Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?

Lk 24:32
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.

Pastoral Staff
Pastor.............................................Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KHS; Ext. 312
myadron@stm-church.com
Associate Pastor..............................Reverend Benjamin J. Ross; Ext. 314
bross@stm-church.com
Senior Deacon..............................Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
deacon@stm-church.com
Deacons ......................................David Kapala, KHS
........................................Joseph Stodola, KHS
........................................Daniel Zurawski, KHS
Stewardship Director..........Noreen Bickel; Ext. 836-8610
Pastoral Care Coordinator........Madeleine Moya; Ext. 313
Director of Music ..................Angie Lorandos; Ext. 330
Director of Religious Education .Emily Hackett; Ext. 332

Parish Office Staff
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Hospitality/Greeters ..................Chris Shearman 922-1419
Lectors ......................................William McDunn 922-9459
Nursery .....................................Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
St. Vincent de Paul ......................Michael Martinelli 836-8610
Vocations Committee .................Mary Kochis 322-7262

2013-2014 Pastoral Council Members
Daniel Buksa ................................Leslie Demulc
Christi Kordecki .........................Michael Korfiatis
John Kovach ................................Mary Kretz
Paul Liszewski, Co-Chair .............Bill McDunn
Andrea Mazerek ..........................Jesse Montenegro
Krystal Quagliara, Chairperson ....Ruth Yothment

St. Thomas More School
Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday – Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Web Site........................................www.stm-school.com
School Phone ............836-9151 School Fax ............836-0982
Principal ..................................Chet Nordyke, KHS; Ext. 328
Assistant Principal ............Tina Boyle; Ext. 328
School Administrative Assistant ...Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
School Reception & Office Associate....Sandra Steele; Ext. 329
Home & School Association ....Kris Miller; (312) 909-8156
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Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321
Phone ..........836-2660 Fax ............836-2655

Sacramental Information
Confessions ............................................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:
Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Religious Education Phone ..................836-8610
Director .............................................Emily Hackett; Ext. 332
Administrative Assistant ............Carolyn McGill; Ext. 336
Grades K through 8 — Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons
Formation/Education ...........................Barbara Topete
Parish Life .............................................Elaine Hermann
Peace & Social Justice .....................Mary Silvasi
Spirituality & Worship ....................Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship .................................Noreen Bickel

Parish Organizations
Altar & Rosary Society .........................Kaaren Mashura 836-5079
Blue Army ..................................Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779
Boy Scouts ............................................Curt Anglin 902-5126
Career Networking Group ..................Christine Spencer 836-8610
Circle of Prayer .................................Mary Humphreys 836-5002
Cub Scouts ..................................Chris Bedenk 595-2470
Finance ..................................Barbara Shaver 836-9200
Gabriel Project ...............................Carolyn Grskovich 836-8610
Garden Club ..................................Al Carollo 836-8268
Gifts of Love & Warmth ....................Brendine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ............................................Julie Buksa 922-1182
Holy Name Society .........................Joe Adams 865-3566
Knights of Columbus .......................Dave Kitzer 836-4409
K of C Columbian Squires ..............Richard Alvarado 614-3743
Moms’ Group ..................................Leticia Kotso 924-5732
Oblates ...........................................Denise Giard 836-9115
Respect Life .................................Alice Wohler 836-5337
Senior Citizens ...........................Herb Cleve 670-2982
The Travelers Club .........................Lois Quinn 836-7902
Ushers Club .....................................Jim Marmalejo 836-1463
Venture Crew .................................Fr. Ben Ross 836-8610

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

*SATURDAY, May 10*

5:30 p.m.  Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, May 11**

6:30 a.m.  Fr. Mike Yadron
8:00 a.m.  Fr. Mike Yadron
10:00 a.m. Fr. Benjamin Ross
12:00 Noon Fr. Benjamin Ross

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**Servers**

**SATURDAY, May 10**

8:30 am  A. Pedraza, I. Scalzo

10:00 am  Religious Education First Holy Communion
  N. Kunas, J. Bevil, E. M. & T. Zabrecky

MC ~ Scott/ Practice at 9:15 a.m. ~ Sacristy.

5:30 pm  T. T. & T. Pappas, J. & W. Roe/ MC ~ Ricky

**SUNDAY, May 11**

6:30 am  C. Burzynski, M. DiCarlo, O. Lerma
8:00 am  K. Yaeger, A. Zajakowski, V. Zaczyk,
  A. Bilse, M. Blocher/ MC ~ Chris
10:00 am  D. Straka, J. Surd, AJ. & M. Argamasilla,
  M. McGrath/ MC ~ Joey
12:00 pm  D. Dy, E. Korwek, E. Long/ MC ~ Mike

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**Rest in Peace**

*Helen Kolas*

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**Wedding Ban 1**

*Julie Bassetto & Douglas Quasny*

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**Bulletin Articles**

To accommodate vacations and summer printing schedules, all bulletin articles must be submitted two weeks in advance to guarantee inclusion in the appropriate issue. Thank you.

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**Sacrificial Offerings**

*April 27, 2014*

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*Thank you for your generosity and stewardship to our parish!*

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**New Altar Servers**

*Information/Sign-Up Meeting*

Any St. Thomas More School or STM Religious Education student, currently in the 4th grade or above, who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to attend an informational meeting on

**Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

in the Cafeteria.

Parents, please accompany your student to this very important informational meeting.
Journey tales are a popular form of literature. Some involve a quest, like the various renditions of the tales of King Arthur or the modern classic by J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*. Others reflect a wandering experience, as chronicled in Jack Kerouac’s novel, *On the Road*, or John Steinbeck’s diary, *Travels with Charley*. All of these stories have as a common thread the gradual unfolding of discovery as the journey progresses. New insights are gained and in many tales it is revealed that not everyone is as he or she first seems.

That is certainly the case in this Sunday’s Gospel, which portrays the journey to Emmaus, a small village about seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. Jesus comes upon two disciples who are dismayed about the Crucifixion. He talks with them on the way and opens their minds to an understanding of the Scriptures. When they sit down together for the evening meal, they recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Whether the story is historically accurate or not is of little consequence. It is the meaning that is most important. The real presence of the risen Lord is revealed in the breaking of the bread. When Christians gather, whether around a table in Emmaus or an altar halfway around the world from that little town, the risen Lord is truly there. In the Eucharist we celebrate each Sunday Christ is really present. Preachers are fond of asking the question, “What would you do if you met Jesus today?” as though Jesus were only present two thousand years ago. But the fact is that in the Eucharist we really do encounter Christ. We meet him each time we celebrate Mass and receive Communion. So the preacher’s question is far from idle speculation. As the Emmaus story points out clearly, we do meet Christ. But for all of us the question still remains: “What would you do?” Do you have an answer?

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Irene Baker
John Baker
Antonio Belmonto
Michael Berry
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Dorothy Campbell
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Dorothy Campbell

Readings for the Week of May 4

- **Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- **Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- **Tuesday:** Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- **Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- **Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- **Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- **Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69


**Weekly Schedule**

**SUNDAY, May 4**
8:00 am Book Fair ~ Solar Room (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
8:00 am Holy Name Society Communion Mass & Breakfast (Cafeteria)
7:00 pm Blue Army May Crowning ~ Church

**MONDAY, May 5**
8:30 am All School Mass and May Crowning
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Parish Life ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Vocations ~ Sacristy

**TUESDAY, May 6**
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chapel ~ Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA Wrap-Up ~ Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, May 7**
9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes ~ Third Grade Only
6:00 pm Handbell Practice ~ Church

**THURSDAY, May 8**
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes ~ Third Grade Only
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:30 pm STMS Spring Band Concert ~ Gym

**FRIDAY, May 9**
9:00 am Gifts of Love and Warmth ~ Conference Room
9:30 am STMS Spring Band Concert ~ Gym

**SATURDAY, May 10**
10:00 am Religious Education First Holy Communion

Festival Early Bird Raffle

Festival Early Bird drawings will take place every Monday until the Monday before the festival. Return tickets to the Parish Office, send to the office via the mail or place in the collection basket.
**ELIZABETH (BETTY) BORTER**

Condolesences to Fr. Ben on the loss of his grandmother, Betty Borter. She passed away last Sunday, April 27th. She was also the mother of Fr. Michael Maginot, the pastor of St. Stephen Martyr Church in Merrillville.

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Betty and for consolation for her family and friends.

Also passing away last Sunday was the mother of Fr. Michael Heimer, the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Fish Lake and St. John Kanty in Rolling Prairie.

These two moms follow the very recent deaths of two other priest moms: the mother of Fr. Kevin McCarthy and the mother of Fr. Kevin Huber (the wife of Deacon Richard Huber).

Your prayers for all of those above as well as their families and friends would be greatly appreciated.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR US!**

Last week, two new names were added to the ranks of the saints: Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.

John XXIII (1881-1963) was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli as one of 13 children into a family of Italian peasants, farmers from a tiny village in the country's north. He was sent away to study for the priesthood at age 11. He was known for many things; but, probably the most notable was the convening of the Second Vatican Council in October of 1962.

John Paul II (1920-2005) was born Karol Jozef Wojtyla. He was raised in an industrial town in Poland by his soldier father after his mother died when he was just 8 years old. He spent his formative years living under first Nazis, then Communists. For his many accomplishments, Pope John Paul II wanted to be known as the “family Pope” for his love of the family.

Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THEM**

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

May 6:  
Rev. Augustine C. Van Rie (1962)  
Rev. David E. Hauskins (1971)

May 9:  
Rev. John J. Lach (1960)

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**QUOTES FROM OUR NEarest SAINTS**

**Pope John XXIII:**

- It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope.
- Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.
- Only for today, I will devote ten minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

**Pope John Paul II:**

- Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.
- To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.
- Young people are threatened... by the evil use of advertising techniques that stimulate the natural inclination to avoid hard work by promising the immediate satisfaction of every desire.

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**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

“George is so forgetful,” the sales manager complained to his secretary. “It’s a wonder he can sell anything. I asked him to pick me up some sandwiches on his way back from lunch, and I’m not sure he’ll even remember to come back.”

Just then the door flew open, and in bounced George.

“You’ll never guess what happened!” he shouted. “While I was at lunch, I met Old Man Brown, who hasn’t bought anything from us for five years. Well, we got to talking and he gave me this half-million dollar order!”

“See,” sighed the sales manager to his secretary. “I told you he’d forget the sandwiches.”

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**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**

*I sure miss Jesus... If I could only be with him again.*

Jesus takes a post resurrection stroll "incognito" on the road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35
Register Now for Fall Religious Education
2014-2015 Religious Education Year
The registration form can be found on the parish website. Register early to ensure that you get your day of preference. If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required for registration. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

May Schedule
7/8 First Holy Communion Practice
All Communicants must attend both days
4:30-6:00 p.m.
10 First Holy Communion—10:00 a.m. Mass

Religious Education

Altar & Rosary Society
Spring Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner
Our next event, one of the year’s favorite evenings, will be
Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Solar Room
All women of the parish are invited to join us.
Please bring your favorite family dish or dessert.
The Rosary will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner and a short meeting, and of course, door prizes.
Please bring newborn baby items.
For information, please call Therese at (219)844-7715, Kathleen at (219) 972-0539 or Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Respect Life Corner
Pro-Life Rosary
Please join our group Pro-Life Rosary, in honor of Mary, the Blessed Mother, and pray with us for an appreciation of life, on
Sunday, May 18th at 1:00 p.m.
(after the Noon Mass) in the Chapel. All are welcome.

About Divine Mercy...
St. Faustina has obtained the beautiful gift of Divine Mercy for us! Join us every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. when we have the privilege to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a group in our own Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed while we pray for approximately half an hour and then close with the Benediction.

Father’s Day Cards Now Available
Purchase cards in the Parish Office for $3 per card.
You may list favorite parent, grandparent or friend, etc., living or deceased, for our parish bulletin on the corresponding day.
To be printed in the bulletin, Father’s Day Cards must be purchased no later than Friday, June 6th.

Special Mother’s Day Collection
Next Weekend: Saturday & Sunday, May 10th &

Where women are loved.
Where hearts are touched.
Where families are built.

Use your parish envelope to contribute to St. Thomas More’s special Mother’s Day Collection for the Women’s Care Center and be a part of helping thousands of mothers and babies.

The Women’s Care Center is the largest and most successful pregnancy resource center in America, founded by a University of Notre Dame professor, to offer a unique and unconditionally loving counseling center to help pregnant women in need. Because of this support and love, over 97% of those receiving counseling and an ultrasound choose life for their babies.

In addition, the Women’s Care Center offers:
- Education & classes to help women become better parents to create nurturing and self-sufficient families.
- Healthy start classes for pregnant women, vitamins, and prenatal medical care.
- Crib Club, a rewards program to supply cribs, diapers and baby items to those who participate in classes.
- Books for poor children to increase child literacy.

There are currently thirteen Indiana Women’s Care Centers, including one in Hammond.
The support and love that so many pregnant women have received has paid off significantly!
Please be generous on Mother’s Day Weekend!

You Did It for Me
Brianna* had been living on a friend’s couch for the past month and didn’t know where she would live after giving birth to her baby. Her local Catholic Charities agency walked with her on her journey, providing housing assistance, parenting classes and job training classes. When she wanted to start her own business after her baby was born, they provided her with the necessary tools and today, Brianna is entirely self-sufficient and full of hope for the future.

Every day, Catholic Charities agencies work with individuals and families in need of help and hope, providing nearly 10 million client services every year. To learn more, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org
Religious Formation/Education
All are invited to join the Religious Formation & Education Commission for an educational and informative evening.

An Instructional Mass
The Step-by-Step Meaning of the Mass with Guest Speaker Fr. Gerald Schweitzer
Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.
in the St. Thomas More Chapel
Refreshments to follow.

Senior Citizens
If you are a senior in our parish family, and you have not yet joined our group, we invite you to come and join us.

Wednesday, May 7th
Noon to 3:00 p.m. (must have made advanced reservations)
Luncheon & Installation of New Officers
Lansing K of C — Columbian Club of Lansing
17800 Lorenz Avenue in Lansing, IL
Maps are available in the Parish Office.

Wednesday, July 16th
Annual Senior Citizen Picnic at the Weis Center

May Crowning
Sunday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.—St. Thomas More
Guest Speaker will be Rev. Bronislaw Socha, OCD.
Candlelight procession.
All First Communicants are invited to participate (please attend in your Communion attire) & arrive by 6:30 pm.
Sponsored by the Gary Diocese-Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.
Contact Rose Marie for information at (219) 836-8779.

Parish Musical Auditions
Announcing our summer Parish Musical!
Participation is open to ALL parishioners of all ages.
Come and be a part of this year’s production
“Children of Eden”.
Rehearsals will begin on June 2, 2014.
Performances will be August 1-3, 2014.
Please attend one of these brief informational meetings on Friday, May 9th at 7p.m. or Tuesday, May 13th at 7p.m.
in the Solar Room
or contact Angie Lorandos at (219) 836-8610 x338.

Travelers Club
Chicago Church Tours & Lunch
May 8, 2014 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Travelers with reservations will be traveling to St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church and the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago. Lunch will follow our tours at Maggiano’s Restaurant in the city. The cost includes transportation, lunch & gratuities.

Please park in the north parking lot!

Garden Club Tryouts
Spring training tryouts will begin for new members. The Garden Club mission is improving and maintaining the parish grounds. To perform its mission it needs new members, male or female, between the ages of 21 and 99. New recruits must be capable of walking, talking and stalking (weeds that is) and distinguishing between plant life that should be nourished or eradicated. Bending over and having a digestive system capable of consuming coffee and doughnuts is an asset, but not an absolute requirement.
If you believe you can measure up to these standards and have a burning desire to become a participant in this elite group, present yourself on any Wednesday or Friday morning at The Barn (next to the parish rectory) at 9:00 a.m. We disband at noon. Attendance records are not kept and fines are not levied for being absent or having differences of opinion with others in the group. Seize the moment, challenge yourself, fulfill one of your lifelong dreams, give your dormant psyche a spring tonic! Join the Garden Club!

Lectors for the Week
Sunday, May 11
6:30 am Mass
Mark & Gabriella Bittner

8:00 am Mass
Judy Buksa & Chris Greenberg

10:00 am Mass
Julius Ballanco & Charles Helms

12:00 Noon Mass
Niko Ingoglia & Maryann Pancheri

Saturday, May 10
5:30 pm Mass
Jennifer Feddeler & Richard Gard

Greeters for the Week
Saturday, May 10
8:00 p.m. Mass
Main: John Queroz
Chapel: Charles & Chris Shearman
Choir: Bill & JoAnn Karr
Sunday, May 11
6:30 am Mass
Main: Jan Holka
Chapel: Lyle & Shirley Fralich
Choir: Karen & Tim Rutz
8:00 am Mass
Main: Dennis & Lucy Perz
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Lois Quinn
10:00 am Mass
Main: Denise & Tim Szore & Allison Rusnak
Chapel: Pischner Family
12:00 pm Mass
Main: Diane Gralewski
Choir: Pat Batchelder
Congratulations
Third Grade Students of St. Thomas More School
who received the
Sacrament of Holy First Communion
at St. Thomas More Church on Saturday, May 3, 2014

Avigail Amores
Joshua Avila
Nicholas Badali
Isabella Boleski
Luke Buksa
Madelyn Burns
Teresa Burzynski
Michae Casner
Jillianna Childs
Anna Castillo
Joseph Cipowski
Andrew Cipowski
Amanda Cooper
Patrick Cullars III
Linden Dannis

Anthony Dato
Celestina Diaz
Adeline Drake
Will Feeney
Jack Fugger
Sarah Fugger
Brianna Gonzalez
Nicholas Hanas
Eileen Harkenrider
William Hoitsma IV
Victoria James
Aidan Kemp
John Kirsch
Nicholas Kirsch
Andrew Klaich
Rylie Klaich
Mary Kotso
Francis Krembs
Marco Long
Angelise Lopez

Maya Madrigal
Jack Meyer
Dillon Murray
Daniella Nahnsen
Madelynn Nygaard
Jessica Ocasio
Ty Pappas
Cameron Pischner
Brooke Power
Maya Prince
Kyle Ranos
Anna Raycroft
Kylie Slough
Charles Smith
Ryan Tully
Bradley Uzubell
Brianna Vale
Matthew Walsh
Ethan Wisler
Benjamin Zegarra
Our Annual Catholic Services Appeal Has Begun!

This weekend is the first CSA Pledge Weekend.
Thank you to all that have already shared your love by making a pledge or donation! Volunteers will be at all doors at all Masses again next weekend to accept your pledge and/or donation.

How does your gift to the CSA help share your love?
Here are just a few ways:

- Catholic Charities is one of the largest recipients of CSA funds. Through offices located across the diocese, people in dire need receive financial, emotional, and spiritual help.
- You support the youth in our diocese through funding for activities and programs, Camp Lawrence, CYO, and tuition assistance.
- You provide academic and spiritual formation to men who have answered the call to the priesthood or permanent diaconate.
- Finally, by giving to the CSA you are helping our parish. Every dollar collected over our goal is returned to St. Thomas More to fund specific needs.

We need a response from EVERY parish family regarding the campaign. If you are unable to give this year, just let us know by calling the Parish Office. Parishioners that have not submitted a pledge or responded will be contacted by phone. Your response is greatly appreciated!

Contributing is easy and can be accomplished by simply:
1. Dropping your completed CSA envelope in the collection basket at Mass.
2. Calling the Parish Office.
3. Completing an envelope after Mass during our Pledge Weekends.
Volunteers will be at all doors to collect your pledge or donation.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Spring is upon us providing sunshine and new life. Whether it is the flowers, baby animals or the fresh green growth, it brings smiles to many faces. As Jesus rose and brought us new life and hope, so does Spring. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society hope to bring smiles to faces also. We hope to do this by providing food, utility/rent assistance or playing Bunco with the elderly. Please consider assisting us place smiles on the faces of the less fortunate with your contribution to the food pantry.

We are currently in need of any of the following items:

- Soup
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Boxed Potatoes

- Rice
- Meal Helpers
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Any Toiletries
- Toilet Paper
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Liquid Dish Soap

Thank you for your generous assistance!

Planting Possibilities

Spring Flower Sale

Geraniums, Tomato Plants & Salsa Garden Kits
Don’t miss it! Florist-quality geraniums of all colors and sizes, heirloom tomato plants and Salsa Garden Kits on sale.

Online pre-orders will be available.
Free delivery within Lake County, IN for pre-orders over $100.
All proceeds will benefit Planting Possibilities, a Northwest Indiana nonprofit whose mission is to build a greenhouse that will provide employment, job skills training, and volunteer opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Lake County, IN.

May 17, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sarkey’s Florist
8944 Erie Street in Highland
http://www.plantingpossibilities.org/spring-sale-at-sarkey-s
For more information, email: plantingpossibilities.org or call (219) 838-7073.
Everyone is invited! Register Now for the 2nd Annual
Eagle Dash 5K Run & 1-Mile Fun Walk
Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Eagle Dash Entry Form
Must be returned by May 6, 2014 for guaranteed T-shirts.

Name__________________________Sex________Age________
Address________________________State______Zip__________
Phone__________________________E-mail________________

T-Shirt Size
Adult (circle one): S M L XL XXL
Youth (circle one): S M L XL

Registration Category
_____ $20 pre-registered runner _____ $15 pre-registered walker
_____ $25 late or same day runner _____ $20 same day walker
_____ $Free STM teachers only

Waiver—Must Be Signed to Participate
I acknowledge that participating in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I attest and verify I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of this event and my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor. I agree to abide by any decisions of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the event.

I assume all risks associated with this event, including traffic concerns.

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, my heirs, successors and assigns, waive and release the North Township Trustee's Office, Wicker Memorial Park, St. Thomas More Church, St. Thomas More School, STM Parent's Association, Diocese of Gary and all employees, officers, directors, volunteers, sponsors and or beneficiaries of the St. Thomas More “Eagle Dash” 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun walk, their representatives and successors from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in this event, even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I also grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs and other records of this event for legitimate purpose.

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Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18):                                           Date

Race Location: Wicker Memorial Park in Highland
Course: Scenic, paved course enclosed within the park. Walkers (strollers allowed only on walking course) have a separate course. No Dogs Allowed.
Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place male and female runners in each age division. Student/Youth Age Divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Adult Age Divisions: 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 • 60-64 • 65-69 • 70+
Race day: Race will be timed by T&H Timing and results will be available online at www.thtiming.com. Special appearance by White Sox Southpaw at 11:40 a.m.!
Packet pick-up: Race day 11:00am-12:30pm. Pick-up available Saturday May 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Avenue in Munster.
Payment: Checks should be made to St. Thomas More School and mailed to: 8435 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321
Online Registration: Register online at www.thtiming.com
## Sign-Up to Help at the Festival NOW!

It’s time to sign-up to help work at our annual Parish Festival. Meet fellow parishioners, help your parish and have lots of fun, too! Many, many volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this important parish event. **Remember the Stewardship Prayer and don’t be afraid to Step Up to the Plate to help your parish!**

### ST. THOMAS MORE FUN DAYS – June 18-22, 2014

#### Festival Volunteer Sign-Up

| Name: ___________________________________________ | Home/Cell Phone ____________________________ |
| E-mail: __________________________________________ | Best time to call: __________________________ |

Your help is needed for the success of our annual festival. We can’t do it without you! Here is your chance to meet other members of our parish community, to contribute to the festival, and to have fun at the same time. Place completed form in the collection basket or return to the church office. If you have any questions, call Carol or Don Kopenec at 922-6091. **Return this form as soon as possible to insure your time preference.**

| Just fill in the circle when you are available. Times marked by an “X” are already filled. |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | Wednesday      | Thursday       | Friday         | Saturday       | Sunday         |
| Bingo** (X)                    | 5:45           | 8:15           | 5:45           | 8:15           | 4:45           | 8:45           | 1:45           | 5:45           | 8:45           | 12:45          | 4:45           | 7:15           |
| Cash Raffle**                  | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Casino/Wheel**                 | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Children’s Games               | O              | X              | X              | O              | X              | O              | X              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| First Aid                      | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Grounds Clean-up               | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| MegaPass                       | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Pull/Peel Tabs**               | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Tent/Tables Clean-up           | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Youth Volunteer*               | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |
| Wherever needed                | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              | O              |

**Beer Garden**

| O 6:00-11:00 | O 6:00-11:00 | O 6:00-12:00 | O 6:00-12:00 | O 5:00-10:00 |

**Volunteer before/after Festival:**

- Construction ______
- Electrical ______
- Set-up ______
- Take Down ______

*Bingo snacks, children’s games, grounds clean-up, tent/tables clean-up (circle choice)

**For all gaming areas you must be a parishioner for at least 6 months and will be asked to provide driver’s license number and date of birth.

**EVERY VOLUNTEER WILL BE CALLED BY THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO CONFIRM SHIFT TIME.**

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### My Two Cents

#### Thoughts on Living Stewardship

**Third Sunday of Easter**

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long. The culmination of the story occurs when they sit down for a meal and Jesus breaks bread and gives thanks, at which moment “their eyes were opened” and they knew the Lord. His Emmaus story says that God is alive, right now, in every moment. Wake up and see!

### Vocations Committee

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#### Tent & Table Co-Chair Person

This co-chair position for Tent & Table Clean-Up entails coordinating volunteers to assist in cleaning tables in the tent area during the Festival and other light duties regarding the tent.

#### Sign Chairperson

This chairperson is responsible for procuring sign permits from the town, printing the signs for our sponsors and coordinating the placement of signs. For information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Ed at force1e@sbcglobal.net or call (219) 718-9952.

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Thursday, May 15, 2014
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Putting Together a Job Search
Speaker: Russell Tinich
Talent Management with Cassiani Associates & Challenger, Christmas & Gray
40 Years as a Manufacturing Executive
Topics to be discussed:
Learn the Net • Resumes • Job Boards
Contacts & Networking • Assessment Analysis • Online Search
Where: STM Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
When: The 3rd Thursday of Every Month
Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
Regular Meetings are 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.

Thursday, May 22, 2014
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Lake County Library
1919 W. 81st Ave. • Merrillville, IN 46410
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® Assessment
Discover a career path that suits your qualities and strengths. Space is limited to 25 persons.
Questions?: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
Cost: $20.00/Advanced reservation only.
Make checks payable to: HelenMarie Harmon
Mail to: St. Thomas More Parish
Attn: Career Networking Group
8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
Checks must be received by Monday, May 12, 2014.

BNI Ladies Day Out!
Come join us for a day of pampering and shopping on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bishop Noll Institute • 1519 Hoffman Street • Hammond, IN
Free Admission. Contact Cathy Pizana (708) 243-0398 for info.

Homemade Pierogi
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church (corner of Ridge & White Oak in Munster) offers homemade pierogi for only $8.00/dozen or $4.00/half-dozen. Potato, kraut, cheese or prune. To order, please call (219) 838-9811 weekdays before 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. Leave your name, phone & quantity desired. Pick-up orders Fridays between 12:00 Noon & 4:00 p.m.

Mother’s Day Luncheon
Polish Women’s Alliance Group 132 invites all to a Mother’s Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 10th at the K of C Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive, East Chicago. Doors open at Noon. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. Tickets: $35 adults/ $17.50 children age 5 to 11. Reservations are due by May 5th by calling Delphine at (219) 398-9069.

Wounded Healers
Our spring schedule has begun with the next meeting slated for Wednesday, May 14th. Wounded Healers, a non-denominational grief support group, holds separate groups for those dealing with the loss of a spouse, parent, sibling or friend, child or grandchild, with additional groups for those dealing with the loss of a friend or family member from suicide (separate teen group). All sessions are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. James the Less in Highland, corner of Kennedy and 45th. Schedule & info at www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.

St. Joseph’s Carmelite Home Gala
A dinner Gala to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph’s Carmelite Home in East Chicago will be held on May 15th in Schererville. Cardinal George of Chicago will be the featured speaker with Bishop Melczek as this year’s honorary co-chairs.
Save the date and watch the bulletin for more details.

Rummage & Bake Sale
Rummage & Bake Sale at St. James the Less in Highland.
Friday, May 16th -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Clothes $1.00/bag on Saturday. Call Mary at (219) 864-7438.

St. Casimir Spring Festival
Friday, May 16th to Sunday, May 18th at the St. Casimir, 4329 Cameron in Hammond. “Flashback Friday” on May 16th—6:00 p.m. to Midnight with live music by Dick Diamond & the Dusters. May 17th—Noon to 4:00 p.m. is Family Day with kid’s games & Latin Night—6:00 p.m. to Midnight with live bands, including La Imagen del Norte. May 18th is Polish Day—Noon to 8:00 p.m. with live polka music by Take 5, auction, raffles, tips, kid’s activities, beer garden & ethnic food.

St. Mary Church Golf & Spring Tea
It all happens on Sunday, May 18th. Men’s Golf Outing at Scherwood Golf Course. Call (219) 924-3929 for info. Spring Tea at Hildebrandt Hall from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Call 924-0790 for info. Watch the bulletin for more details to come.

Pastoral Care Ministry
If you or a family member would like to receive home Communion, please call the parish at (219) 836-8610, #313.