

**When we seek a relationship with Jesus in prayer,
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without demanding any answers
or, for that matter, anything.**



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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Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

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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.

Website www.stm-school.com
School Phone 836-9151 School Fax 836-0982
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Principal Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
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School Parent Association Kandace Mack (708) 415-4133
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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 Patricia Sinclair • plalessandrini@yahoo.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
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Respect Life Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739
Seniors of STM Marion Case (219)743-3543
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

Saturday, April 2
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 3
 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, April 2
 5:30 p.m. K. & K. Cano, S. Rozmanich/MC ~ Jacob

Sunday, April 3
 8:00 a.m. M. Slivka, A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Gavin
 10:00 a.m. N. Arman, M. Miller/MC ~ Vanessa
 12:00 p.m. D. O'Brien, J. O'Shea, A. Sanchez
 MC ~ Francesca

Rest in Peace
 Josephine Neverauskus

Catholic Relief Services Collection Today!

Support those in need around the world and here at home by reflecting the love Jesus showed for others with your generosity and contributions.
 To learn more: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.

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

Sacrificial Offerings

March 20, 2022



Adult	\$ 17,644.00
Loose	\$ 3,361.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,940.00

Thank you for generously supporting our parish with your contributions.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 27 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Lillian Jaworski (Ann) by Family
 8:00 am Jeanne Serafin (Ann) by Daughter, Corrine
 10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 12:00 pm William Vance by Edward & Diane Smosna

MONDAY, March 28

6:30 am Dr. Arthur Branco by Denny & Lucy Perz
 8:30 am Dorothy Jurkash by Jurkash Family

TUESDAY, March 29

6:30 am Ishmael Vargas by Joe Dawson
 8:30 am Betty Kohnke by Joan & Jim Plonsey

WEDNESDAY, March 30

6:30 Intention of Dr. & Mrs. Kelly by Lucy & Dennis Perz
 8:30 Bert Woess, Sr. by Bert & Eileen

THURSDAY, March 31

6:30 am Jim Casey by SVDP Society of St. Thomas More
 9:00 am William J. O'Brien, Jr. by the Skurkas

FRIDAY, April 1

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
 8:30 am Phyllis Bohney by the Horak Family

SATURDAY, April 2

8:30 am Robert Zubay by Joe & Nancy O'Drobinak
 5:30 pm Teodor Dabrowski (Ann) by Wife & Daughter

SUNDAY, April 3 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
 8:00 am Justine Walker by P. Krizmanic
 10:00 am Aria Anne Sefton by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
 12:00 pm Thomas Meeks by Michael & Jill Popovich



Fourth Sunday of Lent

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."

JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased.

Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Automated Contributions

As we look forward with renewed hope about the safety and health of our parish, area and nation we also look forward to many more in-person activities, including church attendance.

There are many options to support our parish!

Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Drop off at Parish Office.

Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card: <http://www.stm-church.com/>. Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering" section.



Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: <http://www.stm-church.com/>

Questions? Contact Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330 nbickel@stm-church.com

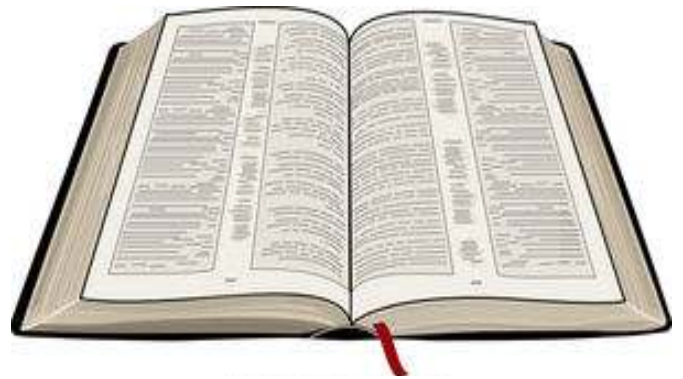
Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Chiara Andrzejewski
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
G. Briney
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Janet Cattanaach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Ursula Cichy
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Doris Dabrowski
Mary Ann Daliege
Matthew Daliege
Sarah Dalton
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
James Fletcher
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Rich Gagliani
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Joan Gliński
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
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Carolyn McGill
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 27



Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong.

We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit.

We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors. ©LPi

IT'S THE RELATIONSHIP THAT MATTERS

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus." ~ Father Mike Schmitz

Relationships. They are so important in our lives. Parents watch their children when they develop and they attempt to make sure that their children are hitting certain developmental marks: growth, weight, coordination, speech, and socialization. If they are not hitting the marks in any area, they often seek the advice of experts in order to help their children develop.

Relationships are important because they reflect how we interact with our world. Some relationships are superficial at best. Other relationships are based upon using another person rather than true interaction with another. The kind of relationship that is most important to our development, though, is the relationship that respects another, that can give and take, and that can be comfortable in the presence of another.

Schmitz reminds us that we are to seek a relationship with Jesus when we pray. If all we do is look for answers when we pray, we are not opening ourselves up to the depths that we can have in a true relationship with the Lord. Instead, we keep ourselves at an acquaintance level with Jesus rather than a relationship.

But, when we seek a relationship with Jesus in prayer, we become comfortable sitting with the Lord without demanding any answers or, for that matter, anything. Some of my most profound relationships with others have been the kind that allowed the depth of presence with one another. I have had some friends whom I have been comfortable saying absolutely nothing. Words were not important. Presence was. Because in silence, a lot was communicated.

It is that way with prayer. When we develop a relationship with Jesus, we do not use many words. We merely sit with Him in a profound silence that allows our souls to open up and communicate with God. We may speak to Him briefly and spontaneously such as a reverent "Thank you, Lord!" when we see an awesome sunrise or sunset.

When we are comfortable with Jesus, when our relationship is solid, we can say just as easily, "Help me, Lord." The person who is not comfortable with another generally cannot ask for help. But if our relationship with God is a good one, we do not fear asking for help.

Lent is about removing obstacles in our lives and drawing closer to God. Prayer is about developing a relationship with the Lord than helps us to draw strength from Him.

FAITH ACTION: Examine your prayer life and determine what you might need to change to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus. *F. Mike*

KINDLY KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS

I am not at the Masses this weekend because I am at the house healing from a surgery I had this past Thursday, March 24th, to replace my pacemaker/defibrillator. I will see you next weekend. **Thank you, Carmelite Fathers,** for stepping in to help cover Masses and funerals at the parish!

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Taizé Prayer** on Wednesday, April 13th. I will hear confessions throughout the prayer service and afterwards until finished. This will be the last opportunity for confession before Easter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY WEEK MASSES OR LITURGIES

- Wednesday, April 13**
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer with opportunity for confession
- Holy Thursday, April 14**
10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass (at Holy Angels Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday, April 15**
1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service
- Holy Saturday, April 16**
2:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter
- Easter Sunday, April 17**
Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One Sunday a young child was acting up during Mass. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer the child called out loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



WHICH EXPENSIVE TRIP DID THE AVERAGE FAMILY TAKE LAST YEAR??



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 28: Rev. Joseph D. Sipos (1983)
- March 31: Msgr. Ferdinand J. Melevage (2015)
- April 2: Msgr. Everard N. Klein (1983)



Religious Education

March Schedule

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

For more information about Religious Education, please contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610 or ehackett@stm-school.com.

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, April 2

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Maria Cano
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway

Sunday, March 27

6:30 am Mass
Main: Marilyn Ciric
Chapel: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 am Mass

Main: Maria Rodriguez
Chapel: Yvette Radziwiecki

10:00 am Mass

Main: Michelle Walker

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Gladys Escobedo



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

Stewardship Thoughts

- “Both prayer and Bible reading are ways of listening to God. They should blend – our prayers should be biblical and our Bible reading prayerful.” *Peter Kreeft*
- “Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.” *St. Teresa of Calcutta*
- “What difference would it make if you thought of your suffering as the privilege of participating in Christ's suffering?” *Scripture Union USA*
- “The more you trust God and trust in his eternal ways, the more you are able to be patient with other people around you.” *Dr. Allen Hunt*

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

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

Would you consider becoming a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and the Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process. The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council.

Discernment Sessions

will be held on the following Tuesdays:

May 17 • May 24 • May 31

at 7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center.

New Council members will be chosen

Pentecost Sunday

June 5th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age.

The nominees *cannot* be a full-time employee of the parish or school.

Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination.

Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

Nomination Deadline:

Sunday, May 1, 2022

End of the Noon Mass

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the Red Ballot Boxes (located at each church entrance).

St. Thomas More School



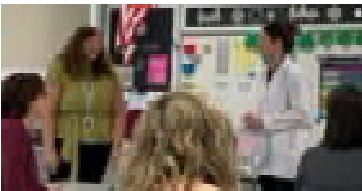
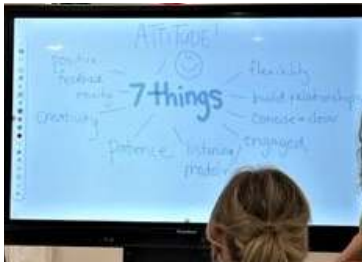
Making Learning Fun...

Even for the Teachers

Learning new things is not just for our students! Each Wednesday our staff meets for a professional development session, learning new techniques and methods, honing their skills on new technologies and finding inspirational approaches to teaching so that our students can always advance and achieve as St. Thomas More School remains in the foreground of education in NWI.

At a recent professional development meeting, Dr. Grammar (a.k.a. 5th Grade Language Arts teacher, Pat Wade) paid a visit to our staff with a good "dose" of language arts practices and guidelines to help our teachers better serve their students.

Equipped with a doctor's bag, lab coat and a few bandages, Mrs. Wade gave a humorous and poignant presentation about the importance of grammar and even distributed a few "shots" of good grammar!



Our students are blessed to have such fun-loving, dynamic, passionate teachers who always work to be their very best on their behalf. Lucky us!

Thank You Munster Rotary Club!

A big thank you to the Munster Rotary Club for another donation of dictionaries for our 3rd grade students. For many years, representatives from the Rotary have presented our students with new dictionaries to use in their studies. A great resource, these dictionaries stay with our students throughout their time at St. Thomas More School and beyond. Special thanks to Rotary members, Linda Dunn and Timothy Fesko, grandfather of two of our 3rd grade students, Charles and Jacob.

In addition to the lovely gift, Mr. Fesko and Mrs. Dunn spent time explaining how to best use the new dictionaries and illustrated the many valuable resources these special books hold.

We are thankful for the Rotary's continued generosity toward our students.



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



RAFFLE

Back by Popular Demand

Cash Prizes:

\$5000, \$3000, \$1000 & 10-\$100 Prizes

Tickets: \$20 Each

Tickets available in the Parish Office starting March 28th
(or from any STMS School Family)

Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. &
Saturday 9:00am – 12:00 Noon

Cash Prize Drawing is Sunday May 1, 2022

Questions? Contact Mollie Patton at mpatton6582@gmail.com

Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund, continued classroom
improvements and general school operations.

Seniors of STM

Are You 55 or Older? We're the Group for You!

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.

Sunday, March 27

Honoring Our Deceased Members

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

Our next regular meeting will be

Wednesday, April 6

Business Meeting

The election of officers for the 2022/2023 year will take place.

***Our much anticipated and rescheduled Balance Therapy
speaker will also be at this meeting.*** Hope to see you there.

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.

Live Christ Share Christ



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

Saturday, April 9

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Topic: Silence

Speaker: Diane Losiniecki, OFS

K of C Pierogi Sale

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus are selling

Pierogi for Easter

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

Order Online by March 28:

<https://forms.gle/uwd6hmxMv1jWP3wE9>

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



Sunday Nursery Re-Opens

The St. Thomas More Nursery will resume in April. The
Nursery, in the Bride's Room, is open to all families attending
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

New Rules for the Nursery:

Only 5 children (infant to age 4) can be accommodated in the
Nursery at one time. All children must wear a mask.

Only 1 parent/guardian (no siblings/family members) will be
allowed in the Bride's Room at any single time.

All adults are asked to wear a mask to enter.

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.



The Festival is Coming Back... and Better Than Ever!

Get on board now and help make it a success for our Parish!

Volunteer

It takes an entire parish to put on this great festival and your help is needed. There are lots of ways to volunteer.

Learn more or sign-up now: STMmusicfest.weebly.com

Chair a Committee

The festival is looking for outgoing, fun individuals to chair committees. Contact Cindy at (219) 688-8847 or stmmusicfest@gmail.com.

Promote Your Business

The Festival Committee is looking for parishioners who own a business/food truck that would like to participate in the STM Music and Food Fest. Contact Patricia at (773) 318-2013 or stmmusicfest@gmail.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, April 13, 2022

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Topic:

**Why are so many part-time workers
struggling to find full-time work during
a labor shortage?**

Presented by:

Career Networking Group

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

When: The Second Wednesday of Every Month

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thanks to the generosity of St. Thomas More Church & School family, our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to provide food and utility assistance to area families for area families.

Our thanks to all who follow in Christ's footsteps to help.

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.

Join the STM Staff Now!

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 or

219-836-8610 ext. 2313.

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.

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



Events in the Area...

Egg My Yard- MHS Band Fundraiser

Wake up to a yard filled with Easter Eggs stuffed with Candy!
Eggs will be delivered between 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, ready to be searched for Easter Sunday morning.
25 Eggs: \$25 • 50 Eggs: \$50 • 75 Eggs: \$75
To sign up: <https://www.supportmunsterband.org/eggmyyard/>
Questions? Email munsterbandbackers@gmail.com

Lenten Reflections Concert Series

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 119th Street & Lincoln Avenue in Whiting will host a Sunday concert series during Lent.
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 volunteer actors & singers who have performed "The Passion of Christ" throughout Chicagoland for the past 25 years. All are welcome. Free-will offering. Call Live Theater Production: 773-544-6573 or Carmelites: 219-838-7111, or on FB (Live Theater Prod. or 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. Must be 16+. Contact Catholic Youth Organization for info: 219-736-8931 or email: nwicyo@comcast.net

Las Vegas Night at St. Mary-Griffith

Las Vegas Night on Saturday, April 30 at St. Mary Parish, 525 N. Broad Street, Griffith. The *Squirrel Tooth Casino* features your favorite casino games, poker (\$1 minimum bet), \$15/person or \$25/couple covers food, dessert & beverages. 21 years and older 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. More info: 219-718-3787 or 219-808-7599.

Annual Lake County Right to Life Banquet

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Saint Sava Banquet Hall, 9191 Mississippi Street in Merrillville. Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Reservations required by Thursday, April 8: 219.838.1138 or email: office@lakecortl.org. Visit us at www.lakeloveslife.org/

Local Fish Fry

Hoosier Hrvati Tamburitza Orchestra of NWI invites all to a Fish Fry on Friday April 8, 4pm to 7pm at the Croatian Lodge, 8550 Taft Street, Merrillville. Dinner includes: cole slaw, macaroni & cheese, roll/butter, coffee & dessert. AYCE fried fish: Pollock (\$12) Cod (\$14) & Shrimp (\$14) Cash bar. Questions? 219.649.1722 or visit us on Facebook at Hoosier Hrvati.