Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."

Mark 13:24-27

<u>Mission Statement</u>: 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.

Pastoral Staff	Sacramental Information
PastorReverend Michael J. Yadron; Ext. 312	Confessions
myadron@stm-church.com	Saturdays
Associate PastorReverend Richard C. Holy; Ext. 314	First Friday1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass
rholy@stm-church.com	Baptisms First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Deacons	Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly
	attending at least six months before the baptism. At least
Dr. Napoleon Tabion Mr. Daniel Zurawski	one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic.
Stewardship Director	Pre Baptism Class
Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon Napoleon Tabion; Ext. 315	Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism
Director of Religious Formation Mrs. Sandra Morgan; Ext. 332	MarriageMust be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the
	six month preparation program for marriage.
Parish Office Staff	Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound: Call
Office Hours:M-F 8:00 ~ 8:00 / Sat. 8:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.	the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.
Web Site www.stm-church.com	and I arisin office for Sucramones at nospital of at nome.
E-mail address is: parish.office@stm-church.com	New Parishioner Registration
Office Phone836-8610 Office Fax836-9185	To make it as convenient as possible for you, new parishioners may
Bulletin Editor	register at any time in the Parish Office.
E-mail address for bulletin is: bulletin@stm-church.com Bookkeeper	New Parishioner Orientation
Daytime Receptionist	New parishioners are invited to attend a New Parishioner Orienta-
Evening Receptionist	tion at 9:00 a.m. in the Solar Room on the last Sunday of every
Pastoral Ministries	month. If you have not yet registered and want more information
Fasioral Ministries	about our parish, you are welcome to attend the orientation.
Circle of PrayerMary Jo Humpfer 836-5002	about our parish, you are welcome to attend the orientation.
Environment & Art	
Eucharistic Ministers Ruth Banas 836-5387	St. Thomas Mora Policious Education
Hospitality MinistryAnn D'Orazio 838-9343 Lectors	St. Thomas More Religious Education
Music MinistryMiss Angie Lorandos 836-8610, Ext. 338	Kindergarten through 8th Grade Office Hours:M-F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Nursery Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079	Religious Education Phone
St. Vincent dePaul Mrs. Kathy Georgelas 836-8610	Director
SVDP Youth ConferenceJanyne Little 838-0597	Administrative AssistantMrs. Charlotte Herr; Ext. 336
Vocations Committee	Grades K through 8 ~ Wed. & Thurs. 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m.
2009-2010 Pastoral Council	Dastonal Commissions Chairnersons
Tom Alexander	Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons
Kevin Cloghessy Elaine Herrmann, Chairperson	Formation/Education
Don Kopenec Jackie Kovach Phil McIntosh Lucy Perz	Peace & Social Justice
Dwight Reed	Spirituality & Worship
Joyce Stodola	StewardshipDiane Houser
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Pre-School through 8th Grade	Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862 Elizabeth Ministry Pam Domasica 838-7940
Office Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Holy Name Society
School web site ~ www.stm-school.com	Senior Citizens
School Phone 836-9151 School Fax	Respect Life
Principal	Knights of Columbus
School Administrative Assistant Mrs. Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328	Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200
School Reception & Office Associate Mrs. Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 329	Planned Giving Ken Krupinski
Dir. of Student Special ServicesMrs. Tina Boyle; Ext. 323	Building Maintenance Bob Ray 924-6472
Home & School Association Mrs. Vesna Sopcic 864-1721	Boy Scouts Paul Liszewski 864-1082
Parish & School Offices Associate Mrs. Pam Wadycki; Ext. 339	Cub ScoutsCurt Anglin 844-2178Girl ScoutsBarbara Jamrose 922-3783
Cornerstone Center	Catering/Hall Rental
8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321	Mom's Group Kim Power 922-3696
Phone	Ushers Club
Fax	Gabriel Project

CELEBRANTS

Saturday, November 21

5:30 pm Father Mike Yadron

Sunday, November 22

6:30 am Father Mike Yadron 8:00 am Father Mike Yadron 10:00 am Father Rick Holy 12:00 noon Father Rick Holy



Saturday, November 21

8:30 am M. Switalla, J. Topor

5:30 pm M. O'Shea, C. & T. Speranza, M. Szala,

C. Yothment ~ MC ~ Joe

Sunday, November 22

6:30 am J. & T. Beckman, C. Erickson

8:00 am A. Bilse, M. & M. Blocher, M. Pukoszek,

L. Rouse ~MC ~ Evan

10:00 am J. Surd, B., E. & S. Trivunovic, D. Zuccarelli

MC ~ Nick

12:00 noon P. Heuer, K. Kennedy, M. O'Brien ~ MC ~ Ted

7:00 pm B. & S. Caraher ~ MC ~ Kellie

SVDP "ADULT" CONFERENCE

THANKSGIVING: We will be packing Thanksgiving baskets on Friday, November 20 and distributing on Saturday, November 21. Items needed: Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Cake Mixes, Flour & Sugar, Canned Corn, Beans or Peas. We are anticipating doing 70+ baskets. The amount of vegetables we give depends on the size of the family. The least amount would be 2 cans per family, which only amounts to about 6 servings, but totals 140 cans. We need 300+ cans of vegetables. Our present stock is probably 100 cans and they will be used for weekly food orders. Your caring and sharing will provide these needy families with a Thanksgiving meal. God bless you!!

of Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, November 15 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Thiel Family by

Margaret Thiel

10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society by

STM St. Vincent de Paul Society

12:00 pm Lucia Nagy by Tom & Kathy Bassetto

MONDAY, November 16 ~ St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

8:30 am Basil Rippey (Ann.) by Wife Marilyn & Family

TUESDAY, November 17 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary

6:30 am Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka
8:30 am Marilyn Strong by Klyczek Family
10:00 am Ronald Bolek by Christine Bonefacic
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

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WEDNESDAY, November 18 ~ Dedication of the Basilicas of St.

Peter & St. Paul, Apostles ~ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

6:30 am Ray & Bernadine Kukla by Grandchildren

8:30 am Jean Hreha (Ann.) by Children

THURSDAY, November 19

6:30 am Noni Baldassarri by Michael Mercier & Family

9:00 am Walter Pietraszak by Wife Marguerite

FRIDAY, November 20

6:30 am Chester Wleklinski by Children

8:30 am Rose Ferruzza by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Makowski

SATURDAY, November 21 ~ Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

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8:30 am In Thanksgiving for 50 Years of Marriage of Martin

& Joan Collins

5:30 pm Florence Revenew (Ann.) by Family

SUNDAY, November 22 ~ Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am John J. Kisel by Wife Joyce

10:00 am Daniel Jugovic (Ann.) by Parents & Family

12:00 pm Slavo & Cecilia Fabiyanic by Family

ALL BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER 29th BULLETIN ARE DUE BY 10:00 AM ON NOVEMBER 18th! THANK YOU!!



SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NOTICE

Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 18th at 1 p.m. in the STM Solar Room. After the meeting and the refreshments we will play bingo. At this meeting we will make our final reservations for the Christmas Party December 2nd, 12 noon at Teibels Restaurant. This party is only for the members of the senior citizens club and their spouses.

After our Christmas Party there will be no general meetings until we meet again January 6th, 2010. We wish our members and all the parishioners at STM a very happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.



II Joshua Everett & Christine Synko

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Coleen Alexander Margaret Amatulli Doris Aurelio Maria Aurelio Irene Baker Cody Baldwin Antonio Belmonte Tom Bernacke Michael Berry Michael Blazevich Diane Bochnowski Michael Boston Cheryl Bostrom Judy Buksa Stephany Burney Dorothy Campbell James Campbell Lorraine Caparelli Al Carollo Carol Carollo Kathleen Cecil Jacqueline Morrow Christian Frank Coman Vincent Corsello Mike Curtain Irene Dettmer Irene Dickey David Drewniak Madeline Dunn Marian Dzurovsak Sr. Beatrice Flahaven Elizabeth Follmer John Forde Phyllis Garber Andrea Garritano Joseph Gasiorek Karen Gianotti Dorothy Gillespie

Howard Gralewski

James Grunewald Amy Hayes Eleanore Heggi Marie Henke Evelyn Hennes Robert Hesek Ray Humpfer Steve Izzo Dennis Jablonski Elizabeth Jacob Stanley Jayjack Rosemary Jerzak-Staszel Emery Johns Dorothy Jurkash Debbie Kaczka Robert Kalka Margaret A. Kapala Carol Keilman Rev. Matthew Kish Wayne Klawitter Josephine Knesek Janet Knight Alice Kolember Ken Kors Dorothy Kovach Helen Krull Julia Kukta Jerome Kula Debbie Le Monier Mary Leahy Edward Liskiewicz Stanley Liskiewicz Maria Lovell Gregory Mahoney Mary Manchak Brady Martin Kathryn McBride Joseph Mendoza Faye Meny

Olga Mihalo Andrew Moll David Moll Gerald Moran Jean Narvid Donna Nichols Steven Nowaczyk Bella O'Bryan Valerie O'Donnell Danny Ogren Audrey Ostroff Johanna Petruch Elizabeth Pilones Adam Potapczak Helen Pukoszek Anthony Saklaczynski Ann Sardella Mary Sarnowski George Sauer Jean Schultz Marie Schultz Marianne Schwartz William Schwartz Zachery Scriff James Secviar Renee Shehan Grace Sheridan Carolyn Smiley Deborah Stareck Carolyn Sutley Georgianne Suto Rose Theis Gerardo Trevino Anthony Ubuane Adele Wall Sally Walters Lucille Wonnell Cecilia Ziegler

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, November 15

1:30 pm Queen of Peace Cenacle ~ Chapel

MONDAY, November 16

5:00 pm Spirituality/Worship ~ Conference Room

7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel 7:00 pm Holy Name ~ Solar Room

7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room

TUESDAY, November 17

9:00 am Moms' Group ~ Solar Room

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, November 18

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room 1:00 pm Senior Citizens ~ Solar Room 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, November 19

9:30 am Play for STMS Students

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ~ Religious Education Classes 7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

7:00 pm STMS Play ~ "Cookie-A Half Baked Musical"

FRIDAY, November 20

9:30 am Play for Visiting Students

7:00 pm STMS Play ~ "Cookie-A Half Baked Musical"

SATURDAY, November 21

10:00 am Virtus Training ~ Solar Room

7:00 pm STMS Play ~ "Cookie-A Half Baked Musical"

SUNDAY, November 22

1:00 pm Forty Hours Opening ~ Church 7:00 pm Forty Hours Closing ~ Church

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35

-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

THE RELENTLESS PASSAGE OF TIME

On Monday morning a couple of weeks ago, after the 6:30 a.m. Mass, Deacon Joe and I were waiting in the chapel foyer after Mass to greet those who had attended. Immediately after the early morning Mass, they say some brief prayers together. During that time, Deacon Joe and I waited.

As we waited, we took the opportunity to comment upon the beautiful, sunny morning. We realized that this was a "gift" to us because of daylight savings time which had just happened the day before. We also realized that we would have very few more mornings of being able to look at the sun. In a couple of weeks, it will be dark as night once again at that time of morning and will remain that way until late winter, early spring when the days begin to lengthen once again.

It amazes me how time continues its relentless pursuit and we are powerless to do anything about it. It seems as if the only thing we can do is to observe it as it happens.

Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here (one week from this Thursday already!) and, after that, Christmas.

Immediately following Christmas, a brand new year begins. Before you know it, Easter will have come and gone and then summer vacation, the beginning of school, and we will be here on November 15th once again.

We can begrudge that or we can "sit back and enjoy the ride."

God gives us so much day by day.

The beauty of each new day can easily be lost if we focus too much on what has passed or what will come. We can worry and fret about vesterday or tomorrow and fail to see what is waiting for us this very day.

Let us not lose sight of His many gifts because we get too caught up in the fleeting passage of time. Instead, take today for what it has to offer. It does have much to offer.

After all, we were given another day of life again today, were we not?

Enjoy the day.

Speaking of time marching relentlessly, a couple of weeks ago, I celebrated another birthday. Allow me to take this opportunity to THANK all of you who sent me greetings, gave me gifts, and let me know in all sorts of ways how much you care for me.

I appreciate it more than I can say!

Fr. Mike

In Memoriam

Priests and deacons have served the Diocese of Garv 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:

November 18: Rev. Donald E. Benwitz, CSB (1983)

Rev. John S. Woods (1966) November 19: November 20: Deacon John Townsend (1987)

FORTY HOURS

Next Sunday, November 22nd, our annual Forty Hours celebration will begin.

On Sunday immediately after the Noon Mass as well as Monday and Tuesday immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar of the church so that the faithful may come and adore the Lord.

Each evening at 7:00 p.m., adoration will close with special evening prayers.

Our guest speaker for this year's Forty Hours is Fr. Dominic Bertino. Fr. Bertino is the pastor of St. Bridget Church in Hobart.

Fr. Bertino was the speaker at a Forty Hours here at St. Thomas More during the pastorate of Msgr. Weis. It will be nice to have him back again and hear him speak.

Please mark your calendars for these three special days.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Please remember that next week, Thursday, November 26th, there will be only one Mass for Thanksgiving Day. That Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. God is so good to us. If at all possible, come to thank Him for His great love.

Please bring canned goods with you as well to donate to St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A church had a man in the choir who couldn't sing. Several people hinted to him that he could serve in other places, but he continued to come to the choir.

The choir director became desperate and went to the pastor.

"You've got to get that man out of the choir," he said. "If you don't, I'm going to resign. The choir members are going to quit, too. Please do something."

So the pastor went to the man and suggested, "Perhaps you should leave the choir."

"Why should I get out of the choir?" he asked.

"Well, five or six people have told me you can't sing."

That's nothing," the man snorted. "Fifty people have told me that you can't preach!"



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Holy Name News

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 16th in the Solar Room. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Come early at 7:00 pm for the praying of the rosary. Video and pizza/refreshments will conclude the meeting. New members are welcome! Our discussion will include our next fundraiser, our Annual Lenten Fish Fry and raffle. Please "save the date" Friday, February 26th, 2010.



CRAFT SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS

Last weekend's Craft Show ended with a Cash Raffle.

Congratulations to the following winners:

\$1,000.00 - Annette Biever, Anderson, IN

\$500.00 - Joan Wolak, Munster, IN

\$250.00 - Dolores Bernat, Munster, IN

\$150.00 - Margaret Blazevich, Munster, IN



Sacrificial Offering for November 8, 2009

Adults

\$25,506.00

Loose

\$1,297.00

Children

\$54.98

TOTAL

\$26,857.98

Thank you for your generosity!



John Gilbert IV, son of John & Erin Nelson III

Religious Education

What does it profit you to give God one thing if he asks of you another? Consider what it is God wants, and then do it.

~St. John of the Cross, Spanish mystic, Carmelite friar and priest.

Mark your Calendar

Nov. 18/19 Class

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28/29 NO CLASS—HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dec. 2/3 Class

9 ALL EIGHTH GRADERS CONFIRMATION RETREAT 8:15-2:30 9/10 Class K-7

16/17 Class

23/24 NO CLASS—MERRY

CHRISTMAS

30/31 NO CLASS—HAPPY NEW

YEAR

We are in need of Substitutes and Hall Monitors for Religious Education Evenings.

Nov. 21 Virtus Training 10:00 a.m.
Saint Thomas More Solar Room
Call the Religious Education Dept at

836-8610 X 336 to register.

Dec. 5 Advent Retreat 8:30—11:30 am for

parish community.

Religious Education Office—836-8610

Sandi Morgan
Director of Religious Education

SVDP "YOUTH" CONFERENCE

"CAPS FOR KIDS": During the month of November, we will be collecting "NEW" hats, gloves, and scarves for kids of all ages, and also for adult women and men. Boxes are located at each entrance of the church. Sorting will take place at the Chancery on Monday, December 7.

St. Thomas More School





Thank You, Mrs. Teresa Moisoff

After thirty-five dedicated years of service to the students of St. Thomas More School, Mrs. Terri Moisoff has begun the next chapter of her life after retiring on November 6th.

Mrs. Moisoff started teaching first grade at St. Thomas More in 1974, and has continued to teach the many young and eager children who entered her first grade classroom ever since, educating 825 STMS students in her distinguished career. Mrs. Moisoff was honored with a surprise All-School Mass on

Mrs. Moisoff was honored with a surprise All-School Mass on November 5th, allowing the entire student body to say farewell to this beloved teacher. She was presented with a personalized Papal Blessing, presented by Fr. Mike, and her very own St. Thomas More school diploma.

She was once again honored at a retirement party given by the faculty and staff of the school later at the Cornerstone Center. Thank you, Mrs. Moisoff, for your many years of loving service as a Catholic role model and inspiration to all who have had the honor to know you.

If you would like to send Mrs. Moisoff your congratulatory wishes, you may still do so by addressing any correspondence to her c/o St. Thomas More School and it will be forwarded to her.













Only One Week Until the Debut of Cookie: A Half-Baked Musical

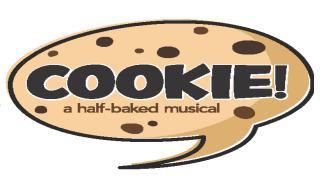
Thursday, November 19 —Saturday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas More School Gym

Purchase tickets at the door. Everyone is welcome!

An original play by parishioner, Kristyn Estes about a cookie who is smashed to bits on Main Street.

Wild rumors turn a minor mishap into a calamity of astronomical proportions. Fun for everyone!

Original score by STMS Alum **Jonathan Alexander.**Over 140 STMS students in the cast and crew.





My Two Cents

Thoughts on Stewardship of Treasure

How good do you feel when you do something for someone and they genuinely say "Thank you"? Now imagine how you are going to feel when God greets you with his open arms and loving embrace in thanks for being a good steward.



Caleb Hinojosa

Share YOUR thoughts at: mytwocents@stm-church.com

ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER

Mark this date on your calendar!!!! Saturday, November 28th!!! You are invited to attend the St. Thomas More Advent Potluck Dinner after 5:50 PM Mass in the Social Center. Make your reservation now as seating is limited!! Come for an evening of fellowship, food, arts and crafts (for all ages), caroling, movies, and much more. No need for a sitter, bring the entire family.

There is no cost, only bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with the initial A-M please bring a salad or a casserole. If your last name begins with the initial N-Z please bring a dessert. We will supply hot sandwiches and hot dogs.

You can RSVP by turning in the following form in the collection basket or by calling the church office and leaving your name, number, and the amount of adults, and children that will be attending. OR you can call Barb at 836-2185 or Sandy at 836-1793 and leave the same information. The deadline is Nov. 23rd.

This is a great family activity to start your Advent preparations!

I would like to RSVP for the Advent Potluck Dinner:	
Name	
Phone number	
No. of adults No. of children	

If any of your family or your friends are sick at home or in the hospital and cannot come to Mass, please call our Pastoral Care Office at 836-8610, ext. 315, and we will be glad to bring them Communion.

Mait" to Celebrate

An Advent Reflection

St. Thomas More Parish and Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division, formerly Harcourt Religion Publishers, welcomes



Sr. Jane Marie Osterholt, SP

Experience Advent and the Sacraments of the Church Together

Saturday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Gymnasium. \$10.00 registration fee.

To register visit St. Thomas More website at www.stm-church.com/retreat or drop off the registration form and fee at the Parish Office or place in the collection basket. Questions? Call 836-8610, ext. 300

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Spirituality and Worship Commission.

"Wait" to Celebrate -Advent Reflection Registration

Name:	-
Address:	-
E-Mail:	
Phone:	_

Please enclose the \$10 registration fee and return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket.