

# “Consubstantial with the Father”

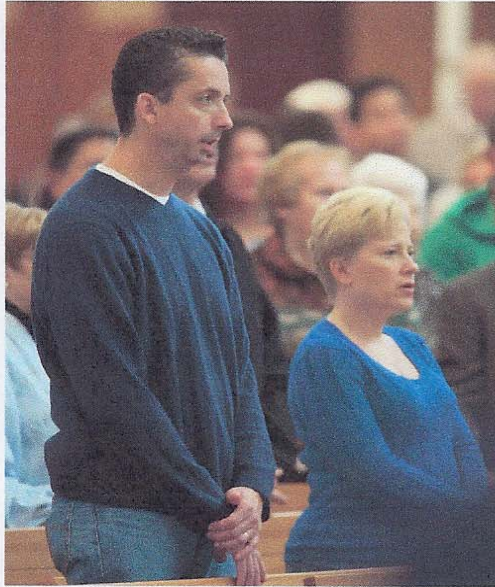
Daniel Merz, SLL

One of the more interesting changes in the revised translation of *The Roman Missal* occurs in the Creed, where a word that few would use conversationally occurs. In the second paragraph of the Creed, the phrase “consubstantial with the Father” will replace “one in Being with the Father.” Some may wonder why such an unfamiliar word needs to be used. On the other hand, it may just as easily be asked, whether we understand the phrase, “one in Being with the Father”? Both options attempt to put into words one of the great mysteries of our faith, that Jesus Christ is equal to the Father. The use of the term “consubstantial” has been carefully considered before being chosen. Admittedly, the term carries some

complexities with it. But the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments recommended its use with good reason. Let’s look at the word more closely.

The Nicene Creed originally was composed in Greek; the Greek word used in the phrase is *homoousios*. This is a compound formed from two words: *homo* (same) and *ousia* (essence, being). The use of this word in the Creed was revolutionary in its day because it is not a scriptural but a philosophical term. The greatest heresy of that day, Arianism, argued the Christ was not of the same substance of the Father, but only of a *similar* substance (*homoiousios*) and, therefore, was not equal to the Father. The Church Fathers wanted to be precise in the language used for such a great mystery, and the debates at the time were long and often acrimonious. From the very beginning, the Latin Creed translated this Greek word as *consubstantialem*, for similar precise philosophical and theological reasons. By breaking down the word con-sub-stantial, we can understand it a little better.

The root word “substance” (*sub*=under; *stans*=standing) is also a technical, philosophical term that refers to the most real part of a being. Literally, it refers to that which “stands under,” the base of a person or thing, that which is at the heart of someone or something. This is fine as long as we don’t equate



substance with the mere physical or external dimension. Today, we can use the word substance in reference to the essential, for example, “the substance of the matter,” but we can also use it in a rather mundane and materialistic sense, for example, “help me wash this grimy substance off my hands!” Within the liturgy, of course, the Church is thinking of the former. In the Eucharist, for example, we say that bread and wine are *transsubstantiated* into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The form or appearance of the bread and wine remain the same, but their inner substance, the reality *underneath* the appearance, is changed. This is why we don’t say the bread and wine are just *transformed*, but *transsubstantiated*.

The other part of *consubstantial* is the first three letters “con”—profound yet beautiful in its simplicity. It comes from the Latin preposition *cum* meaning “together with.” In the Creed, *consubstantial* means that Christ was of one substance with the Father, but it also implies one substance with our humanity. He is co-substantial, referring therein to the two natures of Christ—human and divine.

The previous translation “one in Being” does not portray this multivalence. Also, most would assert that this phrase is not as precise. The English word “Being” has a broader meaning than the philosophical term “substance.” “Being” commonly refers to all that is, which would include the appearance or form of a thing, and in relation to the holy Trinity, could mistakenly include *Personhood*. God the Son is not the same *Person* as God the Father, but they do share the same *inner* being, or the same *substance*. Both phrases, “one in Being” and “consubstantial,” are accurate when properly understood. In translating the Creed, however, it is important to be as precise as possible, and the Church believes strongly that the term “consubstantial” is a better choice in naming the Great Mystery that is the relationship of Jesus Christ to God the Father and to us, his adopted sons and daughters.

**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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**Pre-School through 8th Grade**

**Office Hours: Monday– Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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- Assistant Principal ..... Mrs. Tina Boyle; Ext. 328
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- School Reception & Office Associate ..... Mrs. Sandra Steele; Ext. 329
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**Sacramental Information**

**Confessions**

Saturdays ..... **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
First Friday ..... 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

**Baptisms** ..... First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.  
Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly attending at least six months before the Baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.

**Pre Baptism Class** ..... 2nd Tuesday 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.

**St. Thomas More Religious Education**

**Kindergarten through 8th Grade**

**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- Religious Education Phone ..... 836-8610
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- Elizabeth Ministry ..... Pam Domasica 838-7940
- Holy Name Society ..... Joe Adams 865-3566
- Senior Citizens ..... Joan Klein 923-5993
- Respect Life ..... Alice Wohler 836-5337
- Knights of Columbus ..... Robert Gozdecki (219) 427-6919
- Blue Army ..... Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779
- Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
- Planned Giving ..... Ken Krupinski
- Building Maintenance ..... Bob Ray 924-6472
- Boy Scouts ..... Roger Jachna 322-0769
- Cub Scouts ..... Steve Hrinda 923-6438
- Girl Scouts ..... Julie Buksa 922-1182
- Catering/Hall Rental ..... Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539
- Moms’ Group ..... Leticia Kotso 924-5732
- Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 836-1463
- Gabriel Project ..... Kathy Trotman 836-4329
- The Travelers Club ..... Lois Quinn 836-7902

## Celebrants

**Saturday, November 19**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Rick Holy

**Sunday, November 20**

6:30 a.m. Fr. Rick Holy

8:00 a.m. Fr. Rick Holy

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

## Servers

**SATURDAY, November 19**

8:30 am J. Sarnowski, S. Kenning

11:00 am Mandatory 40 Hours Practice

5:30 pm M. & K. O'Shea, T. & T. Pappas, B. Riebe  
MC ~ Steven

**SUNDAY, November 20**

6:30 am S. Lyons, M. Nahnsen, A. Zajakowski

8:00 am B., J. & M. Peters, M. Pukoszek,  
B. Seligman/ MC ~ Evan

10:00 am D., E. & S. Trivunovic,  
AJ. & M. Argamasilla/ MC ~ Joey T.

12:00 pm C. & S. O'Brien, M. Reynolds  
(40 Hours Opening)/ MC ~ Ted

7:00 pm N. & N. Anglin (40 Hours)  
MC ~ Alyssa

## Baptisms



**Owen Morrison**

Son of Jason & Emilee Biegel

**Logan Marshall**

Son of Sean & Dana Matusik



## Rest in Peace

**Lucille Wonnell • Irene Saks**  
**Barbara Gondeck**

### Sacrificial Offerings for November 6, 2011



Adult	\$ 27, 129.00
Loose	\$ 1, 419.00
Children	\$ 269.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28, 817.07</b>

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE** Thank you for your generosity.

# MASS INTENTIONS



**SUNDAY, November 13**— *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
8:00 am Josephine Bonafacic by Family  
10:00 am Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society by STM St. Vincent de Paul Society  
12:00 pm Anne Steigerwold by Dan O'Brien Family

**MONDAY, November 14**

6:30 am Helen Krull (Ann.) by Family  
8:30 am Cecilia Guziar by Celine Szczepaniak

**TUESDAY, November 15** — *St. Albert the Great*

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions  
8:30 am Terry McCarthy by Marchell & Bob Barkey  
10:00 am Anthony Pagorek by STM Altar & Rosary (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 1)

**WEDNESDAY, November 16** — *St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude*

6:30 am Helen Pukoszek by STM Respect Life  
8:30 am Basil Rippey (Ann.) by Wife Marilyn

**THURSDAY, November 17** — *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

6:30 am Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka  
9:00 am Bill & Richard Manchak by Wife & Mother Mary Manchak

**FRIDAY, November 18** — *Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome, Apostles and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

6:30 am Michael A. DePalmo (Ann.) by Wife Doreen  
8:30 am Jean Hreha (Ann.) by Children

**SATURDAY, November 19**

8:30 am Noni Baldassarri by Michael Mercier & Family  
5:30 pm Joseph Pellar (Ann.) by John & Claudia Pellar

**SUNDAY, November 20** — *Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
8:00 am Denis J. Buksa by Nygren Family  
10:00 am Chester J. Wleklinski by Joann Wleklinski  
12:00 pm Florence Renewal (Ann.) by Family

### Readings for the Week of November 13, 2011

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21  
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: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all know what money is, as long as we don't think about it too much. After all, most people get a salary that they earn by putting in time on a job. It is possible to divide those earnings by the time put in, and come up with an hourly rate. But for the most part, money is intangible. There is no concrete item (gold, diamonds, even manufactured goods) that equals the value of all the money in the world. Our IRAs, 401(k)s, and pension funds earn money without making/mining/producing anything. Money is created, and those who have it are very happy about it. We could read today's Gospel parable as an endorsement by Jesus of investment banking. But that's not really what the story is about. This week's Gospel is a story about what the community must do while its members await the return of the Lord. Last week's story encouraged Christians to be prepared because we don't know when the Lord will come back. This week's parable highlights the nature of that waiting. Christians don't just sit around waiting for Jesus to come back. Rather, we use the gifts and talents that are ours to transform the world. But unlike the creation of money by those who develop complicated investment schemes and high-risk financial products, the Christian invests in the world using the gifts and talents given to him or her by the Master. This perspective is fundamentally different from that of investment banking. Rather than seeking the greatest return for oneself, a Christian understands that everything is gift from the Creator. He or she then proceeds to use what has been given to further the development of humankind. Fifty years ago, Pope John XXIII issued his great encyclical *Mater et Magistra* on Christianity and social progress. In it he insisted that our task is "to humanize and to Christianize this modern civilization of ours." That is indeed a worthy investment!

*Please pray for the sick of our parish...*

Coleen Alexander  
Margaret Amatulli  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Irene Baker  
Cody Baldwin  
Antonio Belmonte  
Tom Bernacke  
Michael Berry  
Michael Blazevich  
Laverne Blumka  
Michael Boston  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Stephany Burney  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Barbara Cak  
Thomas Cak  
Al Carollo  
Carol Carollo  
Joseph Cwiok  
Jacqueline Morrow  
Christian  
Frank Coman  
James L. Coppolillo  
Vincent Corsello  
John Costa  
Mike Curtain  
Chris Daumer  
Irene Dettmer  
Ann DeVoy  
MaryPat Devoy  
Irene Dickey  
Jeanine Doescher  
David Drowniak  
Debra Dunn  
Alex Eiland  
John L. Estrada  
Sherlon Evans  
Virginia Fitzgerald  
John Forde  
Phyllis Garber  
Andrea Garritano  
Mary Gawlikowski

Dorothy Gillespie  
Margaret Good  
Kyle Grady  
Howard Gralewski  
James Grunewald  
Eileen Hasse  
Amy Hayes  
Eleanor Heggi  
Marie Henke  
Evelyn Hennes  
Ray Humpfer  
Steve Izzo  
Dennis Jablonski  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Barbara Jamrose  
Stanley Jayjack  
Rosemary Jerzak-Staszal  
Debbie Kaczka  
Robert Kalka  
Margaret A. Kapala  
Carol Keilman  
Patricia Kerr  
Rev. Matthew Kish  
Josephine Knesek  
Janet Knight  
Alice Kolember  
Dorothy Kovach  
Miller Krizmanic  
Rose Krizmanic  
Jerome Kula  
Debbie Le Monier  
Mary Leahy  
Jo Lisiniewicz  
Edward Liskiewicz  
Stanley Liskiewicz  
Maria Lovell  
Moira McShane Lukas  
Carole Mackey  
Gregory Mahoney  
Mary Manchak  
Brady Martin  
Alex Mau  
Joseph McShane  
Faye Meny

Sandi Merlo  
Stephanie Mueller  
Olga Mihalo  
Andrew Moll  
Elissa Moll  
David Moll  
Jean Narvid  
Donna Nichols  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Valerie O'Donnell  
Danny Ogren  
Irene Orzo  
Ruth Ospalski  
Audrey Ostroff  
Johanna Petruch  
Andrew Pieczyrak  
Elizabeth Pilones  
Sylvester Porras  
Adam Potapczak  
Kristen Rubin  
Anthony Saklaczynski  
Ann Sardella  
George Sauer  
Marie Schultz  
Marianne Schwartz  
William Schwartz  
Zachery Scriff  
James Scviar  
Renee Shehan  
Nick Skinner  
Lydia Skorupa  
Carolyn Smiley  
Deborah Stareck  
Charles Stevens  
Florence Stevens  
Georgianne Suto  
Ann Teliga  
Rose Theis  
Gerardo Trevino  
Anthony Ubuano  
Julia Vrbanich  
Adele Wall  
Sue Wass  
Cecilia Ziegler

# Weekly Schedule

## SUNDAY, November 13

1:00 pm SVDP Youth Conference ~ Teachers' Lounge

## MONDAY, November 14

5:00 pm Spirituality & Worship ~ Conference Room  
7:00 pm Peace & Social Justice ~ Conference Room  
7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Teachers' Lounge  
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

## TUESDAY, November 15

9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel  
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel  
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel  
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

## WEDNESDAY, November 16

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room  
4:30-6:00 pm Religious Education Classes  
7:00 pm K of C Squires ~ Solar Room

## THURSDAY, November 17

10:00 am STMS Musical for Students ~ Gym  
4:30-6:00 pm Religious Education Classes  
7:00 pm STMS Musical "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." ~ Gym  
7:00 pm Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center

## FRIDAY, November 18

9:30 am STMS Musical for Students ~ Gym  
7:00 pm STMS Musical "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." ~ Gym

## SATURDAY, November 19

7:00 pm STMS Musical "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." ~ Gym

## SUNDAY, November 20

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



## My Two Cents

*Thoughts on Living Stewardship*

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we hear the story of three servants who were given talents or gifts by their master. The master represents God, and the servants represent different types of responses to God. In the parable the servants were all given different gifts or talents according to their ability. Like the servants we, too, are given gifts according to our ability. St. Paul said, "different gifts, one Spirit." God gives us gifts to be used not to be kept to ourselves.

Share YOUR thoughts at: [mytwocents@stm-church.com](mailto:mytwocents@stm-church.com)

## Pastoral Care Ministry

If a friend or family member would like to receive Communion, call the Pastoral Care Office at 836-8610, #315.



Mitchell Walsh, one of our students in the 4th grade, had his entry for the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest sponsored by the Munster Police Department selected as the **Grand Prize Winner**.

Mitchell's entry was selected from all the entries submitted from every school in Munster, including Munster High School. That is quite an accomplishment!

Congratulations, Mitchell.



Thank you, as well, to the Munster Police Department and, specifically, to Officer James Ghrist, for the wonderful job he does with the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. It has been a real inspiration to our students through the years.

Our students always look forward to his classes and to their big graduation at the end of each year's courses.

An additional thank you to all the community sponsors of the D.A.R.E. program. Your support provides a quality program to the students in all of our schools and helps to form better citizens.

To learn more about the D.A.R.E. program, you can go to: <http://www.munster.org/department/division.php?fDD=7-147>

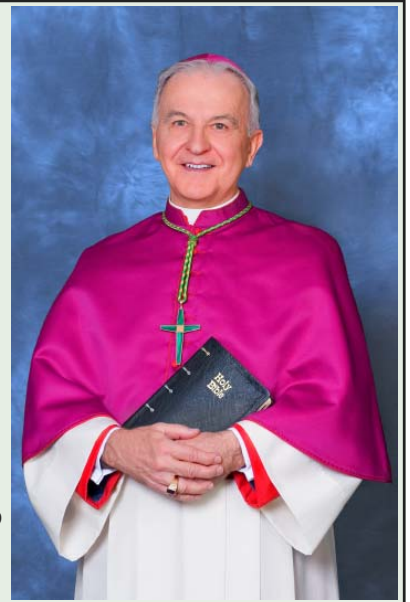
*J. Mike*

Join us for our annual **Forty Hours Devotion November 20-22.**

Our guest speaker is Bishop Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of the Diocese of Gary. He will speak each evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The Eucharist will be exposed each day after the last Masses:

Sunday Noon Mass  
Monday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Please make some time to visit the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.



**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

One day, a young man was visiting the fair. Over to one side was a small tent, with a sign that said: "For 50 dollars I'll teach you to be a mind reader! Apply within."

So the young man thought that he'd give it a go, and went inside. Behind a table inside was an old man who looked up when the young man entered and said, "Ah, you must be here for the mind reading lessons."

"Um, well, yes," the young man stumbled.

"Well, follow me and I'll give you your first lesson."

Then the old man went out the back of the tent and came back with a hose. "Here, hold this hose," he said.

"Why?" said the young man.

"It's part of the lesson," replied the old man. "Now, look in the end and tell me what you see."

So the young man looked into the end of the hose. "I don't see anything," he said.

Just then the old man turned on a faucet and the hose shot water into the young man's face.

"I just knew you'd do something like that," the young man shouted at the old man.

"There. You're a mind reader!" the old man replied. "That'll be 50 dollars."



**PLEASE REMEMBER THEM**

Priests and deacons have served the Diocese of Gary for 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 13: Rev. Mark Pesch, OFM (1985)
- November 18: Rev. Donald E. Benwitz, CSB (1983)
- November 19: Rev. John S. Woods (1966)



# Religious Education



## November Schedule

16/17 Class  
23/24 No Classes—Thanksgiving Vacation  
30 Class Advent Lessons

## Lectors for November 19/20, 2011



**5:30 pm Mass**  
Ruth Banas &  
Julie Blanford

**6:30 am Mass**  
Linarea Mueller &  
Virgil Ramirez

**8:00 am Mass**  
Chris Greenberg & Alice Wohler

**10:00 am Mass**  
Kevin Connelly &  
Charles Helms

**12:00 pm Mass**  
Leonard & Valerie Czapkowicz

**7:00 pm 40 Hours**  
Cal Bellamy

## Greeters for November 19/20, 2011



**5:30 pm Mass**

Chapel: Chris & Charles  
Shearman  
Choir: Paula & Jose Serrano

**6:30 am Mass**

Main: Janice Holka  
Chapel: Lynn & Shirley  
Fralich  
Choir: Karen & Tim Rutz

**8:00 am Mass**

Main: James & Nancy Kaczka  
Chapel: Wendy & Dan Depa  
Choir: Jack & Judy Mateja

**10:00 am Mass**

Main: Bev & Rich Lasky  
Chapel: Diane Adley  
Choir: Madeline Mikolanis

**12:00 pm Mass**

Main: Diane Gralewski  
Chapel: The Krieg Family  
Choir: Cynthia & Sophia  
Becker

## Campaign for Human Development

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognize that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change.

Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity.  
Give to the CCHD Collection.

## Holy Name Society

Please note that our next meeting has been changed to accommodate the parish's 40 Hours.

Our next meeting will be on

**Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

in the cafeteria. We will pray the Rosary, followed by our regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. with pizza and refreshments afterwards. New members are always welcome.

## Attention Parishioners!

St. Thomas More is in need of Ministers of Holy Communion at the 6:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon Sunday Masses. If you can serve at God's table, contact Deacon Dan Zurawski at (219) 742-6005.

## Attention Women of the Parish

*Your assistance is greatly needed!*

Our Sunday morning Nursery held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Bride's Room is in need of more volunteers. If you can help please contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079.

*A testimonial from one of our young Nursery volunteers...*

"During the last 5 years, I have learned a tremendous amount by volunteering in our Church Nursery. An incredible amount of patience and nurturing is needed in the Nursery. When children want their parents, it is up to you to be patient and help them find an enjoyable activity. Skills like these are ones that often cross over into my everyday life. I am happy that I decided to become a volunteer in our Nursery. Taking care of little kids can be a challenge, but it is also incredibly rewarding. The smiles and hugs you receive are a truly heartwarming feeling."

*Marelle Cerven started as a Volunteer in the Nursery in 8th Grade & continued through 4 years of high school. She is now a college freshman. We appreciate her 5 years of assistance.*



## Career Networking Group

*\* 80% of Jobs are Unadvertised  
\*75% of Jobs are Found through Networking*

**Thursday, November 17, 2011**

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**LinkedIn**

## Application/Navigation

*Presented by:*

**Chuck Keskel, Text Analyst at TransUnion LLC**

- A MUST for Everyone Looking for a Job
- Productive Job Search through Social Networking
- Brings More Money and Job Opportunities
- Connect with Industry Leaders
- Get Recommended by Second, Third or Fourth Parties
- It is Your ONLINE Resume
- LINKEDIN is Like Having Your Own Website
- You Can Add A Photo
- Reference Comments with Your Approval

**Where:** St. Thomas More Weis Center  
8635 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN

**When:** 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.#

**E-Mail:** STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

**Free. Open to All.**

For those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, employed or who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections. Have your Cover Letter, Resume or Thank You Note critiqued by a professional.

# St. Thomas More School



*On behalf of the entire St. Thomas More School family, the Harvest Gala Committee wishes to*

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*Thanks to your kindness, the 2011 Harvest Gala was another huge success for St. Thomas More School.*

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## St. Vincent De Paul

### Countdown to Thanksgiving

Very soon, the SVDP members will be packing Thanksgiving baskets for distribution to over 80 families. If you would like to help, we could use the following items:

Stuffing Mix • Cranberry Sauce  
Turkey Gravy • Sweet Potatoes  
Canned Green Beans • Canned Corn  
Mushroom Soup • French-Fried Onions  
Cake & Frosting Mix • Cookies  
Sugar • Flour • Apple Juice  
Canned Pumpkin & Pie Crust Mix  
SVDP will purchase perishable food items. Thank you.



### National Vehicle Donation Program

Your used vehicle (car, van, truck or motorcycle) can become food, rent, etc. for those in need when STM's SVDP receives the net sale proceeds from cars donated in our area (zip 46321).



The average car donated to the NVDP generates over \$500 in net proceeds. Depending on its condition, your old car could provide transportation to someone in need to get to his/her job. The car will be picked up within 24 hours. The tax paperwork will be sent back to you.

For more information or to donate, log onto: [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com) or call (800) 322-8284. Brochures are at all church entrances.

### Caps for Kids

It's that time of year for SVDP to collect "NEW" hats, mittens & scarfs for kids and adults. Items can be deposited in the SVDP box in the narthex or by the parish office. Thanks for helping to keep others warm.

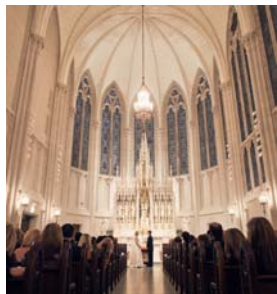


## STM Travelers Club

### Christmastime in Chicago

Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Feel the blessings of the Christmas Season as we celebrate Mass in the Quigley Chapel in Chicago. This Chapel, also known as the St. James Chapel, is well known for its beautiful windows and Neo-Gothic architecture. We are honored that Fr. Michael Hoffman has accepted our invitation to officiate at our Mass with Deacon Napoleon Tabion assisting him. After a tour of the Quigley Chapel we will travel to the ChristKindl



Market in Daley Plaza for "open air" shopping. This traditional German Christmas Market features many exciting treasures.

Next, it's off to Macy's to enjoy a delicious luncheon in the Walnut Room near the famous Christmas Tree. There will be plenty of time for Christmas shopping before we head home. The cost of the trip is

\$52 per person and covers transportation, lunch and all gratuities. Sign up in the STM Parish Office and your check will confirm your reservation.

## Senior Citizens

New members are always welcome to join our fun and energetic group. Our meetings are held twice a month in the Kish Funeral Home Community Room at 10000 Calumet Avenue.

**Wednesday, November 16th**

Social Gathering at 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 30th**

Join us for our November luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30th at the Bakers Square Restaurant on Ridge Road in Lansing. We look forward to seeing you there.

It's time for our fourth annual

**Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 7th**

12:00 Noon at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville.

Spend a festive afternoon to visit with friends, share the joy of the Christmas season and express your best wishes to others for a

wonderful and healthy New Year.

Enjoy a delicious luncheon and Christmas music sung by the Hartsfield Village Voices.

You can even sing along!

All members and their spouses are invited, but you **need a reservation to attend**. To make a reservation, contact Joan at (219) 923-5993 or Lois at (219) 836-7902 **no later than November 16th!**



## Respect Life

*For* all expectant mothers, and especially those who are very young, that God's grace might foster the love they bear for the children in the wombs...*we pray to the Lord.*

### Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards already? It's never too early to plan for the upcoming holidays. We will once again be offering our Christmas cards with a pro-life message for purchase in the parish office. Cards are now available in the parish office.

## Benefit Your Family & Our Parish

Dr. Philip Chua, MD, FACS, FPCS, a heart surgeon from Munster, IN has recently authored and released a book entitled *Let's Stop "Killing" Our Children.*

This informative health "book of wisdom" is an entertaining resource for every home, emphasizing that a healthy lifestyle and disease-prevention starts at a very early age.

**Dr. Chua is generously donating the proceeds from his royalty to St. Thomas More Church.**

A 794-page simplified survival guide for parents to foster a healthier lifestyle for our children is available at [BN.com](http://BN.com) (Barnes & Noble online), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), order from a nearby book store or contact Dr. Chua at (219) 218-2482.







### **Calling All Families!**

Mark your calendar for  
**Saturday, November 26th**  
for the St. Thomas More

### **Advent Potluck Dinner**

Join us after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the STM Social Center. Make your reservation now, as seating is limited.

Come for an evening of fellowship, food, arts & crafts (for all ages), caroling and much more. This is a wonderful family event! There is NO COST. You are only asked to bring a large salad or dessert to share.

We will supply hot sandwiches, hot dogs and beverages.

You can RSVP by placing the completed form below in the collection basket, calling the parish office or calling Barb at 836-2185 or Sandy at 836-1793.

This is a great, fun FAMILY activity to start your Advent preparations.

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### ***I would like to RSVP for the Advent Potluck Dinner:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

## **A Big Thank You**

An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed delicious baked goods to our Bazaar Bakery sale last weekend. Thanks to your generosity and culinary skill, the Bakery was a huge success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the parish and all those who took some treats home to enjoy! We couldn't do it without you!

Warmly,  
*JoAnne*



### **Altar & Rosary Bazaar Winners**

**\$500 Winner:** Rosemary Balka of Munster

**\$200 Winner:** Arlene Kusek of Munster

**\$ 50 Winner:** Julie Greenberg of Hammond

**\$ 50 Winner:** Bob Gozdecki of Calumet City

On behalf of the entire STM Altar & Rosary Society and the Bazaar Committee, we wish to thank all who contributed to our event and to all who came out to support our Bazaar this year. See you next year!



The STMS production of Disney's  
***Alice in Wonderland***

Performances are each night at 7:00 p.m.  
November 17th—19th in the STMS Gym.  
Tickets are available at the door. All are welcome.  
Watch our talented students in action!

## **Bishop Noll Institute Open House**

Come tour our campus, meet our teachers and see what being a Warrior is all about.

**Thursday, December 1st  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond  
Call (219) 932-9058 for information.



# Events in the Area...

## Wounded Healers

Learn how to cope with your grief during the holidays at this special session of Wounded Healers on Sunday, November 13th at St. James Parish Hall in Highland from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Special break-out sessions for teens and for those dealing with the loss of a spouse/significant other, parent/sibling/friend, child/grandchild or loss due to suicide.

## Strudel Cooking Classes

Merrillville Adult Education will offer the following baking classes in Crown Point. Instructor Barbara Rolek, of Our Lady of Consolation Church, is a freelance food journalist.

Upcoming classes include:

**Nut Roll** on November 16th

**Tortes** on November 30th

a **Gingerbread House** on December 7th & 8th.

For more information or to register for any of these classes call (219) 650-5310 or visit <http://www.mvsc.k12.in.us/adulteduc>.

## Gary Diocese March for Life

Join the Diocese Respect Life as they travel to Washington, D.C. on January 20-24, 2012. Trip includes a Youth Rally & Mass, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Holocaust Museum, War Memorials & meet legislators. For info, contact Rev. Theodore Mens, Pro-Life Director for the Diocese, at (219) 924-4163. Donations to defer costs for the trip accepted.

## Do Not Call List

To remove your cell phone number from telemarketing lists, call (888) 382-1222 from your cell phone. This will block your cell number for five years from telemarketing companies.

## Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus #3631 will be hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 13th at the St. James Church Parish Hall in Highland from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Pancakes, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee are included. Adults (\$7), Seniors (\$6) and Kids, age 5 to 12 (\$4) or \$20 per family.

## Fellowship Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Hosted by St. James the Less in Highland, enjoy a traditional, FREE Thanksgiving dinner from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Thursday, November 24th. Everyone welcome. Reservations requested. Call Joanne at (219) 972-0241 or Jerry at (219) 924-2907. Volunteers are needed to provide a precooked dish or to work on Thanksgiving Day.

## Breakfast With Santa

Sponsored by the Lake Station Boys & Girls Club at 4700 Central Avenue in L.S. All you can eat for \$5 (adults) and \$3 (kids), pictures with Santa and raffles on Saturday, December 10th. Call Kathie at (219) 963-9200. Vendors wanted.

## Families in Crisis

### *How to Break the Cycle?*

A special seminar for anyone concerned with the struggles and challenges facing today's families due to current economic challenges, job loss, divorce & other traumatic events. Help stop the downward spiral in families pushed to the brink of despair. Sponsored by Calumet College, Lake Area United Way and Diocesan Catholic Charities, this day-long session will take place on November 18th at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Merrillville from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$25 per person covers a continental breakfast, lunch and hall rental. To register, contact Caitlin Mills-Groninger at (219) 473-4325 or [development@ccsj.edu](mailto:development@ccsj.edu) by Friday, 11-11-11.



## Polish Carols Concert

Enjoy the music of the Lira Singers and Lira Symphony at St. John the Evangelist Church on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. Authentic Polish and English carols. All seats reserved. For tickets, call Lira at (773) 508-7040 or (800) 547-5472.

## Turkey Bingo

St. Nicholas Church at 8103 Columbia Avenue in Munster is hosting a Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Center. Ham & cash bingo, split the pot, food and baked goods.

## Bishop Noll Theater Presents...

BNI will present its fall play, *Wait Until Dark*, in the school auditorium at 1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond on November 18th & 19th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and seniors and \$7.00 for adults. Call (219) 932-9058 for info.

## Polish Mass

All Saints Church at 570 Sibley Street in Hammond will have a Mass completely in the Polish language on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Coffee and cake will follow the Mass and a Polish-related video will be shown. Call (219) 932-0204 for more information.

## Craft Show

St. Stephen, Martyr Parish in Merrillville needs vendors for its Holiday Craft Fair on December 3rd & 4th. Craft Fair is from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Jacob Hall. For more information or to rent a table, call the church office at (219) 980-9348.