



How are we going to be remembered after we die? How do we want to be remembered? Are we going to be mere names or are we going to be considered examples that should be followed? These are crucial questions and ones that, depending upon how we answer them, will shape the direction we take in our lives.

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

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St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

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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.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

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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, May 14
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, May 15
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
 12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

Servers

Saturday, May 21
 5:30 p.m. G. Scalzo, B. & P. Schwemlein

Sunday, May 22
 8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai, N. Thompson
 10:00 a.m. R. Smola, R. Andrzejewski
 12:00 p.m. J. O'Shea, B. & D. Reynolds

Nursery

The Nursery is now closed for this school year.
 Our thanks to all who have volunteered in our Parish Nursery.
 We look to resume operation in September.
 Watch the bulletin for a new schedule and
 volunteer opportunities in the fall.
 To volunteer, contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079.



Blood Drive at STM
 The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus
Memorial Day Blood Drive
Sunday, May 29
 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
 Weis Center
 Appointments preferred: (800) 7TO-GIVE
 Walk-ins also welcome.

Sacrificial Offerings



May 8, 2022

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| Adult | \$ 16,371.00 |
| Loose | \$ 3,187.00 |
| Automated | \$ 5,112.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 24,670.00 |

Special Collection
Women's Care Center
 \$ 6,781.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 15 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am Lillian Jaworski by Family
 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 10:00 am Anne Baranowski by Ed Smiley
 12:00 pm Peter Jurich by Tom & Louisa Jurich

MONDAY, May 16

6:30 am Intention of Dennis & Lucy Perz by Barbara Anderson
 8:30 am George J. Pluard, Jr. by Don Aldridge

TUESDAY, May 17

6:30 am Tadeusz Jaworski by Family
 8:30 am Cotaminda L. Serrano (Ann) by the Serrano Family

WEDNESDAY, May 18

6:30 am Tina Candella by Altar & Rosary
 8:30 am Bert & Emily Woess by Bert & Eileen

THURSDAY, May 19

6:30 am Theresa Biedron by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Krozyk
 9:00 am Susan Orabone by Michael Mercier Family

FRIDAY, May 20

6:30 am Robert Zubay by Ramona Skarupa
 8:30 am Beatriz Francisco (Ann) by the Aquino Family

SATURDAY, May 21

8:30 am Joan Fox by Mardi Flynn
 5:30 pm Rita & Richard Wojcinski by Niece, Susan Rousseau

SUNDAY, May 22 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Elaine Caco (Ann) by Stephen and Family
 10:00 am Constancia M. Lozano (Ann) by the Serrano Family
 12:00 pm Josefina Antonio (Ann) by the Aquino Family



Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." JOHN 13:34
 "As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

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:

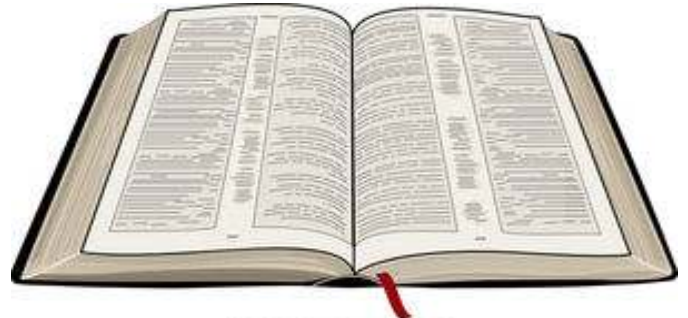
Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card: <http://www.stm-church.com/>. Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering" section.

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

Readings for the Week of May 15

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



Pray for the sick of our parish...

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| Joshua Alvarez | Dick Hemingway | Steven Nowaczyk |
| Chiara Andrzejewski | Marie Henke | Clare O'Brien |
| Doris Aurelio | Elaine Herrmann | Donna O'Connor |
| Maria Aurelio | Bertha Birdy Hernandez | Danny Ogren |
| Pat Batchelder | Irma Hernandez | James Pancheri |
| Antonio Belmonte | Marisol Hernandez | Marty Pavlovic |
| Mary Berry | Robert Heseck | Judith Peterson |
| Michael Berry | Becky Hill | Dawn Petro |
| Michael Billedo | Marie Hill | Johanna Petruich |
| Diane Bochnowski | Joan Hoess | Andrew Pieczyrak |
| Cheryl Bostrom | Sally Joy Hollingshead | Elizabeth Pilones |
| Linda Braun | Charlotte Hunt | Sylvester Porras |
| G. Briney | Betty Ingbreton | Dennis Powell |
| Stephany Burney | Joseph S. Iwan | Ronald Prus |
| Kathleen Burns | Steve Izzo | Timothy Ribble |
| Diane Butler | Elizabeth Jacob | Jackie Roach |
| Dorothy Campbell | Barbara Jamrose | Ann Sardella |
| James Campbell | Stanley Jayjack | George Sauer |
| Janet Cattanach | Kelly Jean | Marie Schultz |
| Jacqueline Morrow | Kevin Karl | Marianne Schwartz |
| Christian | Dan Karulski | William Schwartz |
| Ursula Cichy | Mark Kenney | Zachery Scriff |
| Joseph Clune | Irene Kerps | James Secviar |
| Willie Colby | James Klein, Sr. | Jim Seul |
| Charlotte Conn | Janet Knight | Renee Shehan |
| Vincent Corsello | Susan Kolodziej | Nick Skinner |
| Mike Curtain | Gregory P. Koscielski | Laurie Slazyk |
| Valerie Czapkowicz | Crystal Kurek | Karen Sliwa |
| Doris Dabrowski | Annika LeMonier | Deborah Stareck |
| Sarah Dalton | Chris LeMonier | Georgianne Suto |
| Aaron Dudek | Debbie LeMonier | Florence Stevens |
| Alex Eiland | Nicklas LeMonier | Carol Storey |
| Sherlon Evans | Kris Lisikiewicz | Charles Svitko |
| James Fletcher | Jo Lisiniewicz | Rose Theis |
| Heriberto Flores | Edward Liskiewicz | Michele Thomas |
| Maria Flores | Stanley Liskiewicz | Rosemary Thomas |
| John Forde | Maria Lovell | Russ Thomas |
| Bonnie Gabrione | Brady Martin | Gerardo Trevino |
| Rich Gagliani | Paul Martin | David Troutman |
| Phyllis Garber | Carolyn McGill | Kathie Trudgian |
| Andrea Garritano | Larkin McKenzie | Anthony Ubuae |
| Margaret Geary | Jacob Mencliewicz | Tony Vanden Heuvel |
| Emily Gibson | Jenny Mendoza | Raymond Vanderbok |
| Joan Glinski | Faye Meny | James Wachel |
| Monica Gonzalez | Sandi Merlo | Kathy Wachel |
| Howard Gralewski | Erin Meyer | Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda |
| Margaret Gray | Benjamin Mikels | Mark Wein |
| Susan Graff | John Mitchener | Ruth Williams |
| Christine Greenberg | Andrew Moll | Annette Wisniewski |
| Mary Ellen Gullicks | Thomas Mordaunt | Stephanie Wisniewski |
| Katie Kardes Hargett | Genevieve Mrvan | Bill Wisniewski |
| Rosemarie Havran | Bernadine Nemeth | Dick Wright |
| Amy Hayes | Donna Nichols | Cecilia Ziegler |
| | Maria Novak | Cody Ziemkowski |

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred

about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both. ©LPI

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

"I am poor, but I am rich. I have my children, I have a garden with roses, and I have my faith and the memories of those who have gone before me. What more is there?" ~ Pam Munoz Ryan

When I was first ordained to the priesthood, I didn't know a whole lot of priests in the diocese. I had associated with some of them while I was a seminarian or a deacon. Other than that, the ones I had the most dealings with and most knowledge about were the pastors and associates that were assigned to my home parish as I was growing up. All the other priests were, for lack of a better word, "names".

At the parishes to which I was assigned, I maintained at the very least a "Pastor's Page" in the bulletin. On that page, as I continue to do, I had a Memoriam section of all the priests and deacons whose death anniversaries were the week of the bulletin's publication. I have to admit that, when I was younger, that memorial list was comprised mostly of "names".

But now? The memorial list is more than names. Well over 50% of the priests and deacons listed weekly were people that I knew, some very well. I see their names and I don't see merely names. I see people. I remember who they were, where they were assigned, and what they did. Many of them helped form who I am as a priest and set an example for me to follow.

There are many who have gone before us and who have touched our lives in all sorts of ways. Family and friends usually find themselves at the top of our lists. Colleagues find themselves there as well. They are all people who have influenced us and whom we remember fondly. Their examples make us want to be better and to do more for others.

How are we going to be remembered after we die? How do we want to be remembered? Are we going to be mere names or are we going to be considered examples that should be followed? These are crucial questions and ones that, depending upon how we answer them, will shape the direction we take in our lives.

We have the example of the saints of old to follow. They did their best to follow the example of Jesus Christ, just as we attempt to do. May our lives be filled with plenty of moments where we show others the depth of our love for the Lord and may we never hesitate to share our love of God.

FAITH ACTION: Thank God for the people who touch your life and ask God to help you be an example of His love for others.

F. Mike

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART

I'm not going to lie. Because of the pandemic, this has been a horrendous couple of years. We are still watching the build-up of Mass numbers as people continue coming back to worship. Our different ministries are beginning to take off again as well.

In our school, the pandemic hit us the hardest. It has been incredibly difficult to balance everything necessary over the past two years. From shut-downs necessitating virtual learning to masking and distancing, to all sorts of other modifications, our school administration, faculty, and staff have been exemplary.

It has not been easy teaching in the varied circumstances we have found ourselves in but our school has continued to flourish. Thank you, one and all, for hanging in there and doing all that you could do to provide for our students.

Thank you, as well, to our staff and employees at the parish. It hasn't been easy for you, either. We have all had to be more flexible than we thought we could ever be. It hasn't been easy but we're still doing the best we can for our parishioners. We definitely couldn't do it without each and every one of you.

Thank you, one and all. Continue to hold on to your joy and hope. Better days are coming!

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

To all our parishioners who have graduated or soon will be graduating from your various schools: congratulations and the best of luck to you in your future endeavors. As you plan for your future, don't forget to keep God somewhere in your daily lives. He never forgets you. Don't forget Him.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One communion Sunday at the local Protestant church, a communion steward prepared communion with a twist. When it came time to uncover the elements the grape juice looked darker than usual. No one thought anything of it and they began to serve the communion.

Promptly upon receiving the cup, each recipient's face had a peculiar, stunned look and they came to the realization that they had been served prune juice!

One member of the congregation stated, "Perhaps this is a Divine commentary on our spirituality...we need a little loosening up!"



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:

- May 15: Msgr. Clement M. Mlinarovich (1971)
- May 16: Rev. John B. Barasinski (2020)
- May 17: Rev. Eric A. Schaff (1969)
- May 18: Rev. Henry A. Smartz (1967)
- May 19: Msgr. Ignatius L. Urbonas (2012)
- May 20: Rev. Joseph A. Angotti (2018)





Religious Education

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

Vacation Bible School 2022

Mark your calendar now and watch upcoming bulletins for registration form.

July 11-July 15, 2022

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, May 22
6:30 a.m. Mass
Main: Marcia Autry

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Janice Liszewski
Chapel: Sue Walker

Saturday, May 21
5:30 p.m. Mass
Main: Ron & Kandace Mack
Chapel: Patty Pfister

10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join us for next meeting:

Monday, May 16
7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Please join us as we welcome our
Featured Speaker:

Sean Martin

Director of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life for the Diocese of Gary

Please bring your Bible!



Stewardship Thoughts

- "When people are engaged, you only need to tell them one time." *Tracy Welliver*
- "One of the greatest symptoms of spiritual hunger is loneliness." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*
- "A married woman must leave God at the altar to find Him in her domestic cares." *St. Francis of Rome*
- "Properly ordered, music exists as a sign post on the road of life, with a big arrow pointing out the way towards the Creator." *Michael Kurch*
- "Joy always goes in two directions. We never give joy to anyone else without giving joy to ourselves." *Mother Mary Francis*
- "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." *C.S. Lewis*

Consider joining a Ministry at St. Thomas More Church, and begin sharing your time and talents with others.

Welcome to Our Parish

We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to the St. Thomas More parish family. We're glad you are here!

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| Mr. & Mrs. Mueller | Amanda Blount |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Kahle | Mr. & Mrs. Leo Zaborowski |
| Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hernandez | Georgiana Glennon |
| Michael Kardoulis | Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Benson |
| Lizania Padilla | Mr. & Mrs. David Munoz |
| Mr. & Mrs. Raul Hernandez, Jr. | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kenney |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alexander V. Fuertes | Mr. & Mrs. Tomasz Wrobel |
| Louis Kolbus, Jr. | Stephanie Sandoval |
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Marquez | Bruce Caruso |
| Amanda Blount | Alycia Storr |
| Mr. & Mrs. Leo Zaborowski | Sabrina Munoz |
| Georgiana Glennon | Anita Crespos |
| Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Benson | Mr. & Mrs. David Nunez |
| Mr. & Mrs. David Munoz | Kathleen Cronin |
| Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kenney | Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Fitzgerald |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mueller | Michael Cieslak |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Kahle | Dr. & Dr. Steven Smith |
| Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hernandez | Fred Rybicki |
| Michael Kardoulis | Alejandro Vasquez |
| Lizania Padilla | Sophia Hernandez |
| Mr. & Mrs. Raul Hernandez, Jr. | Mr & Mrs. Juan Moreno |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alexander V. Fuertes | Mr. & Mrs. Damaso Flores |
| Louis Kolbus, Jr. | Gail Wegner |
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Marquez | |

Welcome Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Jacob Michael Jannotta

Marlene Montiel • Marithza Montiel

Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation

Taylor Faith Loughlin

Natalie Erin Rebholz

Frank M. Vaisvilas

Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation & Sacramental Marriage

Katrina Leigh Russo

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.

Food Pantry Needs:

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

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

Cinco de Mayo St. Thomas More School Ballet Folklórico Wows Again!

In the short time since the inception of the St. Thomas More School Ballet Folklórico dance troupe, this talented group of students has wowed audiences time and time again!



Under the direction of STMS teacher, Gabriela Diaz, this amazing group of nearly 30 student dancers has brought beautiful performances to our school on both the Feast of Guadalupe in December, and most recently, on May 5th, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

The Cinco de Mayo performances were held during the day for the student body and staff and again in the evening for family and friends. We are blessed to have this group and 20 other extra-curricular clubs and organizations for our students to participate in each year.

Thank you, Ms. Diaz, and all these young dancers!



Thank You Teachers!

St. Thomas More School has always had the honor of offering our students the very best in the teaching profession.

Our dynamic, caring STMS teachers consistently go above and beyond for their students, offering not only an A-rated education, but providing it with love and compassion, encouraging every student to be their best!



The school's motto, "Excellence Happens on Purpose" is not just a saying, but how our teachers and staff approach every part of their day.

Last week, we had the chance to show our appreciation for these educators during Teacher Appreciation Week. We thank our hard working school Parent Association for a week-long celebration of treats, meals and gifts for our staff. Thank you Teachers! You are the best!

STMS Opens Additional Classes

Due to an overwhelming enrollment response for the 2022-2023 school year, St. Thomas More School has added an

Additional Kindergarten & 5th Grade Class!

There are still several spots left in both grades.

If you want your child educated in an atmosphere of:

- Academic Excellence • Kindness & Inclusiveness
 - Faith Formation • Service & Leadership Opportunities
- then St. Thomas More School is for you!

**Small
Class Sizes:
20 students
or less**

Apply Today!

stm-school.com:
New Families/
Admissions/
Admissions
Online



For more info, contact
Pam Pasyk:
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Thank You Cash Raffle Participants!

Winners Announced

Our deepest thanks to everyone who sold & purchased tickets for our recent STMS Cash Raffle.

Our school netted over \$34,000 thanks to your help.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

CASH RAFFLE

Congratulations Winners:

Samantha Moore — \$5,000

Julie Buksa — \$3,000

Phil Taillon — \$1,000

\$100 Winners:

Lisa Mendoza (2X)

Al & Beth Ramirez

Nikki Long

Maria Kenney

Bill Lewter

Berglund Construction

Jacquelyn Margraff-Splide

Angel Irizarry

Ben Flores

Praying For Our Parishioners

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



Bulletin Deadlines

We are happy to include information relevant to our parishioners in the bulletin, if space is available. Please be sure to submit all articles 2 weeks in advance to bulletin@stm-church.com.

Annual Golf Outing

You are invited to the
Catholic Charities 40th Annual Golf Outing
Monday, June 27th

Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, IN.

Tickets are \$185/golfer for early registration before June 13th.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Help support our Northwest Indiana neighbors in need. Learn more: www.catholic-charities.org/events/golf-outing or contact

Esther Miller at 219-689-3153.

Seniors of STM

55 or Older? Join the Seniors of STM Now!

If you're 55+ we're the group for you. Come to any, or all, of our upcoming events...And bring a friend!

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted)

Weis Center • 8635 Calumet • Munster

It's time for an afternoon of fun!

Wednesday, May 18

Bingo Bonanza

Everyone aged 55+ is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, June 15

Details coming soon.

Wednesday, July 20

Seniors Picnic



Announcing our 2022-2023 Seniors of STM Board

We are happy to announce our new officers for the upcoming year. Please join us in welcoming our newly slated officers.



Marion Case — President

Mary Ann Zubak — Secretary

Sue Oczkowski — Vice President

Dennis McNeil — Treasurer

In addition, we have two new Chairpersons on the Board (not pictured):

Marilyn Pajor — Membership

Dave Zawada — Host



Our sincere thanks to
outgoing

Board Members:

Felicia Makowski

Secretary

Len Czapkowicz

Treasurer

We are grateful for their service to our group and look forward to having them continue on with our organization and sharing their wisdom.

Thursday, June 23 to
Sunday, June 26

ST. THOMAS MORE
2022 PARISH



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We Need Everyone's Help to Make Our Parish Festival a Success!

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



Volunteer

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

Use QR Code 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



Summer Jobs for College Students

Looking for a summer job with great hours?

If you, or someone you know, is looking for summer work that allows you to have evenings & weekends free, then St. Thomas More has a job for you!

Custodial Assistant

Responsibilities:

Cleaning classrooms, furniture relocation & outdoor clean-up.

Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

If interested, contact Kim Smith: ksmith@stm-school.com

Maintenance Helper

Responsibilities: Assist maintenance staff, some painting, heavy lifting, working with hand tools, general clean-up & power-washing.

Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact Mike Popovich: mpopovich@stm-church.com



College Students

Events in the Area...

May Crowning Events

Carmelite Monastery in Munster

All are invited to join us for May Crowning on today, Sunday, May 15th at 7:00 pm at the Carmelite Monastery, honoring Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Candlelight procession. (219) 836-8779.

Shrine of Christ's Passion

May Crowning today, Sunday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. The Shrine Of Christ's Passion, 10630 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN Procession begins at the Mary statue at St. John the Evangelist Church and proceeds down the Prayer Trail to Our Lady of the New Millennium at The Shrine of Christ's Passion. All invited!

5th Annual Pilgrimage of Polish Truckers

Sunday, June 12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Street in Merrillville.

Holy Mass (in Polish) at 12:00 Noon followed by Blessing of Trucks & RV's and a picnic on the Shrine grounds (menu items & prices vary). All are welcome!

Those who would like to have their truck or RV blessed (no Mass) should plan to arrive at the shrine *before* 1:00 pm.

Due to space and parking limitations, participants are asked to bring only semi-truck tractor units to be blessed; no trailers, please. 219-884-0714.

Andrean Class of 1972 Reunion

The Andrean Class of 1972 is having their 50th class reunion the weekend of September 23-24. Please email Patti Gornick McLaughlin at trish5191954@gmail.com for further details or see our class page on Facebook.

Single and Catholic?

We know about the married and religious vocations, but what about the baptismal vocation we all have? Join us this June for a 4-week online interactive series that will help equip you to more fully discover and effectively live your baptismal vocation! Capacity is limited. Sign up today. For more information and to register visit: <https://nationalcatholicsingles.com/mission-possible-living-your-baptismal-vocation/>

Lindenwood Retreats

May 20, 2022 — 10:00am-3:00pm EST Men Who Knew God: Henri Nouwen with Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC \$55 includes lunch.

June 6 or July 11, 2022 — 10:00am-4:00pm EST Day of Rest and Healing. This monthly opportunity is for rest and renewal with God. COST: \$40, includes lunch. \$50 if you'd like your own room. Please inquire if you'd like to spend a night.

Phone: 574-935-1706 • Website: Lindenwood.org