

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Today, we remember the lengths He went to in order to show His love for us.

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

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Preschool through 8th Grade

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Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

First Friday 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

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

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

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

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

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

Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:

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



New Parishioner Registration

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

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

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:

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

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

Religious Education Phone 836-8610

Director Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

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Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

Saturday, April 16
8:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 17
 6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
 8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

Wednesday, April 13
 4:00 p.m. All MCs ~ Practice for Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 14 — Holy Thursday
 7:00 p.m. All MCs

Friday, April 15 — Good Friday
 12:30 p.m. All MCs ~ Practice for Lord's Passion
 1:30 p.m. Volunteers~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 4:00 p.m. MCs ~ Practice for Tenebrae Service
 7:00 p.m. Volunteer MCs ~ Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 16 — Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
 10:30 a.m. MCs ~ Practice for Easter Vigil
 8:00 p.m. All MCs ~ Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17 — Easter Sunday
 6:30 a.m. A. Sanchez, B. & D. Reynolds/MC ~ Hunter
 8:00 a.m. A. Buksa, H. Jorsch, K. Karl/MC ~ Emma
 10:00 a.m. R. Smola, N. Arman, M. Miller
 MC ~ Vanessa
 12:00 p.m. C. Aguilar, D. O'Brien, J. O'Shea
 MC ~ Francesca

 **Rest in Peace** 
 Marilyn Rippey

Parish Office Hours



New Parish Office Hours
Monday to Friday:
 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Saturday:
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Sacrificial Offerings

April 3, 2022



Adult	\$ 19,280.00
Loose	\$ 3,093.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 27,308.00

Thank you for generously supporting our parish with your contributions.

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, April 10

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
 8:00 am Bradley Joseph Barnes by Family
 10:00 am Mr & Mrs. John S. Gunia by Son, Kenneth
 12:00 pm Charlotte Natzke by Marilyn Pajor

MONDAY, April 11

6:30 am Joanna Bartkus by Family
 8:30 am Bridget Hennel (Ann) by Bickel family

TUESDAY, April 12

6:30 am Stanley Rozumowicz (Ann) by Marianna Pazik
 8:30 am Donna Jean Strange by Family

WEDNESDAY, April 13

6:30 am Robert Biscan (Ann) by Biscan Family
 8:30 am Edwin Wolak (Ann) by Michael Wolak

THURSDAY, April 14 – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 15 – Good Friday

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, April 16 – Holy Saturday

8:00 pm Vigil Mass of Easter

SUNDAY, April 17 – Easter Sunday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
 10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased



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"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." LUKE 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith?

How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

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!



1. Collection Basket at Church

2. Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Mail or drop-off at Parish Office

3. 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 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
Joan Glinski
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
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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 Menclowicz
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 27

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 2 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23[24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35



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Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPI

THOSE THREE MAGIC WORDS

“God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, ‘I love you.’” ~ Billy Graham

I love you. Those three magic words can move mountains. They can level hills. They can fill valleys. They can bring great delight. And, they can bring sorrow. Love. It is something that every person pursues in one way, shape, or form throughout his or her life.

Our first experiences of love come from our families. Our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and older siblings all showed us love by the way they took care of us, spoke to us, hugged us, or held us. We longed for their love and we did everything that we could do to receive that love. Their love quite literally sustained us and gave us purpose.

Then, as we got older, our eyes began to wander and we looked for romantic love. Those first “puppy love” experiences that we had in grade school made our heads reel. We may have been confused and our feelings very well may have been mercurial.

The simple truth is that we spend our entire lives looking for love. Just like the song, there are times that we look for love in wrong places. Those are the times we may be hurt or may hurt others. Other times, we look in right places and find strength and healing.

The ultimate person from whom to look for love is God Himself. He loves us like no other can or will. He loves completely and unconditionally. His love never comes with strings attached and He would never hurt us.

Today, we remember the lengths He went to in order to show His love for us. He sent His Son and His Son loved us so much that He died on the cross to save us from our sins. We think about all of that on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

There are times that we have seen or heard about that kind of sacrificial love exemplified in others. A parent might see a child in imminent danger. Perhaps there is a car headed for the child who is crossing the street without looking. The parent might even push the child out of the way and get struck by the car.

We hear about saints like Maximilian Kolbe who bravely took the place of another condemned prisoner. He went to the starvation bunker with nine other prisoners and led them through prayer and song as they died. He held out his arm to be injected with carbolic acid when the commandant wanted him dead as well. These examples are rare. God's love is not rare. It is constant.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God for the grace necessary to love as He loves and for the willingness to love others regardless of the cost to yourself.

F. Mike



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

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

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE

Mass attendance has been getting better and better the past few months as we all feel more confident regarding the direction of the pandemic. It feels really good to be able to worship together in our church.

As Easter fast approaches, my prayer is that you will make a strong effort to come to the different liturgies and/or Masses of Holy Week as well as celebrate together the joys of the resurrection on Easter.

And to all of you who are visiting family or friends during this time, welcome!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A visitor from Holland was chatting with his American friend and was jokingly explaining about the red, white and blue in the Netherlands flag.

“Our flag symbolizes our taxes,” he said. “We get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bill, and blue after we pay them.”

“That's the same with us,” the American said, “only we see stars, too.”



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:

April 11: Deacon Jack Krol (2018)

April 14: Rev. Walter S. Mastey (1997)



Religious Education

April Schedule

- 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

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

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, April 16

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Ron & Kandace Mack
Chapel: Patty Pfister

Sunday, April 7

6:30 am Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan

Liszewski

Chapel: Lucy Perz

10:00 am Mass

Chapel Tim & Amy

Jevyak

Taizé Prayer Service

Take this time to prepare for Easter during Holy Week.
Experience the quiet, calm of prayer and music

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, April — 7:00 p.m. in the Church



A Prayer from Fr. Scott Circe

Diocese of Orlando, FL

“Stewardship:

A Way of Life Building God’s Kingdom”

Generous and loving God, I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me – my life, my family, my friends, my faith and all my talents and treasures. All that I have comes from you. Help me to remember this and rejoice in your goodness. Walk with me, God. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our parish and community. Renew me in your Spirit.

Give me strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be his disciple.

Help me hear your call to “Come, Follow Me.”

What I do for others, I do for you.

I give you my glory, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life.

In Jesus’ name, I pray. *Amen*

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



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised

82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking

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

Wednesday, 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

Holy Name Society

We hope all men of the parish are invited to join us for our next Holy Name meeting on

Monday, April 18

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Altar & Rosary Society

Mark your calendars now for our annual

Altar & Rosary Communion Sunday

Sunday, April 24 — 10:00 a.m. Mass

Pews will be reserved in the front of church.

Coffee & donuts and a presentation by Bob Dixon, owner of Dixon’s Florist, will follow at the Weis Center.

Call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 to make a reservation by Wednesday, April 20 (limited capacity).

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.



St. Thomas More School

Girls Diocesan Championship

Congratulations to the St. Thomas More School 7/8 Girls Basketball Team, who finished as the runner-up in this year's Diocesan Championship Tournament. Way to go, Lady Eagles!



New Lockers Have Arrived

After a long supply chain delay, new, shiny lockers finally arrived last month and were installed in the 7th/8th hallway, much to the delight of our students.

New lockers are just one of the many, many classroom and school improvements St. Thomas More School has undergone in the last five years. From major lighting, ceiling & flooring upgrades to new classroom sinks & cabinetry, STMS has updated many of the school's classrooms, with more slated to be upgraded in the summers to come.

Careful planning and parishioner contributions to STMS fundraising endeavors have helped make this work possible! Our school looks great, making it an optimum learning environment for our 465 students. Thanks for your support!



Eagles Soiree:
A Note Worthy Night

HORS D'OEUVRES • DINNER • DANCING • AUCTION (MOBILE BIDDING)

Everyone is invited to St. Thomas More School's 2nd Annual

Eagles Soiree

A NOTE WORTHY NIGHT

Friday, May 13, 2022

Villa Cesare • Schererville

6:00 p.m. Open Bar & Hors D'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. Premium Plated Dinner

8:00-11:30 p.m. Live Music & Dancing

Music by "Mr. Funnyman"

NWI's ultimate variety band,

performing cover music from the 1960s to today!



Online Auction throughout the Evening with Mobile Bidding

Video programming with remembrances to honor Rick Mlynarski (a.k.a. "Mr. M") and his 50 years of service to the students of St. Thomas More School.

Purchase tickets, donate or become an event sponsor:

<https://EagleSoiree2022.givesmart.com> or use the QR Code above.

Reserve your table with friends today! Tickets: \$150 per person

Questions: genna.sorget@gmail.com

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).***

Seniors of STM

Are You 55 or Older? Then Join Us!

What are you waiting for?

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

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

Seniors of STM meetings are at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted) at the STM Weis Center

8635 Calumet in Munster, IN
Please watch the bulletin for details and updates.

Now is a great time to join!



The Seniors of STM will meet on

Wednesday, April 20

for a fun-filled social event beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The Board has organized some table games, games of luck and trivia contests.

There will be a short presentation on the SYNOD, too.

All you need to bring is a pen or pencil, 25 cents and your sense of humor.

Come join us for laughs, fun and surprises, and bring a friend!

Wednesday, May 4

Spring Luncheon

Installation of New Officers

Andorra Banquets

1112 Rt. 41 in Schererville

Watch next week's bulletin for more information.

Wednesday, May 18

Bingo Bonanza

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



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Back by Popular Demand

Cash Prizes:

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

Tickets: \$20 Each

Tickets available in the Parish Office!

(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.



**Thursday-Sunday
June 23- 26**

**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 stmusicfest@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 stmusicfest@gmail.com

Sunday Nursery Re-Opens

The St. Thomas More Nursery will resume in April. The Nursery, located in the Bride's Room off the Narthex (main church entrance), is open to all families attending

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

New Rules for the Nursery:

- Children, age infant to age 4 are welcome in the Nursery.
- Only 5 children 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 the Nursery.
- We appreciate your patience as you wait your turn.

April Volunteer Schedule

Sunday, April 17

Kaaren Mashura
Rachel Perezchica

Sunday, April 24

Closed

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

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 morning.

25 Eggs: \$25 • 50 Eggs: \$50 • 75 Eggs: \$75

To sign up: <https://www.supportmunsterband.org/eggmyyard/>

Questions?

Email munsterbandbackers@gmail.com

NWI Symphony Choral Performance at STM

Join the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus
for their first performance in over two years
as they present

“Annelies: A Holocaust Remembrance Concert”

Sunday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on the
NWI Symphony Chorus website or at the door.

This amazing and emotional piece of music, based on

“Anne Frank: The Diary of Young Girl”,

features a musical score that is both haunting and hopeful.

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus is under the
direction of Nancy Menk, Conductor and will

feature soprano, Elizabeth Schleicher.

For more information: (219) 836-0525 or nisorchestra.org.

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/

Andrean High School Event

Andrean High School in Merrillville is hosting a Niner Night for
prospective students and their family on Wednesday, April 13 from
7:00-8:00 p.m. Enter through Door A.

To learn more, apply on line or schedule a shadow day, please
contact the school:

(219) 887-5959 or andreanhs.org.