Fourth Sunday of Lent

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

Ps 137:1-2

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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Deacons .....David Kapala, KHS
.....Joseph Stodola, KHS
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Pastoral Care Coordinator..... Madeleine Moya; Ext. 313
Director of Music.....Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 332
Director of Development .....Amanda King; Ext. 342

Parish Office Staff

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Lectors .....William McDunn 922-9459
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Vocations Committee .....Mary Kochis 322-7262

2014-2015 Pastoral Council Members

Leslie Dernulc..... Joe Dubczak
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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
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Assistant Principal ..... Cynthia Block; Ext. 328
School Administrative Assistant…….. Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
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Parish & School Offices Associate .....Pam Wadycki; Ext. 339
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Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321

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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 <u>at least six months</u> 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 <u>at least six months</u> 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
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Peace & Social Justice.....Mary Silvasi
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 .....Alan Pischner 306-7552
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, March 21

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, March 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

FRIDAY, March 20— ***Stations of the Cross***
7:00 pm M. Caraher, A. Berkley, J. Burns

SATURDAY, March 21
8:30 am J. Bevil, S. Hamill
5:30 pm B. & M. Andrzejewski, F. Beckman, J. Bernarte, M. Childs/ MC ~ Ricky

SUNDAY, March 22
6:30 am A. & M. Nahnsen, D.Smith
8:00 am A. Korfiatis, B. & J. Peters, M. Sharp, M. Slivka/ MC ~ Eliza B.
10:00 am X. Cano, J. & M. Connelly, K. & S. Cunningham/ MC ~ Joey
12:00 pm A. & M. Reynolds, N. Anglin/MC ~ Alyssa

Readings for Week of March 15

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Sacrificial Offerings

March 8, 2015

Adult	**$ 21,726.00**
Loose	**$ 2,571.00**
Children	**$ 197.18**
TOTAL	**$ 24,494.18**

Thank you for your generosity & stewardship toward our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 15 — ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***
6:30 am Elaine Caco by Husband Stephen & Family
8:00 am Stephen Rousseau (Ann.) by Wife Susan
10:00 am Mary Murrill by Tom & Yolanda Marrant
12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

MONDAY, March 16
6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
8:30 am Genevieve Biegel (Ann.) by Biscan & Biegel Families

TUESDAY, March 17
6:30 am Marie Geary (Ann.) by Jean & Ronald Fredrick
8:30 am Joseph Bobalik by Mary R. Bobalik
10:00 am Rose Terranova by STM Altar & Rosary Society
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, March 18
6:30 am Frank Matusiak by Family
8:30 am Stella Cieslak by Joe & Cookie Janostak

THURSDAY, March 19 — ***St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
6:30 am Chet Milen by Family
9:00 am Joseph Kapala by Family

FRIDAY, March 20
6:30 am Gary Garcia (Ann.) by Serrano Family
8:30 am Cecilia Zuklin (Ann.) Kvasnica Family

SATURDAY, March 21
8:30 am Zvonimir Jugovic by Family
5:30 pm Genevieve Kaszuba by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Hein & Daughters

SUNDAY, March 22-*Fifth Sunday of Lent*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Deceased Members of Mercier & Costantino Families by Michael Mercier & Family
10:00 am Natalia Neverauskas by Family
12:00 pm Clara Golub (Ann.) by STMS Athletics

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!
Join us in the Church
Thursdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass:
Thursday, March 19
Thursday, March 26
Everyone is welcome!
Bring your friends, too!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Think about the sun for a moment. The light from this gigantic celestial orb provides so many things for us. Most obviously, it provides brightness by which we see, by which we work, play, and navigate the world around us. It also provides the warmth necessary for our comfort and our survival. The sun sustains plant life, which in turn sustains our lives as well. It helps us mark the passing of time, the change of seasons, and the rhythm of every day. The sun is a tremendous gift from God, and our lives--just like our planet--quite literally revolve around it.

When Jesus uses the image of light in today's Gospel, it may help us to understand him if we think of the sun. Just as this magnificent star nourishes our physical existence, so too Jesus, "the light [who] came into the world," nourishes our spiritual existence. He gives us the "brightness" to see the right choices in front of us through his teaching and his example. He warms our hearts through his mercy and forgiveness, changing our coldhearted sinfulness into burning charity. He sustains our spiritual lives by offering us the gift of salvation: eternal life in heaven that never sees death. And he helps us mark the passing of time as we grow ever closer to him, entering more and more deeply into the knowledge and love of our Lord.

But of course, just as we are free to hide in a dark room with the shades drawn, so too we are free to "shade" ourselves from the light of Christ: "for everyone who does wicked things hates the light." To choose wickedness is to cut ourselves off not just from light, but from life. May we choose instead to stay always in the light of the Son.

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
Ceil Cwiok
Margaret Demkovich
Lucille Detterline
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D'Orazio
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
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
Mary Ellen O'Neill
Emily Orosco
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
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Celine Szczepaniak
Florence Stevens
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, March 16

5:00 pm Spirituality & Worship ~Conference Room
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola ~ Church
7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, March 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
Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

WEDNESDAY, March 18

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Conference Room
6:00 pm Handbell Practice ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Taizé Prayer

THURSDAY, March 19

Mary's Way of the Cross ~ Church after the 9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:00 pm Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center

FRIDAY, March 20

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room
2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross ~ Church
7:00 pm Youth Group-Living Stations ~ Church

SATURDAY, March 21

9:00 am Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room

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.

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.

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.

DEFEAT THE DARKNESS OF SIN

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. (Jn 3:20-21)

I used to be afraid of the dark. Mortally afraid. When I was younger, I had to have a night light. Then, I "graduated" from a night light to no light — as long as the bedroom door remained open a crack so that the hallway light could come into my room. If someone closed the door or turned off the hallway light, I was a mess.

Eventually, I lost my fear of the dark.

As a matter of fact, I love the dark. So much so that I cannot sleep if light comes into the room. I even have something blocking the face of my alarm clock because the display is too bright and can keep me awake if I am on my side facing the clock. The other LED lights in my room often disturb me as well.

Even though I love the dark, I am only speaking about a physical reality of no light in the room.

The "dark", on the other hand, still petrifies me. The dark of which I now speak is the darkness of sin.

When sin enters our lives, it takes away the light of Christ, as a candle that is coming toward the end of its wick and, therefore, its flame. If you have ever watched a candle burning out (a great meditative tool, by the way), you can see and feel the darkness coming in. The candle flickers and dims. It flicks its light out into the surrounding space, trying to swat away the dark; but, you know that the dark is going to win.

Eventually, the wick burns out completely and there is no light left. At that point in time, one is plunged into darkness.

Imagine sin being the darkness that fights the Light of Christ. The more we allow darkness into our lives, the shorter the wick of faith becomes. It flickers and does all that it can to expose the darkness. However, if we allow ourselves to remain in sin, we will find ourselves consumed by darkness and lose sight of the light.

If that happens, we are lost.

Christ is the Light. We must do all that we can to nurture that light of faith so that it can illumine the path for us in this world of ours that places traps at every step, around every corner, in every circumstance.

Faith Action: Thomas Babington Macaulay once said, "The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out." Today's Gospel reminds us that we should live as if everything we do will one day be known to all — because it will. Think twice, today, before doing what you know is wrong.

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:

March 16: Rev. Matthew G. Spebar (1979)
March 19: Rev. Milan F. Bach (1995)

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Tuesday, March 17
St. Thomas More, Munster
Wednesday, March 18
St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville
Saturday, March 21
St. Ann, Black Oak (3:00 p.m.)
Monday, March 23
St. Matthias, Crown Point (6:00 p.m.)
Our Lady of Grace, Highland
Tuesday, March 24
St. Mary, Crown Point
St. James the Less, Highland
Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville
St. John the Evangelist, St. John (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, March 25
St. Joseph, Dyer
Thursday, March 26
St. Mary, Griffith
St. Edward, Lowell
St. Andrew the Apostle, Merrillville
Friday, March 27
Ss. Peter & Paul, Merrillville (1:00 p.m.)
Monday, March 30
St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville
Wednesday, April 1
Holy Name, Cedar Lake

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., we have Taizé Prayer in the church. This is a wonderfully peaceful prayer that helps one focus upon the abundant love that comes from God.

The prayer generally lasts around a half hour and leaves one feeling renewed.

We hope you can join us!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

School offices often receive many excuses why students were absent from school. Here is a doozy (and, thankfully, it wasn't from here!)

"Please excuse Jennifer yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday and went to the movies. My husband's boss was not very happy about this either."

Religious Education

March Schedule

18/19	Class
25/26	***No Class — Spring Break***

8th Grade Confirmation

Saturday, March 28th
at 10:30 a.m. in the Church
All students should report at 9:15 a.m. to their assigned classrooms.

April Schedule

1/2	***No Class — Holy Week***
8/9	Class
15/16	Class
22/23	Class
29/30	Last Class (except First Communicants)

May Schedule

6/7	***Holy Communion Practice from 4:30-6:00 p.m.*** Wednesday classes practice on Wednesday Thursday classes practice on Thursday
13/14	***All Communicants must attend both days 4:30-6:00 p.m.***

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 16th
at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

Save the Date!

All of Our Parish Volunteers are Winners!

Celebrate the 141st Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby-style as St. Thomas More says

Thank You

to the many volunteers who assist our parish throughout the year.

Dinner • Dancing
Mint Juleps & Sweet Tea
Our Famous Candy Bar
Derby Hat Contest for men & women with prizes.

Saturday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
in the STM Social Center

Watch upcoming bulletins for a reservation form.
Reservation deadline is April 20th.
We hope to see all of our parish volunteers in attendance.

Andrean Hosts College Fair

Andrean High School will be hosting a College Fair on
Thursday, March 19th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
at the school, 5959 Broadway in Merrillville.
Admission representatives from over 50 colleges and universities across the Midwest will be available for questions regarding admission topics, financial aid, college application procedures & more. The program is free & open to all area high school students and their parents. For information, contact Nancy Reed, Guidance Director at (219) 887-5281, x233.

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.

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).

Monthly Luncheon

Join us for our monthly luncheon at
Round the Clock Restaurant
9110 Indianapolis Boulevard in Highland
Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m.
Enjoy a good meal and great company!
All are welcome and no reservation is needed to attend. Hope to see you there!

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.

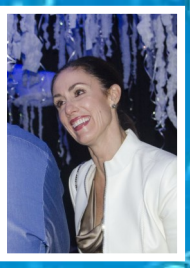
Wednesday, April 1st
Business Meeting • Vote for New Officers

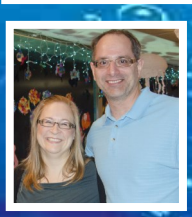
Wednesday, April 15th
Social Gathering

Wednesday, May 6th
Annual Spring Luncheon & Installation of New Officers

Wednesday, July 15th
Annual Senior Picnic
12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room
for all current Senior Citizen ministry members.

Under the Sea Casino Night





A Picture Says 1000 Words

Lots of happy faces convey the atmosphere at St. Thomas More School's 2nd Annual Casino Night held on November 8th. From a buffet of delicious food & drink, to the excitement of success at the gaming tables, to winning a basket from the Silent Auction, the evening was a success from every aspect. Thank you to all who contributed to this year's event!

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, March 19, 2015
(Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)
7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Marketing YOU!

How to Make YOU the main product!
Presenter: HelenMarie Harmon
Assistant Director, School of Business & Economics
Indiana University Northwest

- Tell It & Sell It on Your Resume
- Give to Get

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.

Bulletin Articles

The bulletin schedule requires all articles be submitted via email to bulletin@stm-church.com ***at least 2 weeks in advance.***

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.

Holy Name Society

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, March 16th in the Solar Room.
As usual, our meeting will begin with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by our business meeting and refreshments.
Topic of discussion will be the success of our recent Fish Fry.
Please join us. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to join this wonderful group who work to grow the spirituality of our male parishioners and the betterment of our entire parish.

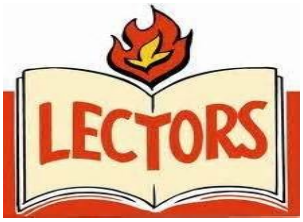
You Did It For Me

Life in Niger is ruled by the seasons--and the "hungry season" meant food supplies run out and prices rise. Now Bonbatu, a Catholic Relief Services project, hires farmers like Habibou Alassane to dig reservoirs: generating income and water. Bonbatu means "I become stronger." Habibou's family is stronger. And the community's fields are ready for the planting season. To learn more, please visit http://www.CRSricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3/

Marriage Encounter Weekends

Today's gospel says "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."
The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are April 17-19 or June 12-14, 2015, all to be held in Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is recommended.
Contact Jim or Kris at (630) 577-0778 or http://wwme-chicagoland.org. to reserve.

Lectors for the Week



Saturday, March 21
5:30 pm Mass
Rob Mangus &
Mike McIntyre

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

8:00 am Mass
Richard Lasky & Sue Wilson

10:00 am Mass
James Landowski &
Maryanne Topor

12:00 Noon Mass
Julie Blanford & Mike Skurka

Greeters for the Week

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

Sunday, March 22
6:30 am Mass
Main: Marilynne Ciric
Chapel: Carla Covelli

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

10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Pischner Family

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

Vocations Committee

Young People & Evangelization

Circumstances invite us to make special mention of the young. Their increasing number and growing presence in society and likewise the problems assailing them should awaken in every one the desire to offer them with zeal and intelligence the Gospel ideal as something to be known and lived.

And on the other hand, young people who are well-trained in faith and prayer must become more and more the apostles of youth.

The Church accounts greatly on their contribution, and we ourselves have often manifested our full confidence in them.

St. Vincent De Paul

The Lenten season is well under way. Maybe you have given up something for Lent or are sacrificing in some other way. Another thought might include doing something for others. During this season, please consider a donation to those who are less fortunate by contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

One might consider that when the poor call the parish for food or utility assistance that they are calling upon you!

Currently, the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry is in need of the following items:

Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Meat or Fish
Soup
Rice
Boxed Potatoes
Bar Soap
Toothpaste
Shampoo

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Catholic Charities is hosting its annual

Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception

with Bishop Hying at the Cathedral of Holy Angels in Gary on

Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Join other couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 50+ year anniversary in this Catholic Charities sponsored event. Reception to follow.

Please complete a reservation form, found in our Parish Office by Wednesday, April 15th to attend.

Seating is limited. Call (219) 886-3549, x331 to learn more.

Bishop Noll Theater Presents...

Suessical…The Musical!

To Lose One's Imagination is to lose Entire Worlds.

This March, follow the adventures of Horton the Elephant, Mayzie, Gertrude, the Grinch and many other favorite Dr. Seuss creations! All led by...The Cat in the Hat!

Bishop Noll Institute • 1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond

March 20-22

Friday & Saturday at 7:00 p.m. • Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

$8 for adults • $5 students & children

Show our parish bulletin with this ad at the door and get one student/child ticket for $3 with the purchase of an adult ticket!

Help Our Scouts Help Others

St. Thomas More Cub Scouts Pack 542 are conducting a service project during this Lenten season and they would like your help. They will be collecting items for the residents of the Munster Med-Inn and Hartsfield Village, both in Munster.

Items needed are:

Word-find books (large print)
Crossword books (large print)
Reader's Digest (large print)
Nail files
Combs
Pencils
Pens
Notepads
Hand lotion
Chapstick/Lip Balm
Eyeglass repair kit
Pocket Kleenex/tissues
Body wash
Shampoo
Liquid soap
Small wash clothes

Items will be collected after the 5:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses the

This Weekend — March 14th and 15th

at all Church entrances. Look for our Scout families.

"Painting Possibilities"

Watercolor+Wine

Fundraising Event for Planting Possibilites

Enjoy an afternoon creating a spring landscape watercolor, guided by local artist and instructor Alice Nebelsiek Piorkowski. Cash wine bar, auction baskets and raffles will be available. Proceeds benefit Planting Possibilities, a 501c3 nonprofit with the mission to provide job-skills training, employment & volunteer opportunities for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in Lake County, Indiana.

March 22, 2015 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

at the St. Thomas More Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue in Munster

Tickets are $50 each and must be ordered in advance.

Space is limited.

Must be 21 to attend.

Donations of goods/services for our auction baskets are cheerfully accepted!

Purchase tickets at www.plantingpossibilities.org, email: info@plantingpossibilities.org or call (219) 237-9353.

Planting POSSIBILITIES

Flower Power Online Fundraiser

Order spring and summer blooms online, link at www.plantingpossibilities.org. Orders are 100% guaranteed and delivered directly to your home. PP earns 50% of each sale. Sale runs ***now*** through April 1, 2015.

Spring 40 Days for Life

The Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign runs from
Wednesday, February 18 to ***Sunday, March 29.***
This is the time when pro-life friends throughout the area come together on "The Hill" in front of Planned Parenthood in Merrillville to pray for the victims of abortion.
40 Days has impacted the pro-life movement all over the world.
We need your help! If you are able to particpate, you can schedule a time by contacting the LCRTL office.

Annual Fundraiser

LCRTL will be hosting the annual fundraising banquet at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville on
Friday, April 10, 2015 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Ryan Bomberger from the Radiance Foundation will be our guest speaker. You can make your reservations by visiting http://www.lakecortl.org/banquet.html.
We are in need of underwriters, table sponsors, and patron ad donors for this event. And there are multiple opportunities to advertise in our program book. Please contact us for more information or to help with a sponsorship.

Evening Scripture Study

All adult parishioners are invited to join our Evening Scripture Study group. Again this session, we will be using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Each class includes prayer, group discussion about the week's reading and commentary, and a video. This session, we will be doing a study of The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus, comparing the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Examining these events, the core of our faith, will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living.

Thursday Evneings — April 9th to May 21st

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.

The cost of the program is $20.00 to cover the study materials and will be collected at the first class.
Please register by **March 30th** by calling or emailing Carolyn McGill at (219) 836-8610 or cmcgill@stm-church.com.

Gabriel Project

We are so grateful to those of you who have returned your filled Baby Banks for our ministry.
Your generosity is wonderful and we cannot thank you enough.
For those of you who are still adding change to your baby banks, please feel free to return them, whenever you are ready, to the church office. We will be notified and pick them up from there.
Without your generous support our ministry would not be able to provide as well for our needy moms and babies.

We are happy to announce the births of two more boys in our ministry. They and their mothers are doing just fine.
Please continue to keep them and all of our moms and their babies in your prayers.

Our next regular meeting

for the Gabriel Project ministry will be on
Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m.
in the School Cafeteria.
Anyone who is interested in finding out more about us, please feel free to come and join us.

In addition we are putting out a plea for **pac'n plays**. We have just run out of them, and we do like to provide one for any mom needing one. So, if your children or grandchildren are no longer babies, and you would like to clear your house out a bit, please consider donating your used pac'n play and its sheets to our ministry. We would certainly appreciate your help. Please call Marilyn Glennon at (219) 972-2473 to make arrangements.

Special Collection Today

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40) Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers & sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you ***help Jesus in disguise***. *Please be generous.*

Easter Flower Memorial

Donations for Easter Flower Memorials will be taken in the Parish Office until
9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 20th.
Any memorial donations submitted after this deadline will not appear in the parish bulletin.
Please return this form, or the envelope in your church envelope packet, with your donation to the Parish Office or place in the Sunday collection basket. Extra forms can be found in the Parish Office.

One memorial per $10 donation.

Please **PRINT CLEARLY** to ensure the correct spelling.

In Memory of_____

_____

Donated by_____

Amount Enclosed $_____

Memorials are $10 each.

Making a Difference Today and in the Future

Capital Campaign for STM Church & School

We need your help to continue our Campaign's success!

Campaign Brochures Now Available

Be on the lookout in your mailbox in the coming weeks for a brochure about our parish project and campaign. This brochure, along with a letter from Fr. Mike, gives information as to why we are planning for needed infrastructure improvements in our parish buildings and what needs to be done.

Because we want to make our campaign as personal as possible, parishioners have volunteered to visit with parish families about the campaign.

When they call upon you and ask for some time to visit, please respond.

Attention All Campaign Volunteers!

Your presence at the campaign meeting this past Thursday was uplifting and so appreciated. Your dedication to this extraordinary parish undertaking is wonderful. Thank You!

As a little reminder, don't forget to attend the weekly campaign volunteer report meetings. This week our Report Meeting is on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Solar Room.

More Campaign Workers are Needed!

Our parish could use more help on the campaign.
Please come to the report meeting on
Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Solar Room.
There will be a short meeting afterward with information as to how you can help.

Campaign Questions & Answers

Q — How much am I expected to give?

All parishioners are being asked to consider a specific gift amount. However, you alone can determine the amount of your gift. Consult the various gift plans accompanying the brochure. Please remember we need the participation of all parishioners and, if your gift is one of sacrifice, it is truly a generous gift regardless of its size.

Q — Why am I asked to consider a specific amount?

Parishioners need to know what levels of support are necessary to raise $6.3 million. A gift amount is suggested for each household to prayerfully consider. No judgment is made on the level of gift you or others make.
The true test of your gift is whether it is planned, proportionate and sacrificial.

Q — I dislike pledging. Why am I asked to make a pledge instead of a one-time gift?

The success of the campaign rests largely on pledges payable over five years. In addition, by making a pledge, you are able to donate more than would be otherwise possible with a one-time gift.

Q — I would like to make a pledge, but our budget is especially tight this year. How can I still participate?

The campaign pledge period is structured over a five-year period, and you can determine when you want to start payment of your pledge.

"... put your gifts at the service of one another ..." *1 Peter 4:10*

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.

Soup Supper

St. John Bosco — Hammond

Enjoy six delicious homemade soups, salad, bread & butter, crackers, dessert and a drink for only $6.00 per person. Every Wednesday during Lent from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Parish Hall, 7111 Columbia Avenue in Hammond. Sponsored by the St. John Bosco Youth Group. For info call (219) 844-9027.

French Toast Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus St. Pope John Paul II – Council 16008 is hosting a French Toast Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 22nd in the St. James the Less Church Hall in Highland (corner of 45th and Kennedy). Breakfast will include French toast, sausage, milk, juice, and coffee. Please bring your camera, as we will have photo ops with the Easter Bunny. Cost: Free will offering.

Free Choral Concert

The Praise Choir of SS Peter and Paul in Merrillville will present "***Feel the Nails: the Stations of the Cross***" on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in their church.
This is a free choral concert with reflections and choral music to enhance meditation for each Station including "*Feel the Nails*", "*Jerusalem, My Destiny*" and many other familiar pieces.
All are welcome to come and pray the Way of the Cross with us. Questions: Laura Monteen (219) 980-0446.

Sharing Meadows Luncheon

The Share Service League is sponsoring "The Luncheon" to benefit Sharing Meadows, a community for other-abled adults on Wednesday, March 25th at 10:30 a.m. at the Halls of St. George in Schererville. Enjoy a delicious lunch, variety of door prizes, entertainment, fellowship and a bake sale. Tickets are $35. For more info, please contact Patricia Fisher at (219) 924-4449.

The Shrine of Christ's Passion

Lenten Story Hour

The Shrine of Christ's Passion is hosting a Children's Lenten Story Hour on March 21st from 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 Noon. Chocolate bunnies and jelly beans are wonderful, but attend our Story Hour to help your child learn the real reason we celebrate Easter. Call (219) 365-6010 to make a reservation.

Shrine Adopt-A-Station Volunteers

Please consider joining our Shrine Adopt-A-Station Volunteers. With Spring just around the corner, we are in need of a few more people willing to give a small amount of time to help keep the statue scenes along the Prayer Trail looking beautiful. Please call (219) 365-6010 if you are interested in helping.

Visit the Shrine

Lent is here! Please make plans this Lent to take the journey at The Shine of Christ's Passion in St. John, IN. Jesus' love for us can be seen in each bronze sculpture, heard in the meditations and the beautiful music and felt in your heart as you walk along the Prayer Trail. Lent is a perfect time to meditate, to reflect and to grow in our faith. The library at The Shrine of Christ's Passion is filled with a great collection of informative and inspiring books and DVD's that help us to do just that. As we learn more about Our Lord, we are able to fall more in love with Him.

Spring Shopping at the Shrine

New items for Spring are arriving every day at The Gift Shoppe. Stop in and see our beautiful new gift ideas. 25 % off Easter Décor (Bunnies, Eggs, Chicks, Lambs & Spring Floral).

Lenten Fish Fries

St. Patrick's Church in East Chicago

Join us for our annual Fish Fries on Friday, March 20th & March 27th at our church, 3810 Grand Boulevard in East Chicago.
4:00– 7:00 p.m. Prices range from $9-$10 and offer a variety of fish choices. Child menus only $3 or $6. A variety of hot and cold items are included in the price (salads, potato choice and some Mexican items).
Salad Bar included for dine-in dinners.

St. Andrew Church

Join us in Ameling Hall, 801 West 73rd Avenue in Merrillville for our annual Fish Fries. All-You-Can-Eat with baked or fried fish, pierogis and a Bake Sale. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Includes salad, potato, coleslaw, drink and ice cream. Adults-$10/Children-$6. Friday, March 20th and Friday, March 27th.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel's Knights of Columbus Council 12177 will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 20th from 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. This is an all you can eat meal at St. Patrick Hall. The meal will consist of deep fried & baked Alaskan pollock, served with your choice of French fries, baked potato, macaroni & cheese, four bean salad, green beans, beets, coleslaw, house salad, bread & butter, coffee or lemonade. Cost: Adult Meal—$12.00, Children (ages 5-14) —$6.00.
Extra charge for desserts, pop & bar. Carry outs available. For more information call Jim Prasopoulos at (219) 775-5774.

Swieconka Post-Easter Luncheon

The Polish Women's Alliance Group #132 will celebrate its "Swieconka" post-Easter luncheon on April 18th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive in East Chicago (across from the South Shore Station). Doors open at 12:00 noon, with lunch served at 1:00 p.m. Cost is $35 for adults and $17.50 for children under age 12. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. Reservations are due by April 13th by calling Delphine Huneycutt at 219-218-4420.