A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

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, KCHS; Ext. 312
myadron@stm-church.com
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Director of Music.....Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 332
Director of Development .....Amanda King; Ext. 342

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Leslie Dernulc..... Joe Dubczak
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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
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Principal..... Chet Nordyke, KCHS; Ext. 328
Assistant Principal ..... Cynthia Block; 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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Parish & School Offices Associate .....Pam Wadycki; Ext. 339
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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
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Spirituality & Worship .....Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship.....Noreen Bickel

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society .....Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539
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 455-9258
Garden Club ..... Al Carollo 836-8268
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts.....Renee Whelan
Holy Name Society ..... Joe Adams 865-3566
Knights of Columbus .....Richard Alvarado 614-3743
K of C Columbian Squires…….....Ralph Konkoly 588-4559
Moms' Group ..... Ann Meduga 629-6531
Oblates……..Denise Gard 836-9115
Respect Life 836-8610
Senior Citizens .....Herb Cleve 670-2982
The Travelers Club……..Lois Quinn 836-7902
Ushers Club.....….Jim Marmalejo 836-1463
Venture Crew……...Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

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

Celebrants

Saturday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, February 22

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

WEDNESDAY, February 18 — *Ash Wednesday*

5:00 pm T. Speranza, S. Donovan, F. Beckman, J. Peters, N. Brough/ MC ~ Nick
7:00 pm T. & T. Pappas, M. Queroz, A. Bilse, M. Slivka MC ~ Scott

FRIDAY, February 20 — *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm I. & G. Scalzo, S. Lyons

SATURDAY, February 21

8:30 am B. Peters, D. Smith
5:30 pm S. Szala, E., M. & T. Zabrecky, M. Caraher MC ~ Nick

SUNDAY, February 22

6:30 am M. Sharp, J. & M. Connelly
8:00 am K. Yaeger, V. Zaczyk, A. Zajakowski, E. & M. Buksa/ MC ~ Elizabeth Z.
10:00 am A. & C. Burzynski, X. Cano, K. & S. Cunningham/ MC ~ Joey
12:00 pm L. Cabrales, M. DiCarlo, E. Long/MC ~ Alyssa

Readings for Week of February 15

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Sacrificial Offerings

February 8, 2015

Adult	**$ 27,901.00**
Loose	**$ 2,499.00**
Children	**$ 204.67**
TOTAL	**$ 30,604.67**

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship toward our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 15 — *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am David G. Wysocki by Wysocki & Burke Families
10:00 am Joseph McShane by Teresa Glotzbach
12:00 pm Bertha Pepa Struble (Ann.) by Daughter Shirley

MONDAY, February 16

6:30 am Rose H. Terranova by JoAnne Sills
8:30 am Thomas Keaveney (Ann.) by Kretz Family

TUESDAY, February 17 — *Seven Founders of the Order of Servites*

6:30 am Karen Cox by Jose & Paula Serrano
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Petroski Family by Al & Carol Carollo
10:00 am Helen Bumbales by STM Altar & Rosary Society (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, February 18 — *Ash Wednesday*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
9:00 am Mary A. Kovach (Ann.) by Family
5:00 pm Joseph Mazanek by Joseph Arent
7:00 pm Paul Klus by Ann Martella

THURSDAY, February 19

6:30 am Intention of Dorothy Giannini by Mary Kochis
9:00 am Paul Keckich by Joe Alisheo

FRIDAY, February 20

6:30 am Rose Terranova by Joseph & Carole Janusonis
8:30 am Patrick Quinn (Ann.) by Wife Lois & Family

SATURDAY, February 21

8:30 am Jack DeBoer (Ann.) by Wife Patricia DeBoer
5:30 pm Leroy Gauger (Ann.) by Robert & Virginia Gauger

SUNDAY, February 22 — *First Sunday of Lent*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Joseph Kapala (Ann.) by Susan Strain
10:00 am John & Lottie Spudic by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
12:00 pm John J. Rybicki (Ann.) by Wife & Family

Rest in Peace

Michelle Medwetz • Mildred Pericich

Pastoral Care Ministry

Hospital Visits*—**In compliance with HIPAA legislation, 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 at Community Hospital, call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.
***Home Communion*—**If you or a family member would like to receive home Communion, call Pastoral Care at Extension 313.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere." Nothing could stop the crowds from gathering. Men, women, and children traveled from near and far--everywhere--to find Jesus. Even when he was not easily accessible, even when he was in deserted places that were probably remote, hard to find, and not welcoming to weary pilgrims, they found him. Word had spread quickly about the miraculous healing of the leprous man. And people wanted to know what it was all about. Undoubtedly, once they found Jesus, they knew that this was no ordinary man. Yes, he had the power to cure illnesses and drive out demons. But more than that, he had the power to change hearts. His words of compassion and mercy, and the actions that backed them up, must have caused many a conversion during those encounters in the deserted places.

Whether it was simple curiosity or profound faith that led all of those people to find Jesus we'll never know. It was most likely some of both. But regardless of the motivation, once they found him everyone could see Jesus for who he really was. Although we don't have the opportunity to see him in person, we do have the chance to search for Jesus and to find him. Sometimes, he may seem remote. Maybe we don't automatically feel his presence. Perhaps, when times are tough, we wonder where he is hiding. But when we persevere in our journey by praying, reading the Bible, and receiving the sacraments, we too can find the Lord. And as we bring our needs to him, Jesus will be "moved with pity" for us as well and will extend to us the healing love that has transformed so many hearts throughout Christian history.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Irene Baker
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Stanley Bochnowski
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Stephany Burney
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Carol Carollo
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow Christian
Frank Coman
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Margaret Demkovich
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
Dorothy Giannini
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Shirley Gillespie
Jacqueleen Gonzalez
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
James Grunewald
Paul Hasselbring
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Evelyn Hennes
Bernadine Henson
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Megan Homcho
Mary Jo Humpfer
Betty Ingbretson
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
Annika LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Richard LaVigne
Mary Leahy
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Olga Mihalo
Andrew Moll
Elissa Moll
David Moll
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Emily Orosco
Christine Osmulski
Marty Pavovic
Johanna Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Kristen Rubin
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Dennis Skarupa
Nick Skinner
Lydia Skorupa
Kathryn Slack
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Florence Stevens
Georgianne Suto
Celine Szczepaniak
Carrie Szumelda
Barbara Szypczak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanich
Pam Wadycki
Adele Wall
Charlotte Weglewski
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczynski
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, February 16
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola ~ Church
7:00 pm Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room

TUESDAY, February 17
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
9:30 am Moms' Group ~ Carmelite Monastery
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Festival Committee ~ Solar Room

WEDNESDAY, February 18
Ash Wednesday
Masses at 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
No Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, February 19
No Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:00 pm Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center

FRIDAY, February 20
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gym
9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room
2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross ~ Church
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ Church

SUNDAY, February 22
St. Vincent De Paul Food Collection at All Masses
Blue & Gold Banquet —4:00 p.m. in the Gym

Bulletin Articles

Please note that all bulletin articles must be submitted at least two weeks in advance via email to: *bulletin@stm-church.com*

Mary's Way of the Cross

Come journey with Mary on her "Way of the Cross." Relive the journey to Calvary. With Mary's assistance, let us walk Jesus' last steps with his mother; let our faith deepen and allow Jesus to rise once more in our life!

Thursdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Thursday, February 26
Thursday, March 5 • Thursday, March 12
Thursday, March 19 • Thursday, March 26

Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends, too!

Vocations Committee

Have you ever encouraged a Catholic friend or relative in their faith? Have you ever given hope or consolation to one in a difficult time? Do you grasp every chance to transmit your faith to encourage someone to grow in theirs?

WHAT THE LORD WILLS FOR US

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:45-46)

Can you imagine, for the remainder of your life, warning people away from you? What an awful way to have to live. Yet, that is exactly what the people afflicted with leprosy had to do during the time of Christ. Leprosy was such a virulent disease that contact with another who had it practically ensured that you would get it as well.

Not only would a person be forced to stay away from family and friends but, more often than not, the one who had leprosy lived with others so afflicted. That person would have to watch others go through the terrible stages of the disease until they died. No longer able to be with family and friends and being forced to live with others in the same condition was not only a sad way but a wretched way to live.

Thankfully, leprosy is a condition that can be treated in today's world. It is no longer the death sentence that it used to be. It no longer forces a person to flee from family and friends. It no longer mandates that someone with the disease keep others away.

In the day of the Lord, today's medicine miracle did not exist. They needed to rely upon another miracle. In the Gospel for today's Mass, we hear about an exchange between Jesus and a leper: "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, [Jesus] stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

The fact that Jesus would reach out and touch a leper was unheard of. Most people were mortally afraid of lepers. Yet Jesus' compassion knew no bounds. Not only would he speak to the leper instead of running away, Jesus also gave the leper something that was missing in his life: the gift of a touch by another human.

While leprosy may be cured, we have many "lepers" in our society. We treat some people like lepers who have AIDS, others who are physically or mentally challenged, still others who are, in our own minds, of the "wrong" ethnicity, race, or religion. Jesus would reach out to all of these and come to their aid. Jesus would be very proud of us if we did the same.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who are ostracized by others. If this situation exists among your family or friends, do all that you can do to bring healing to the affected people.

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:

February 15: Msgr. Lawrence T. Grothouse (1970)
Rev. Stanley J. Milewski (2002)
February 18: Rev. Theodore A. Janicki (1983)
February 19: Msgr. William E. Sweigart (1970)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bishop Donald Hying has been making it a point to visit as many parishes as possible within a short period of time. He wants to meet the people of the Diocese of Gary and speak with them. He is also visiting all of our schools.

To that end, Bishop Hying will be at our parish to celebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 28th. A reception will follow the Mass to give him an opportunity to meet with you. We hope that you will be able to attend.

The bishop will also be celebrating an 8:30 a.m. all-school Mass on Monday, April 13th. He is looking forward to meeting our students and worshipping together with them.

Additionally, the bishop will be here at a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 28th to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE

Last weekend, we announced the general kick-off of the Capital Campaign Drive for the church and school renovations. One of the things I did not mention but wanted to tell you was that, for this year, we will not be asking for contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). The parish will be responsible for our assessed goal but you will not be asked to contribute since the CSA and our drive will be going on at the same time.

However, the Bishop's Guild members will be asked if they want to contribute. Many of them have stated that they wanted to be able to give so that they could maintain their membership in the guild. Any guild money contributed will mean less that we will have to pay from our savings.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Life before the computer

- Memory was something that you lost with age
- A CD was a bank account
- A keyboard was a piano
- A hard drive was a long trip on the road

Religious Education

February Schedule

18/19	***No Class — Ash Wednesday***
25/26	Class

March Schedule

4/5	Class
11/12	Class
18/19	Class
25/26	***No Class — Spring Break***

1D2G — One Direction to God

Upcoming Events:

Movie Night — Saturday, February 28th

7:00 p.m. in the STM Gym.
Snacks will be provided. Discussion will follow the movie.
Movie: *October Baby*
Synopsis: A young woman in college learns that she was adopted after surviving an attempted abortion. Her lifetime chronic health problems are the result of the circumstances of her birth. Distraught by these revelations and angry at her parents for not telling the truth to her, she leaves home with friends in the hopes to learn more about her life story.

TAPT Diocesan Teen Weekend

High school teens are invited to attend TAPT, a Diocesan Catholic weekend retreat, held March 20-22, 2015 at Camp Lawrence, north of Valparaiso. Retreat activities include: talks and discussions, prayer, recreation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. TAPT is designed to bring teens into a more intimate encounter with the Incarnate Jesus Christ. Cost: $85. Deadline: March 6, 2015. For details, visit: garytapt.com, facebook.com/garytapt, or contact Kevin Driscoll at the Diocesen Office for Youth & Young Adults: (219)769-9292, x229.

Altar & Rosary Society

Chili Bingo

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Please make your reservations with Susan Strain at the Church Office.
Chef Kathleen Pagorek will make her fabulous chili for all to enjoy as we dine and play bingo. Altar & Rosary will provide the chili, hot dogs & desserts for the evening.
All ladies attending are asked to bring a ***new prize*** that evening, (valued at not more than $10.00). Please give your prize to Therese Sons that evening. For information, call Therese at (219) 844-7715 or Kathleen (219) 972-0539.

Lectors for the Week

Wednesday, February 18
Ash Wednesday
5:00 pm Mass
Christopher Balbo & Jim Hus

7:00 pm Mass
Jesse Montenegro & Michael Skurka

Saturday, February 21
5:30 pm Mass
Julie Blanford & Jennifer Feddeler

Sunday, February 22
6:30 am Mass
Mark & Gabriella Bittner

8:00 am Mass
Linda Stefanich & Alice Wohler

10:00 am Mass
John Kovach & Terri Tratar

12:00 Noon Mass
Cal Bellamy & Marilon Pajor

Greeters for the Week

Saturday, February 21
5:30 pm Mass
Chapel: Chuck & Chris Shearman
Choir: JoAnn & Bill Karr

Sunday, February 22
6:30 am Mass
Main: Marilyn Ciric
Chapel: Carla Covelli

8:00 am Mass
Main: James & Nancy Kaczka
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Christie & Katie Kordek

10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Pischner Family

12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Diane Gralewski
Choir: Pat Batchelder

Pastoral Care Ministers

If you have a pyx that is the property of St. Thomas More that you are not using, please return it to the Parish Office. Thanks.

Tuition Assistance Program

for the 2015-2016 School Year Now Underway

Tuition assistance application forms for the 2015-2016 school year are now available in the Parish Office.
Catholic families who belong to a Diocese of Gary parish and have their children enrolled in any diocesan school, Kindergarten through Grade 12, may apply.
Preschool and pre-kindergarten students are not eligible.
A $30.00 non-refundable processing fee must accompany your application.
Approximately $500,000 is distributed on the basis of need to assist Catholic parents in providing Catholic faith formation, strong academic programs and safety for their children in our Catholic schools.

The filing deadline is tomorrow:
Monday, February 16, 2015.

This is the date that completed applications must be ***returned to the pastor.*** PSAS will not accept any applications mailed directly to the company. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Parents will be notified of the results in writing by April 30, 2015.

St. Thomas More School

Catholic Schools Week

A Week of Gratitude for St. Thomas More Students

Each and every day, the students and staff of St. Thomas More School are grateful for the many members of our community who work daily to keep our parish and school family safe and secure.

During Catholic Schools Week, we dedicate a day to honor those men and women who currently serve as police officers, firefighters, paramedics and active duty military personnel, and to honor those who have bravely served our nation and community by protecting our freedom and well-being as former members of the United States military.

Approximately thirty public service personnel and veterans were recognized at an All School Mass and honorary breakfast on January 27th. Thank you to all who attended and to the STMS 5th/6th Grade Student Council members for hosting our guests.

St. Thomas More School is blessed to be surrounded by many businesses and individuals in our community who care for STMS students outside of our school building every day. From our bus drivers and crossing guards, to the librarians, local medical and municipal workers and beyond, we know that our students are well cared for before they arrive at school and each day when they exit through our school doors.

As a small token of our unending gratitude for all who assist our students, trays of treats were delivered throughout Munster to say "thanks." We appreciate all who help our students and their families.

Holy Name Society

Monthly Meeting

The next regular meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on

Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Solar Room. The Rosary, our business meeting, discussion about the upcoming Fish Fry and refreshments will comprise the evening.

It's Fish Fry Season
at St. Thomas More!

Monsignor Weis Council

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Friday, February 20th

4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the STM Gym

Menu:

Yellow Lake Perch, Shrimp or Combination — $12
Baked Cod — $10
Children's Portion Dinners — $6

All dinners include:

French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw • Three-Bean Salad
Beets • Bread & Butter

Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be available to purchase.

50/50 Raffle • Tickets available at the door

Holy Name Society Fish Fry

Join us for the annual Lenten Fish Fry & Raffle

Friday, February 27th

4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Gym
Adults: $8.00
Children (13 & under): $4.00

Menu:

North Atlantic Cod with Shrimp
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Beets
Bread/Butter
Coffee
Milk
Soft Drinks

Tickets available at the door.

CSA Tax Receipts

Acknowledgement letters/receipts for those who donated $200 or more to the Catholic Services Appeal are available upon request only by contacting Joyce Illyes at (219) 769-9292, ext. 268 or jillyes@dcgary.org.

Senior Citizens

Senior citizens of our parish are invited to join our group. Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster (unless otherwise noted).

Saturday, February 21st

Pizza Party

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.
All those with their membership in good standing are invited.

Monthly Luncheon

Join us for our monthly luncheon for great conversation and a good meal!

Bakers Square Restaurant

3545 Ridge Road in Lansing, IL

Wednesday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m.

No reservations are needed. Wednesdays are a "free piece of pie" day at Bakers Square, so be sure to arrive promptly at 11:00 a.m. for the best seating.

Wednesday, March 4th

Business Meeting
Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Dorothy Purcell Pro-Life Foundation.

Saturday, March 21st

Pot Luck Luncheon
12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.
All those with their membership in good standing are invited to attend.

Sunday, March 29th

Mass & Breakfast to Honor Deceased Members
8:00 a.m. Mass with Breakfast to follow in the Cafeteria.
Reservations are required. All those with their membership in good standing are invited to attend.

Wednesday, April 1st

Business Meeting • Vote for New Officers

Wednesday, April 15th

Social Gathering

Wednesday, May 6th

Annual Spring Luncheon & Installation of New Officers

NWI Catholic Subscription Drive

Our Catholic Church is rich in history with a tradition that goes back over 2,000 years. Continuing to grow in our knowledge and understanding of the faith is a responsibility of all Catholics. One way to stay current on the work of the local and universal Church and to explore the many fascinating and sacred beliefs of Catholicism is through the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper, coming into your home 43 times each year. Enjoy photographs from around the world that tell the many stories of our faith in action along with the unique perspective of Catholic writers and columnists, including Bishop Donald J. Hying, our newly installed bishop. Subscribe now through **March 8, 2015** for only $26 per year through your parish. Credit or debit card users go to **nwicatholic.com**.

STM Career Networking Group

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

Thursday, February 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Entrepreneurship Starting A Business

Dushan Nikolovski
Director, Center for Entrepreneurship Success
at Purdue University Calumet & Creator of www.thebigsell.org

Where: STM Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
When: The 3rd Thursday of Every Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!

For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections. Have your cover letter, resume or thank you note critiqued by a professional.

You Did It For Me

Like many farmers in Tanzania, Gertruda Domayo struggled to provide for her grandchildren. As a memeber of Soya ni Pesa, a Catholic Relief Services project that means "soybeans are money," she's learned that small changes make a big difference. Those changes have led to healthier food for her family and have inspired others in her community to take action. To learn more, go to CRSricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-1.

Share Your Blessings

Open Your Heart & Home to a Foster Child

Currently, there are approximately 10,000 children in the Indiana foster care system. Foster parents provide a safe, nurturing and stable environment for children who can no longer remain in their own homes due to the risk of abuse or neglect. Foster parents provide care with the intention of helping children safely reunify with their families.

If you feel called to help a child, youth or sibling group by opening your home during a challenging time, you can make a difference, one child at a time. To learn more, visit Department of Child Services (DCS) Foster Care websites at www.in.gov/dcs/foster or the contact DCS Foster Care Unit at (888) 631-9510. To reach the Regional DCS Foster Care Specialist in this area: contact Cassandra Ramsey-Cannon at (219) 881-4648 at the Lake County DCS Office in Gary.

Change a life...become a foster parent!

STM Travelers Club

Good News...We're Back!

Get ready for the first trip of 2015.

Share Foundation

Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
$23 per person

Most of us have heard of the Share Foundation in Rolling Meadows, IN and have wished we knew more about this community for disabled people. Because of this, we decided to plan a trip to see for ourselves what the Foundation is all about. Fr. Dennis Blaney is the Founder and President of the Foundation and his dedication, love and compassion for those in need precedes him.

The community is set on 108 acres of Indiana farmland with residents living in homes within different villages. They live in an atmosphere of peacefulness, love and joy. There is a workshop where the residents work and develop many skills, helping everyone to have a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Our visit will consist of a tour of the grounds, housing and the workshop. We have been invited to join the staff and residents for lunch after our tour and know that we will come home knowing that this is an inspirational community worthy of our support.

Our return trip includes a stop at the famous Albanese Candy Factory….a great treat for all.

The cost of the trip includes transportation, tour, lunch and gratuities. There is a deadline of March 5th to sign up. Please make your reservations at the STM Parish Office and your check will assure you of your reservation.

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Lois, Pat & Mary

Nursery Help Needed

The STM Nursery is in need of adult and high school volunteers to assist in the nursery during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you can help, please contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079 or kaarenann@aol.com.

Part Time Custodians Needed

St. Thomas More Parish Positions Available

Responsibilities include cleaning offices and restrooms, as well as event set-ups for church and school. Must have experience in cleaning in a commercial setting, be able to use various types of floor machines, read and follow directions, and have reliable transportation with a valid driver's license.

Position One:

Hours: Sunday 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and
Monday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Position Two:

Hours: Monday through Friday 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

If interested, please apply in person at the STM Parish Office:
St. Thomas More Church • 8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
Questions? Please contact Karla Baldwin: (219) 836-8610, x331.

Events in the Area...

Share Foundation Needs You

Share Foundation with the Handicapped is looking for individuals to work at weekend camps for developmentally disabled adults. If you are fun-loving, over the age of 16 & want to share your time & talents with our special campers as staff members, our weekend Spring Mini-Camps are held once a month from February through May. Dates are: March 27-29, April 17-19 and May 15-17. Please call Nick Roland at (219)778-2585 or camp@sharefoundation.org.

Homemade Pierogi

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church (Ridge & White Oak) is offering a weekly Pierogi Sale. Orders must be received prior to Thursday of the pick-up week. Pick-up on Friday afternoons, Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the church. Call (219) 838-9811 (leave name, phone & amount/flavor).
Potato, kraut, cheese or prune.
Cost: $9/dozen & $4.50/half-dozen.

Wounded Healers

The winter session of Wounded Healers, a non-denominational grief support group, has already begun. Upcoming meetings are: March 4 & March 18.
Separate groups for those dealing with the death of a spouse, parent, child/grandchild, sibling and for those dealing with loss due to suicide. Meetings are at St. James Church in Highland on Wednesdays evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Call (219) 924-5577 to learn more.

Faith Enrichment Book Club

Break away from your same old Lenten routine and try something new by joining us at the St. James the Less Book Club. Enrich your faith for Lent as we read "Catching Fire, Becoming Flame" by Father Albert Haase, OFM. This book glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director shares the secrets of the saints. The book club begins on Thursday, February 26, from 6:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m. and for the next five weeks at St. James the Less, 45th and Kennedy in Highland. Our final session will be a Q & A with Father Haase on Thursday, April 16. Do something different this Lent. For more information, please contact Phyllis Steiner, 934-0967.

Soup Supper

All Saints Church, 570 Sibley Street in Hammond is hosting an All You Can Eat Soup Supper on Saturday, February 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the school hall. Cost is $8 per person and includes soup, fresh baked bread, crackers, pop/coffee & dessert.

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration

Lenten Day of Reflection

A Lenten Day of Reflection will be hosted for single Catholic women age 16-25 in St. John, IN on Saturday, February 21st from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and will include lunch, spiritual conferences, Adoration and Confession, discussion with the Sisters and Vespers. St. John Convent is located at 11211 W. 93rd Street in St. John, IN. RSVP by February 14th by contacting Sr. Maria Gemma at sister.maria.gemma@gmail.com

Young Adult Retreat

A Young Adult Discernment Retreat will take place at our Motherhouse the weekend of February 27 - March 1, 2015. The retreat includes Confession and Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, personal prayer and prayer with the Sisters, Marian devotions, conferences and time for sharing. Held at the Motherhouse: St. Francis Convent,1515 Dragoon Trail in Mishawaka, IN.
You can register for the retreat online: www.ssfpa.org/retreat

High School Retreat

A High School Retreat will be held the weekend of March 21-22, 2015.
The retreat includes the following opportunities: Confession and Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, personal prayer and prayer with the Sisters,
Marian devotions & conferences offered by the Sisters and time for sharing with others.
The retreat will be held at our Motherhouse.

Lenten Tuesday Evenings

The Whiting Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to Sacred Heart Church, 1739 LaPorte Avenue in Whiting. Join us in the Rose Room (lower level of the school) on Tuesday evenings for a series of presentations on *"Faith, the Foundation of Discipleship in the Gospels of Mark & John"*. Guest presenter Rev. Jerry Schweitzer will offer some valuable insights. Sessions will take place from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on the following days: February 24, March 10, March 17, and March 24. Please bring your Bible. All are welcome. NOTE: There will be no session on March 3rd
Questions? Call Margaret at (219) 659-4138.

Card and Bunco Party

St. Joseph Church, 5304 Hohman Avenue in Hammond, is hosting a Card and Bunco Party on Sunday, March 1st from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. in Vrabley Hall (please enter at the North Tower door). Admission is $8 and includes a light lunch. Take a break from the winter doldrums and join us. Bring your friends or come and meet new ones. All men and women are invited to this fun, social activity.
Bring your own board game if you'd like.

St. James Fishing Trip

The annual St. James Fishing Trip will take place on July 25 to August 1, 2015. Fellow fisherman are welcome! Enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the clear and clean Canadian air of Eagle Lake, Ontario and the fellowship of time with other fishermen. Package includes transportation, food, lodging and guided fishing. The bus departs from St. James Church. Price of the trip is $1,485. For more information and trip details, call Mike Krupa at (219) 923-8860 or (219) 670-9601.
Space is limited, so don't delay.