

*Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them.*

Mt 17:1-2



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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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 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 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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Altar & Rosary Society Kaaren Mashura 836-5079
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Holy Name Society..... Joe Adams 865-3566
Senior Citizens..... Mary Wilson 838-9481
Respect Life Alice Wohler 836-5337
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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..... Jo Ann Froehle 853-1417
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 836-8607

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

CELEBRANTS

Saturday, February 23

5:30 pm Father Mike Yadron

Sunday, February 24

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

Servers

Wednesday, February 20 ~ Lenten Mass

7:00 pm B. Warner, J. Zemkewicz, S. Caraher

Friday, February 22 ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm GW. & M. Childs, S. Whelan

Saturday, February 23

8:30 am M. Saucedo, Sean Smith
 5:30 pm E. & K. Papesh, C. & T. Speranza, M. Szala

Sunday, February 24

6:30 am J. & J. Beckman, T. Wieser
 8:00 am M. & M. Blocher, E. & L. Rouse, C. Slivka
 10:00 am J., N. & S. Smith, J. Surd, AJ. Argamasilla
 12:00 noon K., K. & M. O'Brien

CAN YOU COME TO OUR RESCUE?

WE ARE IN NEED OF HELPERS WHO LOVE TO DO LAUNDRY AND IRON!!! IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS AND ARE WILLING TO KEEP OUR WHITE ALTAR SERVER ALBS LOOKING ANGELIC, PLEASE CALL SUE BURKE, 322-6462 OR THE PARISH OFFICE, 836-8610.

Holy Name News

Attention all members! Our next meeting will take place on Monday, Feb. 18th in the Cafeteria. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm, come early at 7:00 pm for the praying of the rosary. A new video from Fr. John Corapi will be shown followed with pizza and refreshments.

Our annual fundraiser - "Lenten Fish Fry/Raffle" will be discussed. Please "Save the Date", Friday, March 7, 2008. New members welcome!

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, February 17 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Dante Chechi by STM Ushers Club
 10:00 am David Wysocki (Ann.) by Family
 12:00 noon In Thanksgiving for 56 Years of Marriage of Mary Ann & Carmen Cammarata

MONDAY, February 18

6:30 am James Krajewski by Agnes & Eleanor Peters
 8:30 am Mary A. Kovach (Ann.) by Hinojosa Family

TUESDAY, February 19

6:30 am John Narvid (Ann.) by Family
 8:30 am John & Justina Cech by Daughter Mary Manchak
 10:00 am Lillian Potocki by STM Altar & Rosary Society
(Mass at Med-Inn Cafeteria, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, February 20

6:30 am Herman Kors Jr. (Ann.) by Kenneth Kors
 8:30 am Patrick Quinn (Ann.) by Wife Lois & Family
 7:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

THURSDAY, February 21 ~ St. Peter Damian

6:30 am Leroy Gauger (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gauger
 8:30 am Frank T. Cerven by Bill & Mary Ann Krajcik

FRIDAY, February 22 ~ The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

6:30 am Mary Alice Mogle by Melinda McNary
 8:30 am Florence Renew by Husband Russell

SATURDAY, February 23 ~ St. Polycarp

8:30 am Phyllis Meyer by Marsha Marco
 5:30 pm In Thanksgiving for 45 years of Marriage of Charles and Jo Ann Long

SUNDAY, February 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Josephine Potapczak by Husband & Son
 10:00 am Catherine Scully by Tom & Pat Scully
 12:00 noon Sophie & Julius Caco by Stephan Caco Family

Now is the perfect time to renew or begin a subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. The subscription price is \$23 for 46 issues, including the annual Diocesan Directory which comes out in September. In addition to award-winning local stories of faith about people and events in our diocese, you will receive national and international news. Submit a check or money order for \$23 and drop it in your parish collection basket at any of the Masses between Feb. 3rd and March 6.

Second Sunday of Lent

In March of 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and others set up a base camp to attempt to reach the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal. For two months, they battled the conditions as they slowly made their way up the mountain. Finally, in May, Hillary and his Sherpa companion Tenzing Norgay became the first to reach the top of the world's tallest mountain. Sir Edmund left only one object on top of Mount Everest that day - a small crucifix.

Our quest to find the loving light of Jesus in our lives can be likened to a climb up the highest mountain. It isn't easy and it may take much longer than any of us could ever imagine. Still, to reach the top we continue looking toward the summit, never looking back from where we came. And as we come closer and closer to him, we become more and more like him, changing bit by bit until that light shines in us as well.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Christ's transfiguration serves as strengthening the apostles' (and our) faith in anticipation of his passion. By climbing that high mountain, he has prepared for his most difficult climb up Calvary (CCC 568). Peter, James and John are privileged to make that first climb, rewarded with witnessing the Transfiguration. Consider today your climb of faith, and consider your reward. You will not look back!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, February 17

2:00 pm Queen of Peace Cenacle ~ Chapel

MONDAY, February 18

5:00 pm Spirituality/Worship ~ Conference Room

7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel

Father Mike's Adult Formation Class is cancelled

7:00 pm Holy Name ~ Cafeteria

7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, February 19

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, February 20

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room

1:00 pm Senior Citizens ~ Solar Room

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Formation Classes

7:00 pm Lenten Evening Mass

THURSDAY, February 21

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Formation Classes

7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, February 22

2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross ~ Church

4:30 - 8:00 pm ~ 8th Grade Fish Fry ~ Gym

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ Church

SATURDAY, February 23

9:30 am Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room

SUNDAY, February 24

4:00 pm Blue & Gold Dinner ~ Gym

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection ~ All Masses

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

Coleen Alexander
Margaret Amatulli
Deborah Ancich
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Irene Baker
Antonio Belmonte
Tom Bernacki
Michael Blazeovich
Michael Boston
Stephany Burney
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Al Carollo
Carol Carollo
Kathleen Cecil
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Clarena Della Rocco
Irene Dettmer
Irene Dickey
Eugene Dobkowski
David Drevniak
Margaret Dubczak
John Fetzko
Sr. Beatrice Flahaven
Elizabeth Follmer
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Joseph Gasiorek
James Gaskey
Dorothy Gillespie
Howard Gralewski

James Grunewald
Virginia Hale
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Evelyn Hennes
Ray Humpfer
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Jo Jusko
Debbie Kaczka
Robert Kalka
Carol Keilman
Rev. Matthew Kish
Josephine Kneseck
Janet Knight
Ken Kors
Helen Krull
Julia Kukta
Jerome Kula
Lois Kus
Stefan Kwiecien
Karen
Leary-McNamarra
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Moirra Mc Shane Lukas
Julia Lyle
Gregory Mahoney
Kathryn McBride
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Olga Mihalo
Andrew Moll
Gerald Moran
Jean Narvid

Steven Nowaczyk
Valerie O'Donnell
Audrey Ostroff
Marciala Perez
Gertrude Peters
Johanna Petruich
Elizabeth Pilones
Ted Rutkowski
Ann Sardella
Mary Sarnowski
George Sauer
Jean Schultz
Marie Schultz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Carlos John Serna
Grace Sheridan
Ed Sidor
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Carolyn Sutley
Georgianne Suto
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Anthony Ubuane
Madeleine Vranken
Adele Wall
Sally Walters
Margaret Wegrzyn
Annette Wilson
Tammy Wollersheim
Lucille Wonnell
Bill Wyherek
Cecilia Ziegler

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

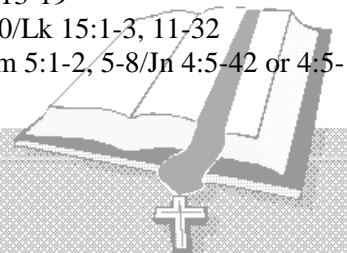
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



THE JOURNEY WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

In another month, we will be hosting a special Parish Mission. John Schweisthal, a Roman Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be the presenter of the mission.

In preparation for the mission, we ask you to say the following prayer regularly, on a daily basis if at all possible:

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, as we approach the special time of mission for our St. Thomas More parish family, we look forward to a time to reflect, remember, renew, and rejoice.

Open our hearts and our minds that we may receive your Word with joy. Let your Spirit fill us, that we might come to know you more fully and make you known more clearly.

Bless your missionary, John, as he breaks open your Word for us. May he be gentle, but also an ardent servant of your Good News. May his words find a home in our hearts.

Through the intercession of Mary, your mother and first disciple, help us make your house more truly a home. A place wherein all your people find welcome, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and all who fell distant from your loving care.

We turn to you, confident that you are our Savior, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"Beloved: bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God." We would do well to remember and take heed of those words in the second reading this weekend.

So many times Christians get disillusioned if/when they encounter suffering. For some reason, they think that, since they are Christian, there should be no suffering or sorrow.

Christ did not say that the way would be easy. He did not say that there would be no suffering — indeed, He indicated just the opposite.

Christ did not talk about good things happening in the "here and now." But, in the age to come?

That is where the joy and glory awaits us all!

Fr. Mike

In Memoriam

Priests and deacons have served the Diocese of Gary more than fifty years. 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:

- February 18: Rev. Theodore A. Janicki (1983)
- February 19: Msgr. William E. Sweigart (1970)

A POSSIBLE LENTEN RESOLUTION?

Recently, the Northwest Indiana Catholic ran a really nice article about our volunteers on the Art and Environment Committee.

People who read the paper were able to hear someone speak about what they do as ministry, about having an impact in the worship of the Church, about giving of their time and talent to the Lord.

I was really "pleased as punch" to see the article.

I am also quite grateful for all the volunteers who give so much of their time in decorating our church and preparing it for all our special seasons.

You might be looking to make a belated Lenten resolution. You might be asking yourself, "What can I do?"

The answer just might be coming back to you: "Give of your time and talent to your church!"

I know that Jean and Ron Bados would welcome more hands and hearts on the Art & Environment Committee.

I know that the Garden Club could always use more volunteers. (Did you know that they have things to do around here year round and not just in the summer?)

I know many organizations that are willing to take on more volunteers to make the job of all easier.

The question is, "Are you willing to help?"

Think about it. Please.

If you would like to help any of our parish organizations, their names and contact numbers are listed at the very beginning of each week's bulletin. If you do not find a particular group listed, you can always call the parish office at 836-8610 and we will put you in touch with the right people.

Again, thank you to all who work so hard to make this such a vibrant parish community!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A woman, who was a pediatric nurse, had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children.

One day she entered the examining room to give four-year-old Suzie her shot.

"NO! NO! NO!" Suzie screamed.

"Suzie," her mother scolded, "That's not polite behavior."

At that, Suzie yelled even louder, "NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU!"



Lent A Time To Take Stock

For forty days, Jesus took stock of his life - who he was and what he wanted to accomplish. We call this forty-day period Lent. Christians are called in Lent to a special period of taking stock, of setting priorities, of rethinking what it means to be a steward of God's gift. May this holy season be a time for you to contemplate anew the many blessings of God and to respond to God by a generous giving of yourself.

Generous giving always brings rewards, as our Lord found out. And while generous giving does not protect us from the difficulties and hardships of life, it does assure us of a deeper life. As surely as Lent ends with Easter, so a life of giving ends with a greater sense of satisfaction and joy.

Help needed to do very simple ironing of altar linens used for Mass. Please call the Parish Office at 836-8610.



Sacrificial Offering for February 10, 2008

Adults	\$23,509.00
Loose	\$1,713.00
TOTAL	\$25,222.00
Eastern Europe	\$4851.12

Thank you for your generosity!

Seventy five percent of all young men who have seriously thought about priesthood and religious life have never been invited or encouraged. And yet, what a big difference one man can make in this world of ours as a holy priest!

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Fr. Pat, a friend from Mundelein Seminary, also writes a weekly reflection. He is now 75 as he boasted this week. He still hikes and skis in Colorado.

When he was in his sixties, he climbed up Mt. Tabor, the setting for this Sunday's Gospel. It is very steep and straight up. "Tabor rises up to Heaven like an altar that the Creator built to Himself". Jesus took Peter, James and John up to the pinnacle of Mt. Tabor and transfigured himself before them. I can imagine part of their vision was that they were flush from the climb, Peter is never portrayed as very athletic. From the top you look over the Jezreel Valley



and in the far distance you can also see Nazareth and Cana.

In 1924 the Franciscans built the present Basilica. Previous churches were destroyed and had fallen to ruin by the conflicts man

had with their fellow man. The current church captures the majesty of the place where Moses and Eliah conversed with Jesus. Peter, James and John saw Jesus' face shine like the sun and His clothes becoming as white as light.

A Voice spoke to them and said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; LISTEN TO HIM". This is a call to us today. The Father calls us today to listen to Jesus. Just like two thousand years ago. We are called. We may not have the mountain top experience as Moses, Eliah, Peter, James and John but the Father does speak to us through the words of Jesus in the Scriptures.



Just as Moses, Eliah, Peter, James and John are different. We are too. We hear those words differently. We fit them to our lives differently. We are called differently. We are unique creations of God, beautiful and loving in our own way. God calls us to be His children. We are called to love as the Father loves.

It is the second week of Lent. This week reflect on how you are listening to the Call. How good is your hearing? How are you answering the Call? Are you a child out playing and vaguely hear the call to come home for dinner? Or are you a young lover anxiously waiting for the call from your lover? Or are you aware of the call but can't quite figure out what you are called to? Open your heart and ears to God. Listen. Then answer the call where you are today, in the way God uniquely asks you.

Fr. Michael

St. Thomas More School



And the Answer Is...

On Tuesday, January 29th, as part of the St. Thomas More School Catholic Schools Week celebration, students were treated to a performance of "The Great American Challenge", a game show based on a popular television show. Student contestants were able to test their knowledge on a variety of grade-based subjects from Geography to Religion and "buzz-in" the correct answer. Even the faculty had a chance to take part in the fun. Thanks to alumnus Linda Tybik Slein, '79, and her production company for an afternoon of educational entertainment and lots of fun for our students.



2008-2009 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program Now Underway

Tuition assistance application forms for the 2008-2009 school year are now available in the parish office. Catholic families who belong to a Diocese of Gary parish and have their children enrolled in any diocesan school, grades 1-12 may apply. Kindergarten and pre-school students are not eligible. A \$20 nonrefundable processing fee must accompany the application. Approximately \$500,000 is distributed on the basis of need to assist Catholic parents in providing Catholic faith formation, strong academic programs and safety for their children in our Catholic schools.

The filing deadline is March 7, 2008. This is the date that completed applications must be returned to Fr. Mike. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Parents will be notified by the Diocese of the result in writing by May 31, 2008.



"Snow" Much Fun



On Wednesday, January 30th, over twenty-five preschool age children joined our St. Thomas More School Pre-school and Kindergarten teachers for a morning of wintertime fun and games during our annual Snowball Party. The children kept busy moving from play/learning stations that included stops at the Play-doh table, the puzzle table, bozo buckets, snowman story-time, and an interactive game and song. The favorite stop was the "snow" table, where children were able to play a matching game with items found in the realistic, cold, wet "snow". After their activities, children and their parents enjoyed a snack of "snowballs" (doughnut holes) and a beverage.



Special thanks to Officer James Ghrist and Tracy Anderson from the Munster Police Department for making safety identification cards for all of our young guests.



Religious Formation

*Beloved God,
you are the one and only God in my life;
help me remember that you are all I need..*

Registration Forms for 2008/09 are available in the Religious Formation Office, the Parish Office and at www.stm-church.com. Please return the registration form with a deposit of \$25 (which will be applied to your family's tuition) as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More. There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after July 1.

Safe Environment Program: In keeping with diocesan policy, there will be a short safe environment presentation made to Grades 2,4, 6 and 7 during class time.

Confirmation Date: Confirmation for the 8th grade students will be Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a practice for sponsors and candidates on Friday, March 14, at 6:45 p.m. Confirmation candidates should go to Confession before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No Classes: There will be no classes for three consecutive weeks: March 12/13; March 19/20 and March 26/27. Assignments will be given to be completed during this break, which should be turned in to their catechist when classes resume on April 2/3.

Mark your calendar:

Feb. 20/21 Class
Feb. 27/28 Class
March 5/6 Class
March 12/13 **No Class** — Parish Mission
March 15 *Confirmation*
March 19/20 **No Class** — Holy Week
March 26/27 **No Class** — Spring Break

Were You There?

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to attend the LAST SUPPER with JESUS? Well, the Religious Formation Commission's Last Supper Committee is inviting you and your family to join us on Saturday, March 1st in the Cafeteria after the 5:30 PM Mass to celebrate the Last Supper.

We will be using the **PASCHAL MEAL** An Arrangement of the Last Supper as an Historical Drama reprinted with permission from the Abbey Press by McShane's. We are happy and proud to have Father Mike Yadron as Jesus, Father Michael Hoffman as the Leader, and Deacon Napoleon Tabion as the Commentator.

We will have the same Seder Meal that Jesus celebrated with his Apostles, where Jesus changed the Jewish Seder into our celebration of the Eucharist, when He changed the Bread and Wine into His own Body and Blood.

After that, come and sample all the foods that Jesus would have eaten! We will be serving Fresh Coriander Soup, Red Lentil Soup, Lamb, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Gefilte fish, Rice with Lentils, Tzimmes (a carrot dish), Tabbouleh, Fried Eggplant Salad, Fruit and Nuts, Barley Loaves, Fish from the Mediterranean Sea, and ooh so much more!!!

Like last year, we are limited to only 130 people (adults/children), so making a reservation is very important! Just fill out the form below and turn it in the Collection Basket at Church or the Parish Office no later than February 25th. Or you can call the Parish Office at 836-8610 or Elaine at 838-6973. We are looking forward to sharing this Last Supper with You and Your Family on Saturday, March 1st after the 5:30 pm Mass in the Cafeteria!

I/We name _____

will attend the LAST SUPPER

Our Phone number is _____

Number attending _____

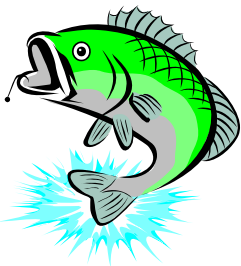
Adults _____ Children _____



**St. Thomas More's 8th Grade Class
is sponsoring a**

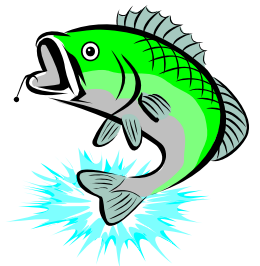
**Lake Perch /Fried Shrimp
Fish Fry**

Friday, February 22, 2008



**4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Thomas More Social Center**

Adults \$9.00 Children \$4.50



Dinners include:

**Lake Perch, Fried Shrimp, or Combo
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Beets,
Bread & Butter, Coffee, & Condiments
Macaroni & Cheese is available.**

Desserts available for a donation.

Carryouts are also available!

Thank you in advance for your support!

**All proceeds benefit the 8th grade class trip to Washington
D.C. in June.**

Call Kathleen at 836-2660 for more information.

SVDP Monthly Pantry Restocking

Next weekend, February 23-24, bring non-perishable items, including dish soap, etc. Boxes for the items are located in all entrances. Lent has begun and it is a good time for us to direct our attention to the needs of the poor. If you are not a regular contributor to SVDP, consider giving food to the pantry or putting money in the poor box. God will bless you!!!

Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 24 at 10:00 a.m. Mass. All Girl Scouts are encouraged to attend and process in with Fr. Mike at the beginning of Mass. Please arrive in the vestibule by 9:45 and wear your Girl Scout uniform if you have one. Scouts will sit as a group in the front pews. Call Martha at 838-0597 with questions.

Something New!!

The St. Thomas More Travelers are planning a one day Chartered Bus Trip to a few famous old established ethnic bakeries; for examples Ferrara (Italian) Bakery, Swedish Bakery (Andersonville), Eli Cheesecake, and more. The tour will be open to all parishioners of St. Thomas More. 48 reservations to be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Cost: \$35.00 per person (light lunch included). The deadline for reservations is March 14, 2008. All monies must be paid at time of reservation. For further information call Pat Strange, 972-1514, Mary Wilson, 838-9481, or Lois Quinn, 836-7902.

Pending the success of this trip, the committee has plans for more short trips to St. Mary of the Woods, Mitchell Conservatory, Mundelein Seminary, and others. Let us know of your interest.



**Are you a Catholic Youth,
In grades 6-12?
YOU CAN BE A VINCENTIAN TOO!**

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SERVICE ACTIVITY DATE AND LOCATION

TAPT RETREAT Fri-Sun. March 7-9, 2008

High School Teen Retreat Camp Lawrence.
Join other St. Thomas More High School teens in attending this fun and faith filled retreat. Check out www.garytapt.com for more information or call Kathy Dominguez at 219.484.9042.

See **STM-Church.com** web site
(scroll down to the bottom and find
St Vincent de Paul Youth Conference link)
for current activity schedule, permission slips
and service hour forms.

Please contact Joy 838.4104 or Kathy 924.9212
to schedule a youth for any of the service activities.

High school teens are invited to attend TAPT, a Diocesan Catholic weekend retreat, held March 7-9 at Camp Lawrence, north of Valparaiso. Retreat activities include: talks, discussions, prayer, recreation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. TAPT is designed to bring teens into a more intimate encounter with the Incarnate Jesus Christ. Cost: \$65 (\$75 if you register after 2/22). For complete details, visit garytapt.com, or contact Kevin Driscoll at the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth and Young Adults: 219-769-9292 ext. 229.

If You Need Help in a Pregnancy

Local Pregnancy Centers:

Birth Choice: 2450 - 169th St., Hammond ~ 554-1774 ~ 1-800-848-5683

The Answer: 705 Colonial Dr., Hobart ~ 219-947-2272

Catholic Family Services: 6919 Indianapolis Blvd, Hammond ~ 844-4883

Women's Center of N. W. Indiana: 2942 Highland Ave., Highland ~ 838-4556

Women's Center of N.W. Indiana: 64 W. 80th Pl., Merrillville ~ 769-4321