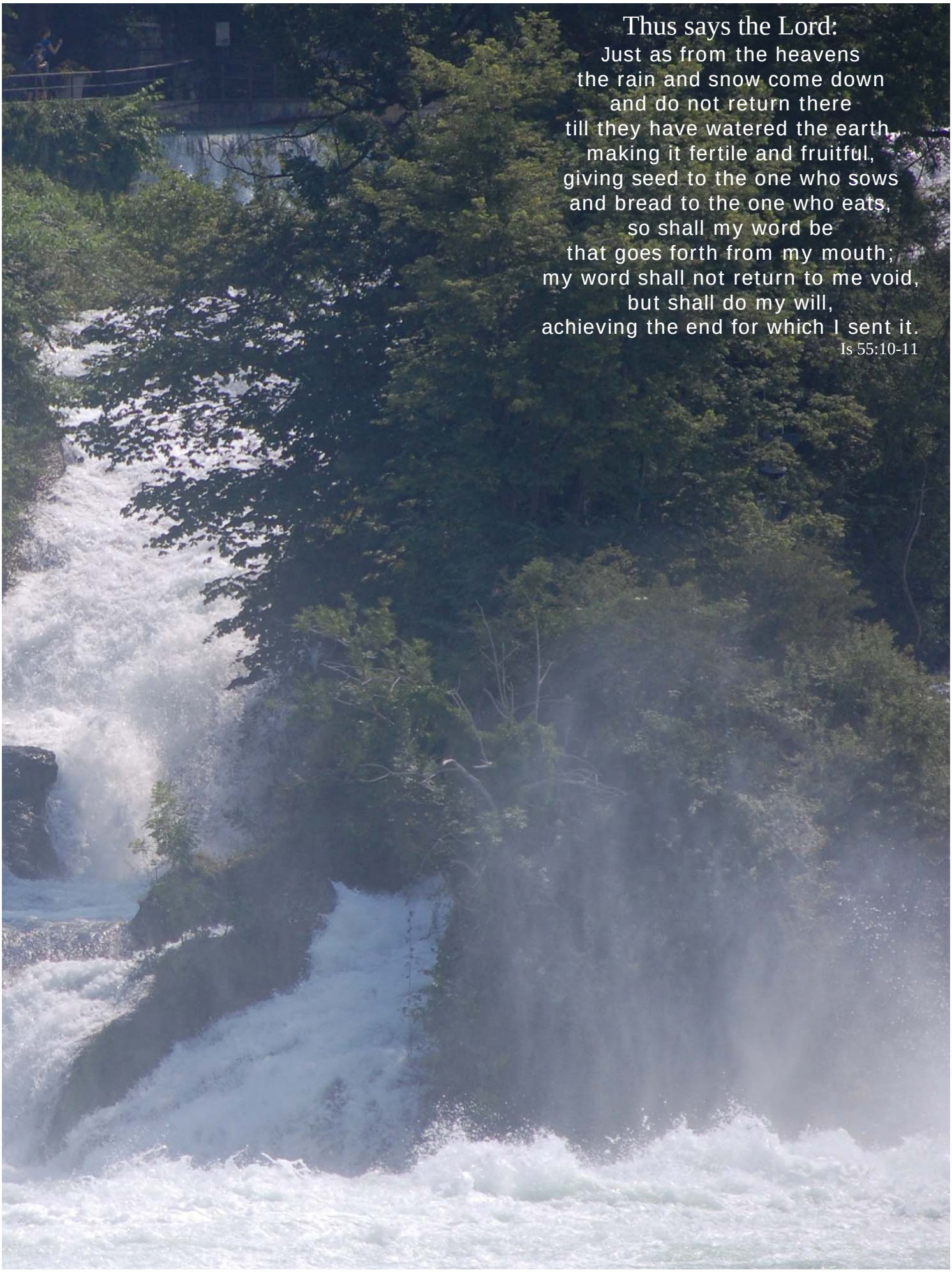

Thus says the Lord:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.
Is 55:10-11

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church — *8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321*

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 Ted J. Mauch; Ext. 314
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Senior Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Deacons ..... David Kapala, KHS
..... Joseph Stodola, KHS
..... Daniel Zurawski, KHS
Stewardship Director ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Madeleine Moya; Ext. 313
Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 332

Parish Office Staff

Hours: Mon-Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm • Saturday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
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Environment & Art ..... Jean Bados 836-8610
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Carole Mackey 808-9732
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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

2014-2015 Pastoral Council Members

Leslie Dernulc ..... Joe Dubczak
Christi Kordeck ..... Michael Korfiatis
Mary Kretz ..... Jim Landowski
Paul Liszewski, Chairperson ..... Bill McDunn
Jesse Montenegro ..... Joe O'Brien
Cindy Thompson ..... 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
Parish & School Offices Associate……Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 311
Parish & School Offices Associate ..... Pam Wadycki; Ext. 339
School Admissions……..……Pam Pasyk; Ext. 309

Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321
Phone 836-2660
Fax 836-2655

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:
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 Herrmann
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 Jo Humpfer 836-5002
Cub Scouts ..... Chris Bedenk 595-2470
Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project ..... Carolyn Grskovich 836-8610
Garden Club ..... Al Carollo 836-8268
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ..... Julie Buksa 922-1182
Holy Name Society ..... Joe Adams 865-3566
Knights of Columbus ..... Dave Kritzer 838-4409
K of C Columbian Squires……..Richard Alvarado 614-3743
Moms' Group ..... Leticia Kotso 924-5732
Oblates……..Denise Gard 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, July 19

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, July 20

6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
10:00 a.m. Fr. Ted Mauch
12:00 Noon Fr. Ted Mauch

Servers

MONDAY, July 14
8:30 am New Servers

TUESDAY, July 15
8:30 am New Servers

WEDNESDAY, July 16
8:30 am New Servers

THURSDAY, July 17
9:00 am New Servers

FRIDAY, July 18
8:30 am New Servers

SATURDAY, July 19
8:30 am New Servers
5:30 pm M. Childs, A. & L. Forszt, J. Kleszynski, A. Pedraza/MC ~ Nick

SUNDAY, July 20
6:30 am S. Donovan, M. & M. Hrinda
8:00 am B. & J. Peters, V. Zaczyk, A. Zajakowski, A. Bilse/ MC ~ Elizabeth
10:00 am A., M., S. & W. McDunn, J. Olivencia MC ~ Joey
12:00 pm E. Diaz, M. & T. Muta MC ~ Alyssa

Baptisms

Joseph Steven III

Son of Brooke & Joseph Harker, II

Wedding Banns

Bann II

Jennifer Novosel & Matthew Kubiak

Rest in Peace

Joseph Biegel • Florence Kochis

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 13 — *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Mary & Ed Solczak by Greg & Kathy Trinkle
10:00 am Mary Peloza (Ann.) by Barbara Peloza
12:00 pm Ronald Schumacher by Peter Murphy

MONDAY, July 14
6:30 am Connie Richwine by Jim & Carol Crydeman & Family
8:30 am Donna Jean Strange (Ann.) by Family

TUESDAY, July 15 — *St. Bonaventure*
6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
8:30 am Dominika Pieczykolan by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Neverauskas
10:00 am Harold Calhoun by Denise Gurley
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 1)

WEDNESDAY, July 16 — *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*
6:30 am Sesinando A. Gonzales by Hajduch Family
8:30 am Melvin Nondorf by Wife Luella

THURSDAY, July 17
6:30 am I rene Harney by Frank & Vera Paunicka
9:00 am Irene Knapik by Martin & Diane Peters

FRIDAY, July 18 — *St. Camillus de Lellis*
6:30 am Michael Janko by Pagorek Family
8:30 am Jean Maloney by Family

SATURDAY, July 19
8:30 am Daniel Jugovic by Family
5:30 am Coleman E. Sills by Wife JoAnne

SUNDAY, July 20 — *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Stephen Sajn by Robert & Marchell Barkey
10:00 am Eugene G. Sepaniak by Celine Szczepaniak & Family
12:00 pm Intention of Greg & Joseph Aquino

Bulletin Articles

Due to vacations and holidays, please submit all bulletin articles at least two weeks in advance to meet printing deadlines.

Sacrificial Offerings

July 6, 2014

Adult	**$ 25,862.00**
Loose	**$ 2,605.00**
Children	**$ 94.72**
TOTAL	**$ 28,561.72**

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship to our parish!

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

"Hear then the parable of the sower." With his analogy of the sower and the seed, Jesus gives us four images to help us gauge the depth of our spiritual maturity. What kind of "soil" does our faith exist in? Are we fruitful Christians? Does our seed yield as much as it could?

The first image is of the seed that fell on the path. This describes those who hear about Christianity "without understanding it." Nothing can grow, nothing can blossom at this level. We should ask ourselves if we have taken the time to be sure we understand the faith we practice. Are we stuck at a superficial level, allowing stereotypes, popular opinion, or media distortions to "steal away" the richness of the Catholic faith? Perhaps we have been properly educated in the teachings of the faith, but our commitment has been fickle. Are we the seed on the rocky ground that "has no root and lasts only for a time"? Have we experienced difficulties in the practice of our faith that have led us to become indifferent? Have we found it just too troublesome to bring our faith into our everyday lives?

Or have we heard the word, but allowed it to be choked by "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches"? Do we appreciate Christianity but fail to make the sacrifices that it requires? Are we more interested in a comfortable life than anything else?

Many of us have sampled these stages at different times. But ultimately, our goal as Christians is to be "the seed sown on rich soil." We are called to be open to hearing the word, to seek to understand it, and to allow it to take firm root in our hearts. When we do this, the seed of our own faith can produce a rich harvest for the world.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Irene Baker
John Baker
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Stephany Burney
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Carol Carollo
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow Christian
Frank Coman
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Margaret Demkovich
Ann D'Orazio
Lucille Detterline
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Irene Dickey
Jeanine Doescher
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Jacqueleen Gonzalez
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Evelyn Hennes
Becky Hill
Megan Homcho
Mary Jo Humpfer
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Rosemary Jerzak-Staszel
Penny Jurkash
Debbie Kaczka
Robert Kalka
James Klein, Sr.
Carol Keilman
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Krizmanic
Jerome Kula
Dorothy Larson
Annika LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Richard LaVigne
Gene Leahy
Mary Leahy
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Jenny Mendoza
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
Emily Orosco
Irene Orzel
Christine Osmulski
Johanna Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Burt Robinson
Kristen Rubin
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Thomas Skarbek
Nick Skinner
Lydia Skorupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Florence Stevens
Georgianne Suto
Celine Szczepaniak
Carrie Szumelda
Barbara Szypczak
Rose Terranova
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanich
Pam Wadycki
Adele Wall
Don Woszczynski
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, July 14
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Cafeteria

TUESDAY, July 15
Market Day Pick-Up in the Gym from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 16
10:00 am DCCW ~ Cafeteria
12:00 pm STM Senior Citizens Picnic ~ Solar Room

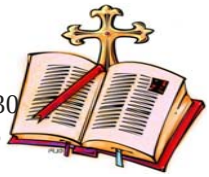
THURSDAY, July 17
7:00 pm Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center

FRIDAY, July 18
9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room

SUNDAY, July 20
Blood Drive in the Cafeteria from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 Noon
6:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service ~ Church

Readings for the Week of July 13

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Pastoral Care Hospital Visits

In compliance with HIPAA legislation (which addresses the privacy of patient information), hospitals ***do not*** notify our parish about parishioner hospitalizations unless requested to do so by the patient or patient's family.

If you or a family member are a patient at Munster Community Hospital and wish to receive hospital visits by the Pastoral Care Ministry, please notify the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 and the patient will be added to our hospital visitation list.

Vocations Committee

Are you called to a religious life?

Pray daily for courage, seek counsel, talk to a priest and contact the Vocation Director. You will be making a prayerful decision.

Pastoral Care Ministry

If you or a family member would like to receive home Communion, please contact our Pastoral Care Office at (219) 836-8610, ext. 313.

MANAGING, IMPROVING, AND PROMOTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Effective July 1, 2014, Noreen A. Bickel has been named the President of St. Thomas More School. She will retain many of her current parish responsibilities for finance, facilities, human resources, technology and stewardship.

Noreen holds a BS in accounting from Northern Illinois University, and has attended classes at the IU School of Philanthropy. Prior to being the Director of Stewardship at St. Thomas More, she was the Director of Development. In addition to other responsibilities, Noreen led the strategic planning process and the capital campaign to purchase the Weis Center.

Prior to starting at St. Thomas More, Noreen was the Controller at Silvon Software, Director of Financial Reporting at Morton Thiokol – Bee Chemical Division and on the audit staff at KPMG Peat Marwick.

The governance model of president/principal recognizes that meeting all of the responsibilities of contemporary leadership in a Catholic school is too much for one person. The design of the model relieves overload on the part of the principal and enables the principal to function primarily as the educational leader in the school.

So that the principal may function primarily as the educational leader, Noreen will be responsible for school development including alumni, public relations, governance, and strategic planning for the school.

The president/principal model has been in use the past couple of years at our diocesan high schools. We want to employ that same model at St. Thomas More so that our school can continue to provide excellent educational opportunities as well as the myriad extra-curricular activities that we offer our students.

Noreen and her husband Ron live in Munster and are parishioners of St. Thomas More. Their three children have attended both St. Thomas More and Andrean High School prior to college.

Our principal, Chet Nordyke, and our president, Noreen Bickel, are both very excited about working together to keep our school excellent and strong.

We ask you to pray for the success of this endeavor. We will keep you informed of the exciting opportunities this model will afford our students and their parents.

Fr. Mike

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:

July 13: Msgr. Paul J. Schmid (1991)
L. William Peil (2013)
July 14: Rev. James I. Cis (1911)
July 16: Lukasz Kleczka, SDS (2013)
July 18: Rev. Eugeniusz Pogorzelski (2002)

A BIG VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!

There is so much activity going on at St. Thomas More Church and School throughout the year. This place never stops! Some parishes, it seems, practically "roll up their sidewalks" in the summer months as no one is around. Here, on the other hand, we have activity galore.

Case in point is last week's **Vacation Bible School**. Every year, we have a huge number of children come for this incredibly fun yet highly instructional week. It always warms my heart to see them learning so much when all they think they are doing is having the time of their lives!

This is done not only because of the programs that we use each summer but, more so, because of the number of adult and student volunteers who come forward to help make the week a success.

A lot of hard work goes into Vacation Bible School each year.

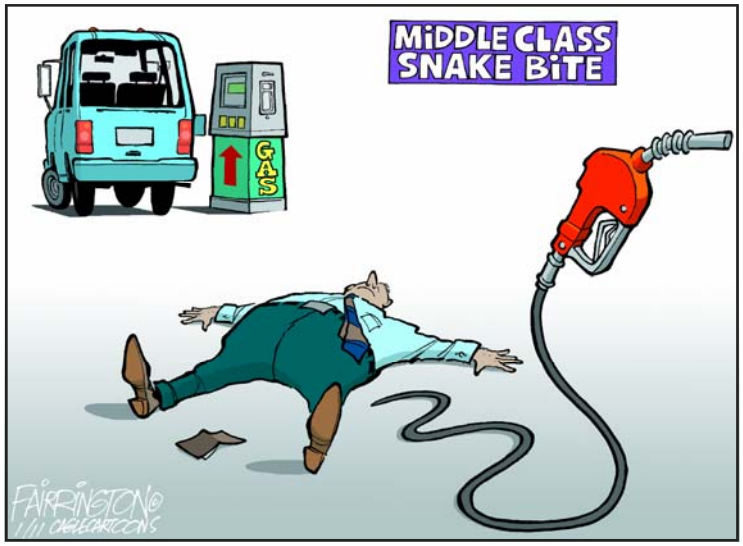
To the coordinators, the leaders, the teachers, the workers, indeed, to all involved, thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing such a wonderful experience to our children. The proof that you do a marvelous job is in the number of children who return each and every year. So many of them tell me that they cannot wait until they are old enough to volunteer to work the program!

To all the parents who sent their children to Vacation Bible School last week, I hope you feel good about all that your children learned. I know it will probably be several more weeks before your children stop singing the songs that they learned. You probably know them by heart now as well!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Say what?! These have all appeared in newspapers around the country:

- On behalf of the widow and her family, our sincere thanks go out to those sending flowers, cards and contributing to the death of her husband.
- The airplane was only a few feet from the ground when it crashed, witnesses said.
- With the exception of victimless crimes (which need not concern us here), every single crime committed in this nation of ours involves a victim.
- A college friendship that began a year ago ended in matrimony yesterday.



Religious Education

Register Now for Fall Religious Education

2014-2015 Religious Education Year

The registration form can be found on the parish website. Classes are filling quickly, so register soon 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!

You Did It for Me

Tom's* mental illness had gotten progressively worse, until he was no longer able to engage people in conversation or go on his daily walks. After being referred to a counselor at a local Catholic Charities program site, his homework assignments and adult education classes helped him regain stability in his life and reconnect with old friends. He now serves as a senior mentor at a local school and shares his love of sports and cinema with the students. "I wouldn't have believed this was possible a couple years ago," Tom says. "I still have a lot to offer."

Catholic Charities agencies provide help to over 380,000 individuals in need of mental health services each year.

To learn more, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

Share Your Faith with Children

We Need You!

We are currently looking for men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of St. Thomas More by volunteering to be a catechist.

If you are looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, please prayerfully consider if this is something God is calling you to do.

As a catechist, you will have the opportunity to grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children.

A current STM catechist states, ***"Teaching CCD has been so much fun and it's really a good spiritual experience for our whole family… I'm really glad you recruited me for the job."***

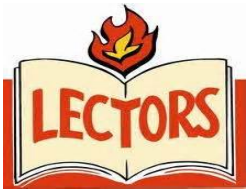
Training and assistance will be available before classes start in the fall. Please contact Emily Hackett for more information at (219) 836-8610 ext. 332 or ehackett@stm-school.com.

Correction

There was an error on the STM school page in last week's bulletin. Jack Reardon and Olivia Orobor were the recipients of Patriot's Pen essay contest awards, sponsored by the Hessville VFW Ladies' Auxiliary. President Rosa Johnson presented the students with their awards.

Lectors & Greeters for the Week

Saturday, July 19
5:30 pm Mass
Mike McIntyre &
Joe O'Brien



Sunday, July 20
6:30 am Mass
Loretta Krawczyk &
Phil McIntosh

8:00 am Mass
Michael Madura &
Linda Stefanich

10:00 am Mass
Bill McDunn &
Michael Skurka

12:00 Noon Mass
Leonard & Valerie
Czapkowicz

Saturday, July 19
5:30 p.m. Mass
Main: Szala Family
Chapel: Chuck & Chris Shearman

Sunday, July 20
6:30 am Mass
Chapel: John & Francis Plisky

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Margaret Gray
Choir: Jack & Judy Mateja

10:00 am Mass
Main: Rich & Bev Lasky
Chapel: Andrea Mazerik

12:00 pm Mass
Main: Tola & Regina Akinsanya
Chapel: Susan Anglin
Choir: Cynthia & Sophia Becker

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to wish all of you a pleasant and safe summer. We would like to also thank you for your ongoing generosity in helping us to assist those in our community.

Food donations are needed during the summer.

Our food pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Pasta Sauce • Soup •Boxed Pasta
Rice •Cereal •Canned Pasta
Canned Fruit • Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter •Jelly
Boxed Potatoes • Toiletries
(Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Liquid Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes)

Thank you for any contribution you provide!

Mark your calendars for the
"Walk for the Poor"
September 20, 2014
The Walk will take place to assist those in need. Any contributions we raise for this event will be returned directly to our parish society. Consider joining us in this walk at Lemon Lake County Park for a pleasant walk and lunch to follow. We will keep you apprised of the details.

St. Thomas More School

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Field Day 2014

Any St. Thomas More School student will cheerfully tell you that Field Day is hands-down the best day of the entire year.

After 178 days of waiting, Field Day finally arrived on May 28th and our students met the day with a renewed energy, enthusiasm, team camaraderie and a host of fun costumes and props to support their teams.

Seven hours of non-stop fun filled the busy day for students in 4th to 8th grade as they competed in a variety of games and activities, trying to place their team in coveted first place.

As always, the Tug-O-War was the highlight of the day.

Special thanks to our staff for their many hours of planning and organization and our many parent volunteers who assisted in timing, scoring and preparing an awesome hot dog lunch.

Rockopelli Music Fest

Benefit for Planting Possibilities

Join Us Today! Sunday, July 13th!

Join the entire Northwest Indiana community for this energetic, seven-hour Music Fest, filled with the sounds of area bands and, best of all, it's appropriate for the entire family!

When: ***Sunday, July 13, 2014***
2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: ***Main Square Park***
Highland, IN

Why: Benefit Planting Possibilities & Other Local Charities

What: ***An All-Age Music Festival***

Admission is free!
Free-will donations are accepted.

Silent Auction • Local Food Vendors
Local Charities • Fun for All Ages
Hair "Cut-A-Thon" Sponsored by Texture Pointe Salon

2014 Musical Line-Up:

Follow your favorite band or find a new favorite!

Nomad Planets • DirtyMac • Friends • The Boxes
Sudden Departure • King Hippie • Yellow Days
Urban Agriculture

Want to Help?

Make a contribution, purchase something from the silent auction or just attend Rockopelli and support our event. Learn more by contacting Joel Ratajack at rockopellifest@gmail.com or (219) 512-0791.

What is Planting Possibilities?

Planting Possibilities is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization working to provide employment and job skills training for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Goals of Planting Possibilities include constructing a greenhouse, botanical gardens & adjacent supported living for employees and trainees with developmental disabilities.

Planting POSSIBILITIES
cultivating unique experiences

See you in Highland today for fun & music!
Help those in our parish and our community who will benefit from this organization's good work!

Knights White Sox Outing

The STM Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual

White Sox Outing
Monday, July 21, 2014

The Sox will be playing division rivals, the Kansas City Royals. Cost is $30/ticket and includes game ticket & transportation. Food & refreshments will be provided at 5:00 p.m. prior to leaving for game. Open to all Knights, Squires, family, friends and parishioners. A full bus will help insure this annual event is continued. Contact Jim Marmalejo (219) 718-8704 to sign up.

STM Employment Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are found through Networking
37% Use Social Media
15% Found through Search Firms • 10% Found through Want Ads
4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes

Thursday, July 17, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

David Sajn

Director of Strategic Partnerships • Former CareerBuilder Recruiter
Orange Tree Employment Screening

What You Need To Know:

Elevator Speech
Background Check
Job Search
Entrepreneurship

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. Have your Cover Letter, Resume or Thank You note critiqued by a professional.

Step Up to the Plate

It's never too late to become an active member of your parish. When the lazy and relaxing days of summer draw to an end and life settles into a more regular pattern, why not dedicate some time to one of our many parish ministries.
Just stop in the parish office, pick up a Ministries Booklet, find something that fits your interests & talents ***and join***!
You'll be glad you got involved & will realize the many rewards of helping others and giving back to your community.

Senior Citizens

All members are invited to join us on

Wednesday
July 16, 2014
12:00 Noon to
4:00 p.m.
in the Solar Room.

Come, relax and enjoy the food & fellowship!

All members will be contacted by the Calling Committee.

Respect Life Corner

Each day is filled with many enjoyable moments that you and I have experienced, but the millions of innocent aborted children will never… feel the rain on their faces or splash through a puddle.

Annual Diaper Drive

During the month of August, St. Gianna Molla Respect Life Group of Our Lady of Consolaton Parish is sponsoring its

Annual Disposable Diaper Drive

for babies of all sizes, particularly during his/her first year. It is set up so that, according to the first initial of your last name, a certain size or type will be requested, thereby making for a nice variety.

St. Thomas More Respect Life would like to participate and contribute to this worthwhile event, with your help. We will have a collection box in our main foyer during the month of August.

More information will follow soon, so watch the bulletin for all the details. Thank you.

Blood Drive Next Week

Heartland Blood Centers is the sole provider of blood products to the nine area hospitals in NWI, including Community Hospital and they are sponsoring a Blood Drive next week on

Sunday, July 20th

8:00 a.m.— 12:00 Noon in the STM Cafeteria.
Walk-ins are welcome • Must have a Photo ID
Donate blood and receive a $5 Subway Gift Card as a thank you for your donation.

Peace & Social Justice

Annual Migrant Ministry Mass

Join us in celebrating a Multi-Cultural Catholic Mass!

The Migrant Ministry of the St. Thomas More Peace and Social Justice Commission invites all parishioners to join us in celebrating the Eucharist with the migrant farm workers community.
This Mass is sponsored by St. Thomas More, St. John the Evangelist and Holy Name Church in Cedar Lake

There will be a potluck dinner after the Mass.

- ***We are expecting 150-200 people to attend this Mass.***

Members of the migrant workers community, as well as our sister parishes involved in this ministry, will be in attendance.

- ***Please bring the following:***

*** A lawn chair** for your own use during Mass and dinner.
***A side dish**, **salad or desert to share**, if you plan to attend the potluck dinner after Mass.

EVENT: Multi-Cultural Catholic Mass
DATE: Sunday, August 3, 2014
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Herr Farm

Mass Celebrant will be Bishop Dale Melczek.

Set up for Mass and dinner is at 2:30 p.m.
Potluck dinner to follow the Mass.

If you would like to help set-up for the Mass and dinner, we will meet at the south parking lot of STM and leave at 1:30 p.m. sharp to travel to Herr Farm together.

Maps to the Herr Farm are available at the parish office and on the tables at all church entrances.

All parishioners are invited to come!

Donations Requested!

Migrant Ministry

Migrant farm workers work long days for little pay. They work hard to make money that will help their families. A great help to them is to spend a minimal amount of money while they are here working.
From July 20- July 28, 2014 we are requesting your donation for toiletries like:

Bath Soap • Shampoo • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste
Disposable Razors • Deodorant, Mouthwash
Shaving Cream • Combs • Q-Tips • Band-Aids • Bleach
Dish Soap • Laundry Detergent • Toilet Paper
Paper Towels • Canned Fruits & Meat • Cooking Oil
Peanut Butter • Beans • Pasta • Pasta Sauce • Rice

These items will be distributed after the Migrant Mass on Sunday, August 3, 2014.

All items can be deposited in the box labeled Migrant Ministry at the main church vestibule or during weekdays by the Parish Office. Please label: "For Migrant Ministry."

Open Positions at St. Thomas More

Help is needed in the following positions within our parish.

Business Manager

The Business Manager reports directly to the President and is responsible for overseeing the accounting, human resource and software/database systems of the parish. The ideal candidate is an experienced person who has the skills necessary to prepare, interpret and utilize detailed financial reports and computerized databases, provide outstanding service, is analytical, collaborative and can work multiple projects at the same time. This person will also need to be able to work with, and supervise, a small staff and volunteers.
To start, this is a part-time (25 hours/week) position.

Development Director

The Development Director will report to the President and is responsible for planning, coordinating and directing activities that attract the support needed to provide sufficient resources for the parish to achieve its vision. The ideal candidate is an experienced person who has the skills to raise funds and build a network of supporters. This will be accomplished by creating a plan and implementing fundraising campaigns that demonstrate vision and initiative by identifying, cultivating and soliciting individual donors, major benefactors, corporate sponsors and alumni to support the operational needs of the school and church.
To start, this is a part-time (25 hours/week) position.

See the church or school website for further information and instructions on how to apply.

Events in the Area...

Rummage Sale

Our Lady of Grace Church is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Thursday, July 17th from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Friday, July 18th from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Friday is "$2-a-Bag" Day. Enter the Cafeteria (north side of the building). (219) 924-7688.

BBQ & Blues Fest

St. Catherine of Siena will have a BBQ & Blues Fest on Sunday, July 20th from12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Parish. Come and enjoy great food, games, rummage sale and an Electric Guitar Raffle. *Killer Ray Blues Band* will perform from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. For information, call (219) 845-1939.

St. Anne's Feast Day

A bus will leave from Sacred Heart Church, 1731 LaPorte Avenue in Whiting for St. Anne's Shrine in St. Ann, IL on Saturday, July 26th at 8:00 a.m. and return to the church at 5:30 p.m. For more information and reservations on the bus, please call Anne Singel at (219) 659-2846 or Mary Hassen at (219) 659-3210.

'Retreat in Daily Life'

Think about taking part in a "Retreat in Daily Life," with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN, an eight-month focus on everyday prayer for people of all faith traditions being offered by Sister Mary Moloney. The retreat will begin in October 2014 & conclude in May 2015. Cost to participate in the retreat is $60 per month, plus a one-time fee of $40 for supplies.
The registration deadline for the event is August 15th.
To take part in the retreat, contact Jeanne Frost at jfrost@spsmw.org or call 812-535-2952. In addition, informational evenings will be offered before and after Taizé Prayer gatherings in May and June.

Health Fair & Community Cookout

Pinnacle Hospital is sponsoring a Health Fair & Community Cookout on Saturday, July 26th from 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. at 9301 Connecticut Drive in Crown Point to celebrate seven years of service to the community. Free health screenings, facials, barber cuts and free massages. A free vendor fair and Fire Safety House is also available.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Help support the Church's initiative on marriage. Couples who attend World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2014: August 8-10, October 10-12 and December 5-7, all in Burr Ridge, IL. Early registration is recommended. Contact Jim & Kris at (630) 577-0778 or http://www.wwmejoliet.org.

New Club for Girls

A new pro-life Catholic girl's club will be starting this fall. The Little Flowers Girls' Club (grades K-3) and the Gems Girls' Club (grades 4-8) will begin in Fall 2014. Emphasis will be on life skills, friendships, service, faith, family, adventure and fun.
A Mother-Daughter Social will be held on Sunday, August 17th at 2:30 p.m. at the St. John Evangelist Trinity Hall, 11301 W. 93rd Street in St. John.
For more information or to register, contact: www.stjohnparish.org/littleflowers.php or Kathy Swift at (708) 367-0102 or kathyhkay@yahoo.com.