Mission Statement

With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, the Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes all to join us on our journey in faith and celebration as we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in loving service to those in need.

As part of the Universal Church, we witness to the dignity of every person.

All this we do to give glory and honor to God.
Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish . . .

Pastoral Staff
Pastor ................................................................. Reverend Michael J. Yadron
Associate Pastor ................................................ Reverend David G. Nowak
Senior Deacon .................................................... Mr. Joseph Sobek
Deacon .............................................................. Mr. Joseph Stodola
Director of Development .............................. Deacon Napoleon Tabion
Pastoral Care ..................................................... Deacon Napoleon Tabion
Dir. Religious Formation ... Sister Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B.; Ext. 332

Parish Office Staff
Office Hours:M-F 8:00 ~ 8:00 / Sat. 8:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
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Organist ……………………………………………….. Mr. John Clodig
St. Vincent dePaul ……………………………………… Mrs. Kathy Georgelas 836-8610
Vocations Committee ………………………………… Mrs. Mary Kochis 322-7262

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Jim D’Orazio ……………………………………………………Jean M. Thornton, Council Chair
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St. Thomas More School
Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
School web site ~ myschoolonline.com/in/stthomasmoreschool
School Phone ………….. 836-9151  School Fax …………. 836-9082
Acting Principal …………………………………………………Ms. Tina Boyle; Ext. 322
Dir. of Religious Formation..Sr. Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B.; Ext. 332
School Administrative Assistant………Mrs. Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
School Reception & Office Associate …Ms. Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 329
Dir. of Student Special Services ………Ms. Tina Boyle; Ext. 203
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Parish & School Offices Associate………..Ms. Pam Wadycki; Ext. 339

Cornerstone Center
8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321
Phone 836-2660  Fax………..836-2655

Sacramental Information
Confessions
Saturdays ............................................................. 3:30-5:00 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 call the Parish Office to schedule your child’s Baptism
Pre Baptism Session for Parents …………2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Marriage ………………………………………………… Contact a priest at least six months in advance
Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound.
Call 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.

New Parishioner Orientation
New parishioners are invited to attend a New Parishioner Orientation at 9:00 a.m. in the Solar Room on the last Sunday of every month. If you have not yet registered and want more information about our parish, you are welcome to attend the orientation.

St. Thomas More Religious Formation
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Office Hours:M-F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Formation Phone…………………………….. 836-8610
Director ……………………………………… Sister Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B.; Ext. 332
Administrative Assistant …………………………… Mrs. Audrey Frigo; Ext. 336
Grades K through 8 – Wed. & Thurs. 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons
Formation/ Education …………………………… Sister Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B.; Ext 332
Parish Life………………………………………………… Mr. Tom Domasica
Peace & Social Justice …………………………… Mr. Ken Kolar & Ms. Barbara Shaver
Spirituality & Worship ……………………………….. Jo Ann Long
Stewardship ………………………………………….. Mr. Cal Bellamy

Parish Organizations
Altar & Rosary Society …………………………… Debbie Straka 923-1203
Elizabeth Ministry ………………………………Kathy Espiritu 924-9212
Holy Name Society ………………………………..Kevin Cloghessy 934-0601
Senior Citizens ……………………………………..Joan Mc Caughhey 922-9026
Respect Life ………………………………………….. Alice Wohler 836-5337
Knights of Columbus …………………………… Adam Kocal 836-5282
Blue Army …………………………………………….. Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779
Finance ……………………………………………….. Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Planned Giving ……………………………………… Ken Krupinski
Building Maintenance …………………………….Bob Ray 924-6472
Boy Scouts ………………………………………….. Paul Liszewski 864-1082
Cub Scouts …………………………………………….. Frank Pukoszek 838-4784
Girl Scouts …………………………………………….. Jane Surd 708-418-0910
Catering/Hall Rental ……………………………….. Kathleen Pagorek 927-0539
Mom’s Group ……………………………….Dawn Hein 923-6352
Ushers Club ………………………………………….. Jim Marmalejo 836-8607
Youth Group …………………………………………….. Pam Ratajacek 923-2031

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning.
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When a young couple undertook some major renovations to their home, they sought the help of their uncle who was a long retired carpenter. With an expert eye, he laid out the plan for their new addition. His mind could do what his hands could not, so they followed his instructions exactly and accomplished their dream. He led, they followed and success was close behind.

Jesus instructs his disciples about discipleship, laying out for them a clear plan for following him. It was not a life of leisure, or of philosophy or debate. It was a life of service, sacrifice and selflessness. Being his disciple meant that they were not to see with the eyes of the world, but with the eyes of faith. They would recognize in others the image and likeness of God which made them more alike than different.

If we are to be true believers, then we need the expert eye of faith to guide us. It is easy to see the differences among people, to set ourselves apart from others because of external or circumstantial differences. But what binds us together is stronger, removing our differences and revealing our true identity as sons and daughters of God. What binds us together and makes us one is Christ Himself. It's not about being black or white, rich or poor, male or female. It's about living faith, loving others, praising God and seeing Christ in everyone. It's following the instructions of the Expert!
**Weekly Schedule**

**SUNDAY, June 20**
2:00 pm  Queen of Peace Cenacle ~ Chapel

**MONDAY, June 21**
7:00 pm  Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm  Religious Formation Comm. ~ Conf. Room

**TUESDAY, June 22**
9:30 am - 6:30 pm  Eucharistic Adoration ~ Chapel
1:00 pm  Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm  Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
6:30 pm  Youth Group ~ Cornerstone

**WEDNESDAY, June 23**
6:00 - 11:00 PM  ~ FESTIVAL
WRIST BAND DAY ~ 6:00 - 11:00 PM

**THURSDAY, June 24**
6:00 - 11:00 PM  ~ FESTIVAL
7:00 pm  SVDP ~ Pantry

**FRIDAY, June 25**
6:00 PM - MIDNIGHT  ~ FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, June 26**
Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses hosted by Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors
3:00 PM - 10:00 PM  ~ FESTIVAL
WRIST BAND DAY 3:00 - 9:00 PM
1:00 pm  SVDP Youth Conference ~ Solar Room
6:30 pm  STM Youth Group ~ Cornerstone

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**CELEBRANTS**

**Saturday, June 26**
5:30 pm  Father Dave Nowak

**Sunday, June 27**
6:30 am  Father Dave Nowak
8:00 am  Father Keith Virus
10:00 am  Father Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon  Father Mike Yadron

**Servers**

**Monday, June 21**
8:30 am  G.W. Childs, B. Lopez

**Tuesday, June 22**
8:30 am  K. Flores, M. Muta
6:30 pm  H. Flores, A. Gianopolus, J. Wilkinson

**Wednesday, June 23**
8:30 am  K. O'Brien, B. Heuer

**Thursday, June 24**
8:30 am  A. & E. Ebert

**Friday, June 25**
8:30 am  M. & P. Kozlowski

**Saturday, June 26**
8:30 am  K. Hamilton, B. Padove
5:30 pm  N. & T. Klawitter, A. Jurich, J. Matz, S. Kucharski

**Sunday, June 27**
6:30 am  R. & S. Gorman, J. Ratajack
8:00 am  T. Yee, J. Biscan, M. Mulesa, M. Pukoszek
10:00 am  Q. Cloghessy, A. Coyle, N. & E. Etter, K. Hajduch
12:00 noon  J. & R. Romano, D. Ancich, P. Behrens, B. Lopez

**St. Thomas More Festival Volunteers**

Volunteer t-shirts may be picked up at the north entrance of the festival main tent
**Monday, June 21 ~ 6 pm - 8 pm**
**Tuesday, June 22 ~ 6 pm - 8 pm**
or during the festival at the volunteer booth

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**Please pray the Vocation Cross with Kevin & Julie Cloghessy & Family**

**Lottie Nytko**  
**Betty Schwoegler**  
**Victoria Lesniak**  
**Esther Costantino**  
**Helen Powell**

**OUR DEARLY DEPARTED**
FATHERS

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do You know what You're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do You realize You just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do You honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to "ride a horse to Banbury Cross" or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that see everything, but remain calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

And the angel shutteth up!

— By Erma Bombeck

Happy Father's Day!

To all our dads and dads-to-be: May you have a wonderful Father's Day and may God bless you for all the love you show to us!

Fr. Mike

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Top ten things you'll never hear a dad say...

10. Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
9. You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for car dates. Won't that be fun?
8. I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that.
7. Here's a credit card and the keys to my car. GO CRAZY!
6. What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating's not good enough for you, son?
5. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party.
4. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies--ya know--that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.
3. No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now quit your belly-aching, and let's go to the mall.
2. Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend. Here's $100.
1. What do I want for Father's Day? Aahh -- don't worry about that. It's no big deal. (Okay, he might say it, but he doesn't mean it!)

In Memoriam

Priests and deacons have served the Diocese of Gary for a number of years now. Others have served in the territory that is now the Diocese of Gary. Please pray for those men who have been called to God and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

         Rev. Carl J. Holsinger (1978)

“If you kids would do more to help out around the house, I’d have time to fix something besides worms for dinner!”

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Gracious God, we thank you for the unique gifts you have given us to extend your Kingdom here on earth. May we be challenged to reconsider our priorities and values, always placing God and faith at the center of our life. Help us become more focused on loving and caring for our families and neighbors. Open our hearts to the realization that we are called to give up something of ourselves so that life can flourish. When we give this way we are changed, and we will make a difference in the lives of others.

Jesus, help us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of our love for you.

Today’s second collection will assist Catholic Charities in their mission “to provide HELP...and create HOPE” for those in need. You can help families in need of material assistance and counseling through your generous donation. Your support will help insure the continuation of quality programs and services within the communities in Northwest Indiana. Catholic Charities offices are located in Crown Point, East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Michigan City and Portage.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? WHO IS JESUS?

He knows you intimately and cares about you totally. He loves you whether you deserve it or not, and he is always helping you, even when you can't see it. He never did and never will abandon you.

If you believe this, you feel safe with him no matter how hard life gets, and his love feels so true that you want to do everything possible to remain close to him, take up your daily cross and follow him in loving others.

Registration: Registration forms for 2004-2005 are available in the Religious Formation or Parish Office or at www.stm.bcinternet.com. Please return the form along with a $25 deposit, which will be applied toward the tuition. Also, please consider helping out with our program as a catechist, hall monitor or in the parking lot at dismissal. High school students are encouraged to help.

Confirmation and Communion videos and group pictures can be picked up in the Parish Office.

Mark your Calendars: Aug. 25/26 is the first class for 2004-2005.
4TH GRADERS VISIT THE STATE HOUSE

On May 21st, the 4th grade class traveled to Indianapolis where they visited the State House and the Indiana State Museum.

In addition to a tour of the building, the students met Senator Frank Mrvan, Jr. and Secretary of State Todd Rokita. They were able to sit on the floor of both houses and in the Supreme Court.

The students then went to the State Museum where they learned about Indiana’s history.

The students learned about the state of Indiana while having a fun time.

Stone Soup

For the third year as part of one of the educational programs offered by the Lyric Opera of Chicago Education Program, our second grade class performed an opera. This year the opera was Stone Soup.

The Lyric Opera of Chicago provided the full score. Parents and volunteers sewed costumes, put together the stage, wrote the program and assisted with lights and sound. Many students were involved with painting the scenery.

The second graders had been learning the music in class since December. In late April they staged the production so that they were ready for their May performances.
Fr. Joe Angotti, a former Associate at St. Thomas More, is now an Army Chaplain stationed in Iraq, and like anyone serving in the military, appreciates receiving mail. His address is:

CPT. Joe Angotti, Chaplain  
HHC 9th ENG  
F.O.B. Remagen  
Tikrit, Iraq  
APO AE 09392

THE NURSERY FOR THE 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER.  
WE WILL RE-OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CALL KAAREN - 836-5079

St. Tom's Moms Group Summer Park Dates

Would you like to join other moms and children for some fun in the sun this summer? Then, come on out and join the St. Tom's Moms Group for park dates once a week throughout the summer from 10:00 am to noon. Please bring your own water. The dates and locations are listed below.

Wednesday, June 23rd: White Oak Park (near train tracks)  
Thursday, July 1st: Highland Town Square (near Our Lady of Grace)  
Friday, July 9th: Briar Creek Park (on Fox Run)  
Monday, July 19th: Northgate Park  
Tuesday, July 27th: Beech Park  
Wednesday, August 4th: Wicker Park  
Thursday, August 12th: Munster Pool instead of a park date- pool opens at 11:00 am  
Friday, August 20th: Lakewood Park

We hope to see you at the park! For more information about the St. Tom's Moms Group, please contact Dawn Hein at stmmoms@yahoo.com or 923-6352.

STM - YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry is open to ALL high school youth. Please join us at any meeting or event that you can or email us at: STMyouth-owner@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 19th - Fundraising Car Wash. Fundraising proceeds to defray the cost of the upcoming Catholic Youth Experience.

Tuesday, June 22nd - Gathering at the Cornerstone Center 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Plan upcoming summer events – Great America, Habitat for Humanity, Senior Mass etc. Ice cream to be served!

Sunday, July 11th - Senior Mass 12 Noon

Sunday, July 25th - Gathering at the Cornerstone Center 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Details to follow.

July 30, 31st & August 1st - CYX - Catholic Youth Experience - Diocesan Retreat at Valparaiso University. Contact Pam Ratajack for more information.

Contact Pam Ratajack at 923-2031 for more information.

"Unity in Diversity"  
Welcoming the Stranger Among Us!

Movies promoting diversity will be shown on Wed. July 14th and Wed. July 21 in the gym. On Wed. July 14th, Remember the Titans will be shown which is suitable for viewing by children and adults. On Wed. July 21, To Kill a Mockingbird will be shown which is suitable for viewing by adults. Viewing time is 7 pm to 9 pm. A brief discussion will follow the movie. Popcorn will be provided. Please plan to attend."

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM