8:00 am Mass**  
Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil  
Chapel: Susan Walker  
Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

**10:00 am Mass**  
Main: Rosa Maldonado  
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak  
Choir: Andrea Mazerik

**12:00 Noon Mass**  
Chapel: Pat Batchelder

**Saturday, March 19**

**5:30 pm Mass**  
Chapel: Patty Pfister

## Sunday Nursery Re-Opens

The St. Thomas More Nursery, held in the Bride's Room, is open to all families attending the

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass**

and will re-open in April.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

### *New Rules for the Nursery:*

Only 5 children (infant to 4 years old) can be accommodated in the Nursery at one time.

All children must wear a mask while in the Nursery.

Only 1 parent/guardian (no siblings or other family members) will be allowed in the Bride's Room at a time to register and pick-up and all are asked to wear a mask.

We appreciate your patience as you wait your turn.

## April Volunteer Schedule

**Sunday, April 3**

Ann, Eileen & Paul Harkenrider

**Sunday, April 17**

Kaaren Mashura  
Rachel Perezchica

**Sunday, April 10**

Jennifer Anderson  
Leda Sarmiento

**Sunday, April 24**

Closed

If you would like to volunteer in the Sunday Nursery, please call Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079.



Your talent is God's gift to you.  
What you do with your talent  
is your gift to God.

Pope Francis' prayer for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families.

"Lord Jesus, You called fishermen to be your disciples, and you look with love upon all those who live and work at sea.

Touch our hearts so that we can be watchful of their needs-these our brothers and sisters and their families.

Help us to be more aware of the challenges and dangers they face, and send your Spirit on those who can give them better conditions for safe work and fair pay.

Support them and protect them in their difficulties, and watch over their families, and that in us they can find support and help."  
*Amen.*

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

## Praying For Our Parishioners



St. Thomas More parish ministries offer prayers for our parishioners. Please send your prayer requests: [STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com](mailto:STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com).

## 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:

Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
Canned Beef Stew  
Complete Pancake Mixes  
Canned Pasta  
Jelly  
Canned Fruit  
Toothpaste  
Toilet Paper  
Shampoo

**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

**St. Thomas More School**  
**Limited Spots Remain: Preschool & Pre-K**  
 Most other grades closing soon.  
**A-Rated**  
 Indiana Department of Education  
**Apply Online:**  
[stm-school.com/NewFamilies](http://stm-school.com/NewFamilies)

*To Do: Submit Application Today!*

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL  
**Coffee FUNDRAISER**  
**Order Now**  
 Until March 19

To Order Use QR Code or Link  
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## 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.*

A dedication to the Catholic faith is at the forefront of all that we do at St. Thomas More School. Each each year we recognize a family who consistently lives a faith-filled life and demonstrates a strong and on-going belief in the importance of Catholic education.

For many with ties to both our school and our parish, this year's honorees may be familiar faces. We are proud to recognize PJ & Margaret Caraher as the 2022 Belief in Catholic Education recipients.

Lifelong products of Catholic education themselves, from grade school through college, PJ and Margaret valued their own faith-filled Catholic education and wanted the same experiences and influences for their children. Parents of four St. Thomas More School alumni, Steven (2010), Bridget (2012), Ricky (2014) and Mark (2017), they have been involved in school and parish activities, a constant exemplification of their faith and their desire to serve others.

### The Caraher's Thoughts on Catholic Education:

It is in the family that children, from the tenderest age, can learn to perceive the meaning of God, also thanks to the teaching and example of their parents: to live in an atmosphere marked by God's presence. – *Pope Benedict XVI*

"A huge impact of St. Thomas More on our family has been the sense of community which we found at the school and feel that it rooted our children. For our family, St. Thomas More is much more than a school. It is where we went to church, where we played CYO sports, where we had fish fries and pancake breakfasts, band concerts, dodge ball games, Boy Scout meetings, Girl Scout meetings and many school plays.

St. Thomas More provided an extended family where our children could expand beyond our immediate family home and engage the world around them in an atmosphere marked by God's presence."

Today, PJ and Margaret continue to share their time and talent with parish ministries and our community. We, as a parish and school family, share their joy in seeing all four of their children grow to lead successful, happy lives beyond the walls of St. Thomas More School.

Many of you may know their eldest son, Steven, who is currently in Seminary to become a priest and who assists here at St. Tom's when as his schedule allows. Thank you Margaret and PJ for all that you do to support Catholic education and St. Thomas More School



**PJ & Margaret Caraher**  
 2022 Belief in Catholic Education



## Holy Name Society

### Next Meeting:

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

Guest Speaker:

**Deacon Michael Hogan**

St. James the Less in Highland

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.

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? Join Us!*

Everyone 55+ is invited to join our fun loving Seniors of STM group.

Come and bring a friend or just show up and make new ones.

Celebrate the warmer weather and 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.*

### 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.

### Sunday, March 27

#### *Honoring Our Deceased Members*

8:00 a.m. Mass • St. Thomas More Church

### Wednesday, April 6

#### *Business Meeting*

Reschedule of February 2, 2022 meeting  
(canceled due to snowstorm).

Our Guest Speaker will discuss Balance Therapy for Seniors.

## Thank You from the Girl Scouts



A big thanks to our St. Thomas More parishioners who supported our

### Cookie Sale

last weekend at all the Masses.

Our sale was a big success and we appreciate all who stopped by to purchase cookies, donate, or just say hello and offer their support.

Thanks for supporting our STMS Girl Scout troops.

## Knights of Columbus Pierogi Sale



The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Mgrs. Weis Council will be selling

### Pierogi for Easter

Pierogi provided by Alexandra's.

Cost: \$6/dozen.

### Order Online by March 28:

<https://forms.gle/uwd6hmxMv1jWP3wE9>

Use the link to order.

Orders will be taken until

8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28.

### Pick-Up:

Sunday, April 3

11:00 a.m -2:00 p.m.

Weis Center

Main Hall

Please bring your email receipt when picking up.

### Payment due at pick-up

(cash or check only).

Questions:

[dkritzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkritzer@sbcglobal.net)



# NWI CATHOLIC

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## 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).

## 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 [andeanhs.org](http://andeanhs.org).

### Entrance Exam

Sunday, April 3 at 1:00-4:00 p.m. Enter Door A

### 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@andeanhs.com](mailto:jnohos@andeanhs.com).

Andrean High School • 219-887-5959 •

## 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...

## 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). (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 Sunday concert series during Lent.

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 4:00 p.m. (English) on Sunday, April 10 at the Carmelite Fathers Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road in Munster. Enjoy the work of 70 amateur volunteer actors & singers. Directed by Cecylia Jablonska, this troupe has performed "The Passion of Christ" throughout Chicagoland, a Lenten tradition for the past 25 years. All are welcome. Free-will offering. Call Live Theater Production at 773-544-6573 or the Carmelites at 219-838-711, on FB (Live Theater Production) or [www.livetheaterproduction.com](http://www.livetheaterproduction.com).

## Summer Help Needed at Camp Lawrence

Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso is looking for counselors in training, counselors, lifeguards and a nurse to work the 6 week summer camp season. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Please contact the Catholic Youth Organization for more information. Phone: 219-736-8931, Email: [nwicyo@comcast.net](mailto:nwicyo@comcast.net)

## Foster & Support Diocesan Vocations

We need YOU to help vocations in our Diocese. Join Serra on the first Monday of each month for a business meeting. Learn what we do and how we serve. We also meet on the third Monday of each month for Holy Hour of Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for vocations in our Diocese at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget in Hobart.

Call Susan Gryfakis at 219-688-8209 to learn more.