

SAINT THOMAS MORE

Roman Catholic Church

8501 Calumet Ave ~ Munster ~ IN

September 24, 2006

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 . . .

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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.

Pre Baptism Class..... 2nd Tuesday 7:00 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.

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

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Grades K through 8 ~ Wed. & Thurs. 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth Ministry..... Kathy Dominguez 924-9212

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Senior Citizens..... Eleanor Schweiger 836-2025

Respect Life..... Alice Wohler 836-5337

Knights of Columbus..... Dave Blocher 836-2168

Blue Army..... Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779

Finance..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200

Planned Giving..... Ken Krupinski

Building Maintenance..... Bob Ray 924-6472

Boy Scouts..... Patrick Gorman 923-5156

Cub Scouts..... Curt Anglin 844-2178

Girl Scouts..... Cheryl Meyer 922-9237

Catering/Hall Rental..... Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539

Mom's Group..... Dawn Hein 923-6352

Ushers Club..... Jim Marmalejo 836-8607

Youth Group..... Pam Ratajack 923-2031

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

CELEBRANTS

Saturday, September 30

5:30 pm Father Mike Yadron

Sunday, October 1

6:30 am Father Mike Yadron
8:00 am Father Mike Yadron
10:00 am Father Michael Hoffman
12:00 noon Father Michael Hoffman

SERVERS

Tuesday, September 26 ~ Devotions

6:30 pm M. Lee, G.W. Childs, N. Loughlin

Saturday, September 30

8:30 am B. & E. O'Neill
5:30 pm A. & M. Flores, A. Gonzalez, B. Hanusin,
E. Jachna

Sunday, October 1

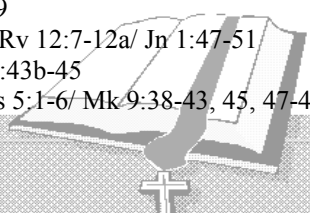
6:30 am K., K., & M. O'Brien
8:00 am E. & L. Rouse, C. Slivka, C. Wadlow,
S. Whelan
10:00 am C. Kukla, J. Kusiak, N. & K. Loughlin
E. Lusk
12:00 noon D. Ancich, J. Foster, K. Kennedy



III Julie Wadycki & Brian Belloli
II Amanda Hauser & Michael Wysocki
I Stephanie Kopshke & Dennis Dvorchak

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2006

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16-4:3/ Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, September 24 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family
8:00 am Andrew Norman by Family
10:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
12:00 noon Ralph Martin (Ann.) by Wife & Family

MONDAY, September 25

6:30 am Intention of Thomas & Holly Duffy by Son Michael
8:30 am Eugene J. Szczepaniak by Wife & Sons

TUESDAY, September 26 ~ St. Cosmas, St. Damian

6:30 am Irene Ward by Hough Family
8:30 am Catherine Buckley by Ed Sandrick
10:00 am Louis Biedron by Ruth & Norm Banas
(MASS AT MED-INN CAFETERIA, Group 2)

WEDNESDAY, September 27 ~ St. Vincent de Paul

6:30 am Bernadine Ward (Ann.) by William Ward
8:30 am Margaret Sandrick by Ed Sandrick & Family

THURSDAY, September 28 ~ St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

6:30 am Joseph Serafin by Bill & Chris Retseck
8:30 am Kenneth Flynn (Ann.) by Wife Theresa

FRIDAY, September 29 ~ SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

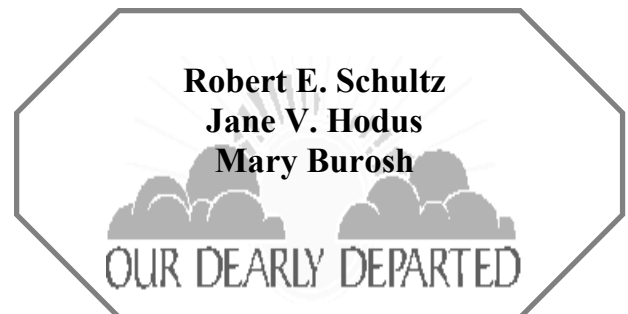
6:30 am Edward Rudakas (Ann.) by Rudakas Family
8:30 am Raymond Brandner by Michael & Tina Boyle & Family

SATURDAY, September 30 ~ St. Jerome

8:30 am Beverly Pavlovic by Family
2:00 pm Wadycki/Belloli Nuptials
5:30 pm Intention of Mr. & Mrs. John Nossen

SUNDAY, October 1 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Respect Life Sunday

6:30 am Most Reverend Norbert F. Gaughan
8:00 am For Our Parish Family
10:00 am Anne Oblon by Family
12:00 noon James Torreano by Family



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Irish tenor Ronan Tynan, who became a United States citizen in 2006, spends much of his time caring for his mother who has Alzheimer's disease. But don't expect Ronan to ask for pity; having overcome the amputation of both his legs, he is not only an internationally renowned singer but a doctor as well. He explains that those afflicted with Alzheimer's are simply being returned by God to the innocence of childhood.

What a wonderful explanation of the glory of heaven Jesus gives us in today's Gospel reading from Mark! Receiving the grace of God is no more difficult than taking a child into our lives. For, as Jesus explains, when we do this, we are in reality receiving Jesus and receiving Jesus is receiving God the Father. Look on the face of a child; you will see innocence and love. Are you looking at the face of God as well?

Parents and those who care for our children have a sacred duty to regard these children as children of God, and in doing so should remember to give them the proper respect as human persons. (CCC 2222) In creating a home and providing a spiritually nourishing environment for our children, we are then able to educate them in love and thus fulfill God's greatest commandment. In doing so, they will one day accept another child in the name of Jesus.

P lease pray for the sick of our parish....

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| Santa Agnello | Eleanor Heggi | Jan Narvid |
| Deborah Ancich | Marie Henke | John Narvid |
| Rudolph Asanovich | Evelyn Hennes | Steven Nowaczyk |
| Doris Aurelio | Theresa Hester | Don Noworyta |
| Maria Aurelio | Ray Humpfer | Valerie O'Donnell |
| Irene Baker | Phillip Imoisi | Audrey Ostroff |
| Maxine Bellamy | Joseph Itotoh | Marciala Perez |
| Antonio Belmonte | Steve Izzo | Gertrude Peters |
| Tom Bernacki | Elizabeth Jacob | Johanna Petruich |
| Michael Boston | Jo Jusko | Elizabeth Pilones |
| Alvina Brazina | Joseph Justynski | Julia Radde |
| Stephany Burney | Debbie Kaczka | Irene Rompola |
| Dorothy Campbell | Robert Kalka | Ted Rutkowski |
| James Campbell | Carol Keilman | Bernice Rybicki |
| Al Carollo | Peter Klobuchar | Ann Sardella |
| Carol Carollo | Josephine Kneseck | Mary Sarnowski |
| Kathleen Cecil | Janet Knight | George Sauer |
| Jacqueline Morrow | April Komendat | Jean Schultz |
| Christian | Ken Kors | Marie Schultz |
| Frank Coman | Helen Krull | James Secviar |
| Vincent Corsello | Julia Kukta | Grace Sheridan |
| Mike Curtain | Jerome Kula | Ed Sidor |
| Garrett De Vries | Lois Kus | Wallace Skierge |
| Clarena Della Rocco | Irene Kwiecien | Joseph M. Smelko |
| Margaret Dubczak | Stefan Kwiecien | Carolyn Smiley |
| John Fetzko | Janice Leuser | Greta Standish |
| Sr. Beatrice Flahaven | Maria Lovell | Deborah Stareck |
| Elizabeth Follmer | Horace Lyle | Georgianne Suto |
| John Forde | Julia Lyle | Rose Theis |
| Phyllis Garber | Gregory Mahoney | Gerardo Trevino |
| Andrea Garritano | Kathryn McBride | Anthony Ubuane |
| William Garzinski | Faye Meny | Madeleine Vranken |
| Joseph Gasiorek | Sandi Merlo | Adele Wall |
| James Gaskey | Olga Mihalo | Sally Walters |
| Dorothy Gillespie | Clarence Miller | Annette Wilson |
| Marguerite Grothowse | Gertrude Miller | Tammy Wollersheim |
| James Grunewald | William Modrock | Lucille Wonnell |
| Virginia Hale | Gerald Moran | James Zabrecky |
| Amy Hayes | Robert Mudroncik | Cecilia Ziegler |

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, September 24

School Walk Thru after all Masses ~ Refreshments in cafeteria

- 9:00 am New Parishioner Orientation ~ Solar Room
- 1:00 pm SVDP Youth Conference ~ Teachers' Lounge
- 2:30 pm St. Anthony's Alzheimer's Support Grp ~ Solar Rm
- 6:30 pm STM Youth Group ~ Cornerstone

MONDAY, September 25

- 7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
- 7:30 pm K of C ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, September 26

- 9:15 am - 6:30 pm ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Chapel
- 1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
- 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
- 7:00 pm RCIA ~ Solar Room
- 7:00 pm Video Bible ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, September 27

- 9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
- 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Formation Classes

THURSDAY, September 28

- 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Formation Classes
- 7:00 pm FFFN ~ Solar Room
- 7:00 pm SVDP ~ Conference Room

FRIDAY, September 29

- 4:30 - 8:00 pm ~ K of C Fish Fry ~ Gym

SATURDAY, September 30

- 9:00 am Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room

SUNDAY, October 1

- 6:30 pm STM Youth Fellowship ~ Cornerstone



Isaac Michael, son of Matthew & Jeanette Martin
Molly Nicole, daughter of Terry & Renee Whelan

"I AM THE GREATEST!"

"I float like a butterfly, sting like a bee!"
 "There has never been anyone greater than I."
 "God wasn't in that room, I was."

These statements, made by people with very inflated egos, are not at all uncommon.

One of the tragic flaws of our human nature is the insidious need to be the best, the greatest, in all that we do. The only thing better than being the greatest is to make sure that everyone else will acknowledge us as the greatest.

Many people struggle long and hard to achieve the status of greatness.

They sacrifice much in the process, oftentimes giving up leisure, family, and friends.

They also gain much in the process, though they would never have wanted what they ended up getting: bankruptcy, divorce, ulcers, hypertension.

The drive for greatness and recognition can be a killer.

This weekend's Gospel addresses our human flaw as it presents to us the interaction between Jesus and some of His disciples.

Jesus had just told His followers that He was going to go to Jerusalem. There, He would suffer and die.

The reaction that Jesus received was not the one that any of us would wish.

After all, if we just told our closest friends that we were going to have to suffer and die, we would most certainly want them to argue the point or, at the very least, to express sympathy.

We would want them standing in line asking for all of our possessions since we would not need them any more.

Jesus' disciples did not express regret or remorse.

Instead, they argued among themselves as to which one would "take over" when Jesus died.

That tragic flaw of our human nature kept them from giving their friend any sympathy. Instead, they hurt Him more by arguing about their own greatness.

Jesus' lesson?

He told them that if they wanted to be considered great that they would reach out to others and serve their needs.

Did any of them truly want to be the greatest? That person would have to serve the needs of all.

Jesus truly is great. He served all of our needs when He died on the cross to set us free from sin and death.

Do we want a share in the Lord's life? In His greatness? We can have it. All we have to do is learn to serve His people with the same unselfish love.

Let us give it a try today!

Fr. Mike

SERVING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

One of the ways to serve the needs of others is to be generous in this weekend's special second collection for Habitat for Humanity. If you did not bring anything extra with you for the collection today, you can always drop your contribution off at the church office. Thank you for helping!

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN IF YOU ARE NOT A PART OF THE PROCESS

In my humble opinion, we Americans really specialize in complaining — about everything!

And, it never ceases to amaze me that the less involved we are in something, the more we tend to complain about it.

Politics is certainly a good example of that.

How many people complain about "their" elected officials or about governmental policy at the local, state, or national level.

However, the vast majority of those engaging in the complaining never engaged in the process of voting.

"What message are you trying to send to us, Fr. Mike?"

Actually, the message is quite simple.

I am not endorsing any political personage or party.

I am not telling you that you have to vote for this person or that person.

I am merely saying: GET INVOLVED.

Believe it or not, the Catholic Church calls its people to "Faithful Citizenship."

You have a month and a half to make yourself aware of issues before Election Day on November 7th. Prepare!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A man wanted a boat more than anything.

His wife kept refusing, but he bought one anyway.

"I'll tell you what," he told her. "In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?"

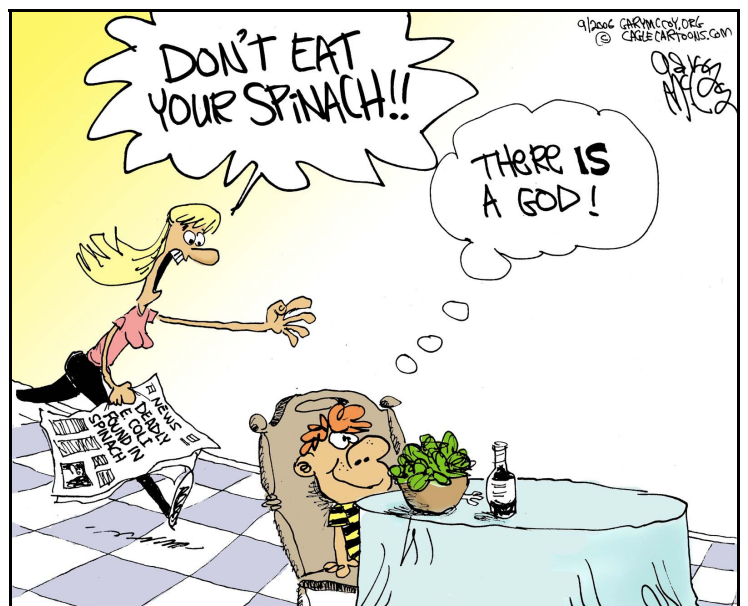
Being a good sport, she accepted.

When her husband went to the dock for his maiden voyage, this is the name he saw that his wife had painted on the side: "**For Sale.**"

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:

- September 24: Deacon David Brown (1997)
- September 27: Rev. Emil E. Bloch (1990)





**St. Thomas More Church
Elizabeth Ministry
Meeting Schedule**

Elizabeth Ministry meets the third Wednesday of each month. Rosary prayed at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel, meetings to follow from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge.

Our schedule is as follows:

October 18, 2006 - Meeting

October 29, 2006, 2:00 pm ~ Providence

Statue Rosary

All women welcome

For more information, please call Kathy Dominguez at 924.9212

Stewardship: A Way of Life

The second reading today warns us that if our hearts are consumed with avarice and envy, we will be led to jealousy, strife, conflict and dispute. In contrast, if our hearts are giving, we can sing with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."



Sacrificial Offering for September 17, 2006

Adults	\$24,848.60
Loose	\$1,286.81
Children	\$34.74
TOTAL	\$26,170.15

Thank you for your generosity!

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Continuing the Journey I will make a few more comments about St. Philip Neri Church, 2132 East 72nd Street, Chicago. Then as I visit more Churches in Chicago I will share my reflections with you.

As you study anything you need to learn the language, and so have I begun. *Reredos* (behind the back) is an old French word referring to the decorative space behind and above the altar. It could be hangings, wooden panels, or painted scenes or in the case of St. Philip Neri Church the massive craved Carrara marble reredos. The twin towers are in the 1930's art deco style and reminds me of shooting spouts of water aiming for heaven. They are frozen and resolute in their ascend.

The 71 foot sanctuary easily contains this masterpiece and it is flanked by huge candelabras of organ pipes and it is all centered beneath a beautiful rose window.

These churches always contain puzzles or games for the inquisitive mind and St. Philip Neri does not disappoint. Try to read the reredos. Find the puzzle. There are 14 statues placed in the reredos. They are the 12 Apostles, plus the evangelists (remember two of the Apostles were also evangelists). The statues are arranged in an orderly depiction of their perceived status in heaven. Try to name them and see if you agree. Yes, you may bring a list and do some homework.

Bartholomew was only mentioned once in the Gospels so where is he? I have to go back and figure it out. I did not take the time because Fr, Tom, my classmate, took me between the walls. The exterior walls are granite and limestone, while the interior look like stone but are actually molded plaster. There is a space between the walls so you can climb to the tin and molded plaster ceiling to change the light bulbs. This is a precarious job walking the cat walks because one false step and you go crashing through the false ceiling.

Behind the reredos is an old steam pipe organ that is in need of a half million dollar renovation. We blew some of the pipes like you would blow a horn. It was a celestial sound.

I climbed into the abandoned pulpit. The acoustics were perfect in this church. It seats 1600 people and without any electronic amplification my voice carried to the choir loft. Why 2500 years ago the Greeks and Romans could design amphitheaters with perfect acoustics and today with hundreds of thousands of dollars of amplification equipment, we cannot get sound to half of the people. (This is most churches, not just ours).

The church is built in the sign of the cross representing Christ's love for us, the sacrifice He made for us. The loftiness and beauty of he Church is to remind us of our true home with God. The simplicity but ornate beauty of this place does transform me and reminds me of the peace of God. It also reassures me God is there to help me find that peace even on Chicago's South Side.

Masses are at 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 & 10 a.m. on Sunday. As Fr. Tom told me expect a twenty minute or longer sermon. This proud Afro-American Parish enjoys hearing the word.



St. Thomas More School

Saturday, 9/23/06 After 5:30 p.m. Mass & Sunday, 9/24/06 from 7 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

School Walk Thru

Walk thru the school building and see the transformation that occurred over the summer!

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria

St. Thomas More School "Sharing Our Best" Cookbook on Sale Now!!

The St. Thomas More School "Sharing Our Best" cookbook has arrived!! The cookbook has 500 delicious recipes along with 16 pages of cooking information. Enjoy recipes for Bean and Corn Salsa, Jane's Chicken Salad, Strawberry Pretzel Jello, Smothered Steak and Banana Split Cake. This is just a small sampling of the fantastic recipes! The cookbook is on sale in the School Main Office and the Parish Office. The cost of the cookbook is \$12.00.

Checks can be made out to the STM Home & School Association.

Thank you for your support!



2006-2007 St. Thomas More School Fundraising Events



Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts and our STMS students with contributions of merchandise, gift certificates, services, or monetary donations. Complete and return this form to the school office, or call Christine Gonzalez @ 219-924-5704 or Alicia Zaleski @ 219-746-6182 for donation pick-up. All contributors will be prominently recognized at each event and in the parish bulletin.

Sponsor's Name (as you wish it to appear in acknowledgement) _____

Contact Person _____ Phone No. _____

Donation _____ Estimated Value _____

- SPONSOR LEVEL (check one):
- PLATINUM Sponsor (Cash, Goods, or Services valued at \$500 or more)
 - GOLD Sponsor (Cash, Goods, or Services valued \$250 to \$499)
 - SILVER Sponsor (Cash, Goods, or Services valued \$100 to \$249)
 - FRIEND (Cash, Goods, or Services valued less than \$100)

Can Corporate Gift matching increase your donation? STMS is eligible to receive corporate matching funds! Please be sure to submit your Corporate Gift Matching Form. For your records our Tax ID No. is 35-0900733.
PLEASE make all checks payable to: St. Thomas More Home & School Association.
 Note that donations for Mardi Gras 2007 can be scheduled for pick-up after January 1, 2007.

Call (person) _____ at (phone #) _____ to schedule a pick up time.

Use my donation(s) for (circle event): FFFN 2006 Mardi Gras 2007 Use as needed

PLEASE RETURN DONATION INTENT FORM BY SEPTEMBER 24TH



We are officially overwhelmed by our success in the Youth Formation Ministries! Usually, youth groups have half the people show up the next week after orientation. Not at Saint Thomas More! We had another overflow crowd.

The group started with a paper airplane fight which the Senior High Youth won. **You may register at any time, so please come if you think you are interested.**

Youth Meetings for Junior High and Senior High are tonight at the Cornerstone at 6:30 p.m.

Things to bring:

1. your canned food item for the Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry.
2. Your registration form or registration fee if you have not turned them in.
3. A friend.
4. Wear your cross.

Service Opportunities and Events are filling up fast:

- Oct. 7, **Missionaries of Charity Mission Trip** (painting and cleaning). There are only eight more spots available, so sign up right away.
- Oct. 13, **Oak Ridge Hay Ride** has a limit of 35 youth. This is on a first come first serve basis. Bring your permission slip in or a parent to sign a permission slip if you want to go.
- Oct. 22, After our fun activity, we will be saying an all **group Rosary** this night, be sure to bring a Rosary.
- Oct. 29, Fall Break, No YFM on Sunday Night.

Wish List

Bean Bag chairs (we need 40) for the Junior Youth to sit on for discussions.

ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE

For your convenience, there are applications to be found for registering to vote in the November elections on the tables in all three of our church vestibules. They will be there for the next few weeks, with instructions about sending them to the Registrar by October 6. **BE CERTAIN YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE!!**

Religious Formation

Gracious God, make our hearts bold in love and service in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

If your child will be absent, please call the Religious Formation Office. Due to the difficulty reaching us during peak times, you can call at any time during the evening and leave a message on our voice mail at 836-8610 ext. 336.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. At least one parent for each Confirmation candidate must attend. Students do not need to attend.

Confirmation Commitment: On October 11/12, during class time, the 8th grade students will participate in a short prayer service and sign their Confirmation commitment form.

Please help: We are in need of hall monitors especially on Wednesday. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Marilyn at 836-8610 ext. 332 or mhettinger@stm-church.com for more information.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Sept. 27/28 Class
- Oct. 4/5 Class
- Oct. 5 Parent Meeting—Confirmation 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11/12 Class
- Oct. 18/19 Class
- Oct. 25/26 No Class—Fall Break
- Nov. 1/2 No Class—All Saints Day



Mrs. Kordeck's Wed. Kindergarten Class visit Mary's shrine.

How can we get the young people of our parish to realize the need for priests and sisters and then listen for and respond to God's call? Let the Vocation Committee know. Next Meeting will be on October 2nd.

BABY ANN

week 12:

Ann now weighs about an ounce. We know that all of her systems are in place; they are just maturing now and beginning to operate. Although it is thought that she could have felt pain as early as week 8, substance P, a mechanism for fetal pain, has been found to be present at 12 weeks. Her fingers and toes now have nails. She turns her head, curls her toes, opens and closes her mouth and can make a fist. And Ann has smiled her first smile.

IS OUR BABY SAFE FROM ABORTION? No. As she has reached the ripe old age of 12 weeks, her bones are now connecting. She has grown too big to be aborted by D&C suction abortion. The method now used is Dilation and Evacuation. Her head is too large, it must be crushed, so it can be removed; then other body parts are severed and removed. Dr. Anthony Levantino, a former abortionist, tells of doing D&E abortions: "...as a doctor you are sitting there tearing, and I mean tearing--you need a lot of strength to do it--arms and legs off babies..." The earliest genetic testing, looking for sex and possible abnormalities, is done at this stage. Test results will be coming in about now. Even if tests are done early and the decision to end the child's life is immediate, look at whom they are talking about aborting. A living, feeling, intact child! Dr. Neville Sender, an abortionist, admitted, "We know this is killing, but the states permit killing under certain circumstances." When you know the who and how of an abortion, what could justify that? Pray for Ann and her mother.

"LIFE CHAIN:" On Sunday, October 1st 2006, Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring a "Life Chain." The Chain will begin at Wicker Park (Indianapolis Blvd & Ridge Rd) and head west along Ridge Road into Lansing, IL. Please come join us! Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! You'll be a light in the world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! Bring your whole family. Rain or Shine. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. We will stand for life for one hour holding provided signs, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, and pray that Life will be recognized as sacred and as the first inalienable right of each individual.

"ROSES FOR LIFE:" On Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st, Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring a Rose For Life Sale. Interested churches will distribute fresh roses for a donation of \$1.00 per rose or \$10.00 per dozen. This fundraiser will help us cover the cost of our projects, which include an information booth at the Lake County Fair, our Speakers Bureau, Life Chain and pro-life messages through billboards and high school sports brochures. If you would like to assist in this fundraising event, please call Annette at 219-838-1138.



St Vincent de Paul Youth

**Are you a Catholic Youth,
at least 13 years old?
YOU CAN BE A
VINCENTIAN TOO!**

**Join Us in Service to the Poor!
Dues: *Bring a can of non-perishable
food for the Pantry.***

SVDP Call-out, Planning Meeting ~ Sunday September 24, 2006

10:00 am Mass at STM with Adult Vincentians,
meeting after Mass, Teachers' Lounge

Nazareth Home ~ Sat. September 30, 2006

Cuddle the babies ~ 11 am - 2 pm, East Chicago

Caps for Kids Drive ~ October-November

Planning Meeting ~ Sun. October 8, 2006

1:00 pm ~ Teachers' Lounge

Hello everyone!

It's time to get back into the routine of homework, tests, and sports practices. As hard as it may seem to keep up with a busy schedule during the school year, I am inviting you to join the Saint Vincent de Paul Youth Conference at St. Thomas More Church. Saint Vincent de Paul Youth Conference offers activities that range from playing with children at the Holy Innocents Center to serving the homeless at local soup kitchens. You can attend every activity, or find one that you like best and make it a routine to go to that one. There's no need to worry about going to every activity every time, because all we ask is that you go to what you can when you can. I encourage you to come try it out!

Humane Society Calumet Area

Pet Blessing

October 7, 2006

10:00 am at

Lakewood Park

On Superior Ave. in Munster



OCTOBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>1</p> <p>6:30 PM STM Youth Fellowship-Cornerstone</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Blue Army-Chapel 7:00 PM Fr. Mike Adult Catechism-Solar Rm 7:00 PM Peace/Soc Justice-Conf Rm 7:00 PM Vocations-Teachers' Lounge</p> <p>STMS-NO SCHOOL-TEACHER IN-SERVICE</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:15 AM - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel 1:00 PM Prayer/Vocations-Chapel 1:00 PM Senior Citizens-Solar Rm 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Chapel-Chapel 7:00 PM RCIA-Solar Rm 7:00 PM Video Bible-Conf Rm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study-Conf Rm 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Religious Formation Classes 7:00 PM FFFN-Solar Rm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Moms' Group-Cornerstone 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Religious Formation Classes 7:00 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting-Gym</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM All School Confirmation Commitment Mass</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM First Saturday Rosary-Church 9:00 AM STM Youth Missionaries of Charity-Cornerstone</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>1:00 PM SVDP Youth Conf-Teachers' Lounge 2:30 PM Padre Pio Cenacle-Chapel 6:30 PM STM Youth Fellowship-Cornerstone</p>	<p>9</p> <p>MARKET DAY PICK-UP Gym 5:00-6:00 pm 7:00 PM Blue Army-Chapel 7:30 PM K of C-Solar Rm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:15 AM - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel 1:00 PM Prayer/Vocations-Chapel 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Chapel-Chapel 7:00 PM Baptism Prep Class-Conf Rm 7:00 PM HSA-Cafeteria 7:00 PM Parish Life-Conf Rm 7:00 PM RCIA-Solar Rm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study-Conf Rm 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Religious Formation Classes 6:45 PM Altar & Rosary-Solar Rm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Religious Formation Classes 7:00 PM FFFN-Solar Rm 7:00 PM SVDP-Conf Rm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>MINISTRIES FAIR-Gym after 5:30 pm Mass</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>MINISTRIES FAIR after Masses-Gym 2:00 PM Queen of Peace Cenacle-Chapel 6:30 PM STM Youth Fellowship-Cornerstone</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 PM Spirituality/Worship-Conf Rm 7:00 PM Blue Army-Chapel 7:00 PM Fr. Mike Adult Catechism-Solar Rm 7:00 PM Holy Name-Cafeteria 7:00 PM Religious Form-Conf Rm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:15 AM - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel 1:00 PM Prayer/Vocations-Chapel 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Chapel-Chapel 7:00 PM RCIA-Solar Rm 7:00 PM Video Bible-Conf Rm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study-Conf Rm 1:00 PM Senior Citizens-Solar Rm 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Religious Formation Classes 7:00 PM Elizabeth Ministry-Chapel 7:00 PM FFFN-Solar Rm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Moms' Group-Cornerstone 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Religious Formation Classes</p>	<p>20</p> <p>FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT-Gym 4:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 AM Stewardship Comm-Conf Rm 9:00 AM End-of-Life Issues Seminar-Cornerstone 7:00 PM Jr. Hi Dance-Gym</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>BLOOD DRIVE - Gym 8:00 am-2:00 pm 1:00 PM SVDP Youth Conf-Teachers' Lounge 2:30 PM St. Anthony's Alzheimer's Support Group-Solar Rm 6:30 PM STM Youth Fellowship-Cornerstone</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Blue Army-Chapel 7:30 PM K of C-Solar Rm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:15 AM - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel 1:00 PM Prayer/Vocations-Chapel 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Chapel-Chapel 7:00 PM RCIA-Solar Rm 7:00 PM Video Bible-Conf Rm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study-Conf Rm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM SVDP-Conf Rm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Pastoral Council-Conf Rm</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>COFFEE & ROLLS after 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses hosted by Holy Name 9:00 AM New Parishioner Orientation-Solar Rm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Blue Army-Chapel 7:00 PM Commissions Council-Solar Rm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:15 AM - 4:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel 1:00 PM Prayer/Vocations-Chapel 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for All Saints 7:00 PM RCIA-Solar Rm 7:00 PM Video Bible-Conf Rm</p>	<p>NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION-FALL BREAK</p>			<p>NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK</p>	