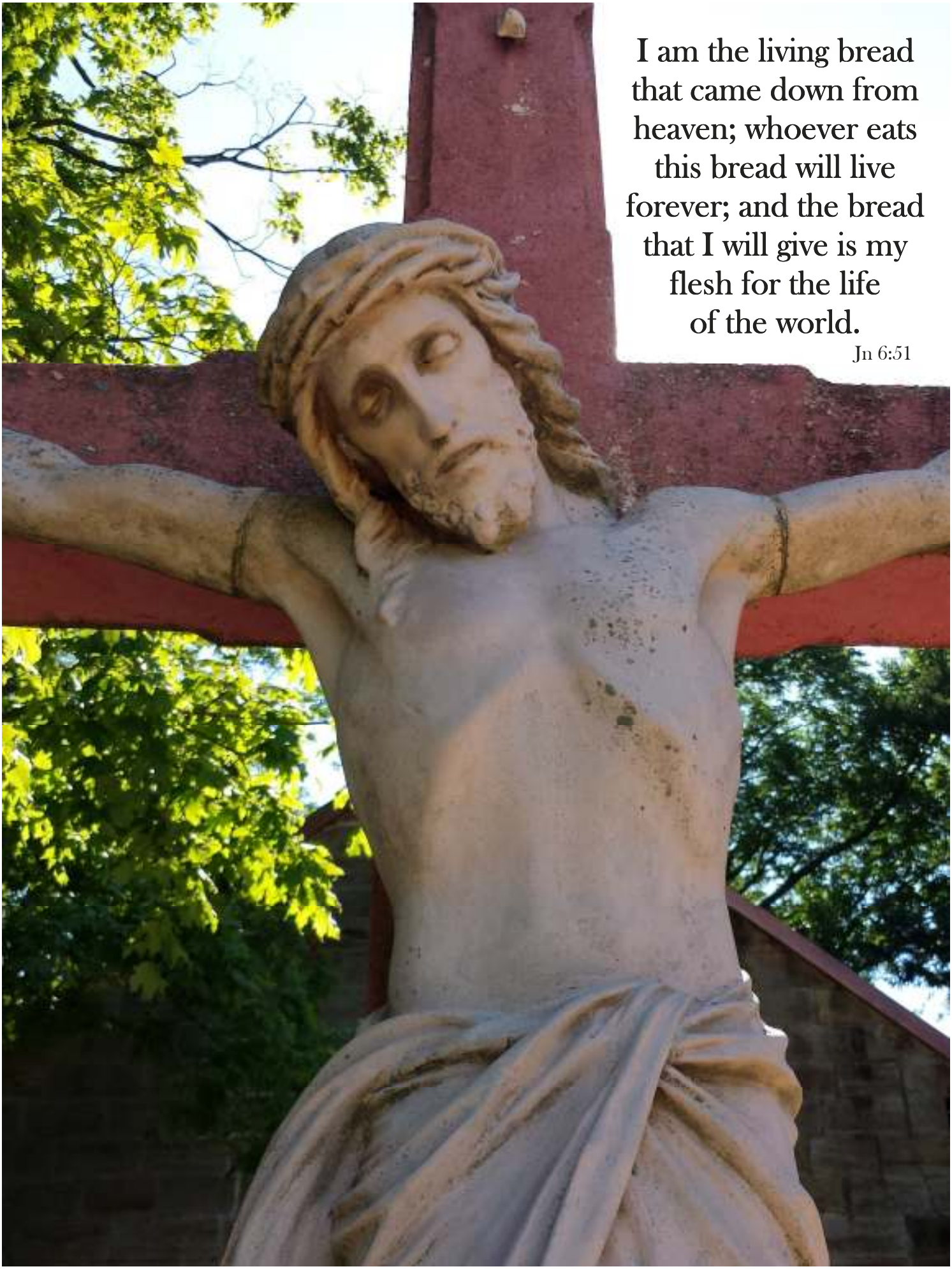

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

Jn 6:51

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.

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myadron@stm-church.com
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..... Joseph Stodola, KHS
..... Daniel Zurawski, KHS
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Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 313
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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Jim Landowski ..... Jesse Montenegro
Joe O'Brien ..... Kurt Popovich
Cheryl Staniszewski ..... Cindy Thompson

St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday– Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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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
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
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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 ..... Alan Pischner 306-7552
Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project…… Carolyn Grskovich 455-9258
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan
Holy Name Society 836-8610
Knights of Columbus ..... Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
K of C Columbian Squires……..Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
Moms' Group 836-8610
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, August 22

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, August 23

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

SATURDAY, August 22

8:30 am D. O'Brien, A. Korfiatis
5:30 pm A. & L. Forszt, M. & M. Hrinda, A. Nametak
MC ~ Ricky/Matt

SUNDAY, August 23

6:30 am E. Korwek, D. & K. O'Shea
8:00 am A. Nahnsen, B. Peters, M. Sharp, M. Slivka, D. Smith/ MC ~ Scott/Alyssa
10:00 am B. Sikora, D. Zuccarelli, D. Ayala, V. Vasquez, J. Bevil/MC ~ Joey/Xavian
12:00 pm M. DiCarlo, E. Long, M. Muta/MC ~ Tim

Bulletin Articles

All bulletins articles must be submitted via email at least two (2) weeks in advance to: *bulletin@stm-church.com.*

Wedding Banns

II — *Sara Johnson & Spencer Hoffman*

Rest in Peace

Mary C. Radencich • Roger Slosser

Baptisms

James

Son of Adam & Kathryn Moreau

Sacrificial Offerings

August 9, 2015

Adult	**$ 21,714.00**
Loose	**$ 2,710.00**
Children	**$ 126.63**
TOTAL	**$ 24,550.63**

Thank you for your generosity & stewardship to our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 16 — ***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

6:30 am Martin P. Juricic (Ann.) by Family
8:00 am Joanna Bartkus by Family
10:00 am Joseph Justynski by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

MONDAY, August 17

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
8:30 am Timothy Kish by Pat Kish & Family

TUESDAY, August 18

6:30 am Sammy Bianchi by Ceil Bianchi
8:30 am Donald Slack Jr. (Ann.) by Family
10:00 am Charles Pfister by Dennis & Joyce Trelinski
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 2)

WEDNESDAY, August 19 — ***St. John Eudes***

6:30 am Ellie Sniff by Marchell & Robert Barkey
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Linzer Family by Al & Carol Carollo

THURSDAY, August 20 — ***St. Bernard***

6:30 am Walter Keilman by Wife & Family
9:00 am Agnes Kaspar (Ann.) by Agnes & Dimitre Adich

FRIDAY, August 21 — ***St. Pius X***

6:30 am Anastasia Kwiatkowski (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn
8:30 am Intention of Robert Sanchez by Family

SATURDAY, August 22 — ***Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:30 am Benjamin F. Garcia (Ann.) by Serrano Family
5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Dominiak Family by Emily Conway

SUNDAY, August 23 —***Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time***

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Rita & Christopher Florek by Eugene Florek
10:00 am Cletus O'Drobinak by Lucy Petkowski & Helen Jaworski
12:00 pm William Dorcey McDunn (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. William McDunn

Readings for Week of August 16, 2015

Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Bread of Life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin. We can imagine what was being said: "He's just using analogies," one man would suggest. "No! He says it's 'true food' and 'true drink,'" another would reply. Others would accuse Jesus of blaspheming, while still others would assert that they believe every word he says. And so it went.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith--one that is challenging to fulfill or difficult to believe--and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it. On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Time and time again in history, when a group of people disagrees about a Christian teaching, they splinter off and define their own set of beliefs. Not only does this harm the harmony of the Christian community, but it makes it too easy to avoid the tough parts of the faith.

Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult--like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious--like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's just live it.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Irene Baker
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Linda Braun
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
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D'Orazio
Alex Eiland
Tom Engwert
Sherlon Evans
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Dorothy Giannini
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Shirley Gillespie
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Evelyn Hennes
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Megan Homcho
Mary Jo Humpfer
Betty Ingbretson
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Rosemary Jerzak
Carol Keilman
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Krizmanic
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mary Leahy
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Olga Mihalo
Ann Miskovich
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
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
Adele Wall
Charlotte Weglewski
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczynski
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, August 17
1st Day of School —STMS Preschool, Pre-K & Kindergarten
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room

THURSDAY, August 18
8:30 am — All School Mass/Welcome New Students & Staff
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel

WEDNESDAY, August 19
9:00 am Altar & Rosary Stuffing ~ Conference Room

THURSDAY, August 20
6:30 pm Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Career Networking ~ Weis Center

FRIDAY, August 21
9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room
6:00 pm — STMS Back to School Pool Party ~ Munster Pool

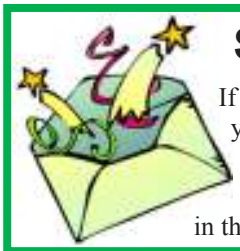
SATURDAY, August 22
10:30 am — Virtus Training ~ Solar Room

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. Thomas More is in need of several volunteers to help our parish as Eucharistic Ministers at various Masses each weekend. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Dan Zurawski at (219) 742-6005 or email: deacondanz@outlook.com.

Evening Scripture Study

The next adult Scripture Study starts this week:
Thursday Evening — August 20th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Conference Room and continues each Thursday until November 19th. Contact Carolyn McGill at (219) 836-8610 or cmcgill@stm-church.com for more information.



Stuffing Party

If you've been to a previous stuffing party, then you know how much fun it is! Don't miss the next one for the Altar & Rosary Society:
Wednesday, August 19th —9:00 a.m.
in the Parish Conference Room. All are welcome!

Baseball Mitts Needed

Planting Possibilities, a non-profit aiding adults with intellectual & developmental challenges, is seeking unused baseball mitts for their young adult/adult clients on a Special Olympics softball team. Deposit donations in box outside the Parish Office.

WE NEED GOD

Brothers and sisters:
Watch carefully how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise,
making the most of the opportunity,
because the days are evil. (Eph 5:15-16)

Today's second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus, is a sobering reminder to us all about the importance of living for the Lord rather than for ourselves.

It does not take much looking around to realize that we live in a very sinful world.

It boggles the mind, however, to think that every generation, as far as I can tell, has thought that it was an evil generation.

St. Paul talks about the days being evil.

We still talk about that to this day.

My question is this: If we know that there is so much evil out there, why haven't we done anything about it?

After all, we are talking about nearly a 2,000 year difference here. You would think that in that amount of time we would have gotten something correct, wouldn't you?

The sad truth is that too many people still live for themselves rather than for the Lord.

We are challenged to put aside the things that keep us from God. We are invited to come to the Lord, to partake of His very own Body and Blood. He will give us everything we need. He is all that we need.

FAITH ACTION: At Mass today, take time after receiving Communion, to thank the Lord for the great gift of His Body and Blood. If you went to Mass last night, take some time today in prayer to thank the Lord for the gift of the Eucharist.

OUR COLLEGIANS

We have been saying goodbye to our students going to college for the first time or going back to college. Let us keep them in our prayers that, as they begin their new academic year, they may remember to turn to the Lord in their times of need.

It would do them well to remind them to take time from their schedules to go to church. It is so important to keep that relationship with the Lord alive in their hearts and some of the best people to remind them of that are you, their parents.

Remember, remind gently. Don't nag. That just chases them away rather than encourages them to go to church.

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:

August 20: Msgr. Michael A. Petzold (1965)

RITUALS

Life is full of all sorts of rituals. They mark special events. They help us to celebrate. They get us from one point to the next.

One of the rituals at the beginning of a new school year at St. Thomas More School is the "opening Mass". This coming Tuesday we will have our first all-school Mass. At that Mass, we will greet all the new people at our school: new students, new teachers, and a new principal. We will also issue a "challenge" to the 8th graders, the Class of 2016, to be leaders. It is time for them to "step up" and set a good example for other students to follow.

To that end, I take this opportunity to welcome our many new people to St. Thomas More School. It looks to be an exciting year of discovery. May God be with us each day so that we can give Him fitting thanks and praise.

Each week, our students go to Mass twice. Once they go in grade levels and the second time the entire school goes to Mass. All-school Masses are on Tuesdays and additional ones are added for holy days of obligation or other special feasts.

If any of you are available and wish to attend, you are most certainly free to join us for our daily school Masses. They are at 8:30 a.m. except for Thursday. Due to a later start on Thursday, Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A kindergartner was practicing spelling with magnetic letters on the refrigerator. CAT, DOG, DAD, and MOM had been displayed proudly for all to see.

One morning, while getting ready for the day, the child ran into the kitchen with his arms outstretched. In his hands were three magnetic letters: G-O-D.

"Look what I spelled, Mom!" he said, with a proud smile on his face.

"That's wonderful!" his mom praised him. "Now go put it on the fridge so Dad can see it when he gets home tonight."

The mom happily thought that the Catholic education her son was getting certainly was having an impact in his young life.

Just as she was thinking that, a little voice called from the kitchen. "Mom? How do you spell ZILLA?"

Religious Education

Register Now for Fall Classes

Registration forms can be found on the parish website.

Registration deadline is Friday, August 21st!

If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required for registration.

Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

September Schedule

9/10	First Religious Education Class
16/17	Class
22	**Parent Confirmation Meeting**
	7:00 p.m. in the Church
23/24	Class
30/Oct 1	Class

Did you know?

In order for your children to get the best religious education possible, it is important that they attend religious education classes each year, from Kindergarten through 8th grade, not just when it is time for them to receive a Sacrament. St. Thomas More Religious Education program welcomes ALL Catholic children, including those with special needs. Our class for students with special needs in grades K-8 meets on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30. To learn more, or to register your child, please call the Religious Education Office at (219)836-8610 ext. 332 or email Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Catechists Still Needed

We are still looking for a few men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of STM:

Catechist • Substitute Catechist
Classroom Aide • Hall Monitor

Make a meaningful contribution to your church by volunteering in one of these Religious Education positions. You will have the opportunity to grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children. Training and assistance will be available. Contact Emily Hackett soon at (219) 836-8610 ext. 332 or ehackett@stm-school.com

Bible Study for Teens

Have you ever wondered how the Bible relates to your life? Join us for Bible Study for Teens and see how God's Word contains the epic Mapquest for your life. Whether you struggle with fear, boredom, anger or doubt, you will find practical direction and meaning in Scripture.

1D2G will be hosting Bible Study in the St. Thomas More Religious Education Office from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month.

Our next meeting: Tuesday, August 18th.

To learn more, sign-up or ask questions, please email Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-church.com.

Virtus Training Scheduled

VIRTUS is a program created by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group in the United States with a "Protecting God's Children" component. It is currently used in over 80 dioceses in the United States. Virtus training offered at St. Thomas More will be: ***Saturday, August 22, 2015***

10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Solar Room ***or***

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

6:30 p.m. in the Solar Room

The Virtus Program deals with the awareness and prevention of the sexual abuse of children. Due to the content of the program, absolutely ***no*** children are permitted to attend the training.

Anyone 18 years or older must be Virtus trained to volunteer or work in the school or in the parish.

Please email Laura Brockway at ljbrockway1@gmail.com to reserve your seat for Virtus training and to assure we have enough materials for everyone.

Please arrive promptly and enter through the gymnasium doors under the carport (north side of building).

Gabriel Project

The following items have been requested by our mothers. Any help that you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

Strollers: for summer walks with new babies
Teething rings, baby bottles/brushes and rattles
Hygiene Items: baby wash & baby shampoo
Diapers: Newborn to Size 4 pull-ups

Call Marilyn at (219) 515-2901 to donate.

Please continue to pray for our moms and their babies.

Lectors & Greeters for the Week

Saturday, August 22
5:30 pm Mass
Ann Harkenrider &
Jennifer Jones-Garner

Sunday, August 23
6:30 am Mass
John Brooks & John Kovach

8:00 am Mass
Michael Madura & Sue Wilson

10:00 am Mass
Charles Helms & Maryanne Topor

12:00 Noon Mass
Leonard & Valerie Czapkowicz

Saturday, August 22
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway
Choir: Tom & Louisa Jurich

Sunday, August 23
6:30 am Mass
Chapel: Carla Covelli

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

10:00 am Mass
Main: M. Rodriguez-Contreras
Chapel: Michael, Candee & Matthew Walsh

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

St. Thomas More School

Meet Our
New Principal:
Mr. Jay Harker

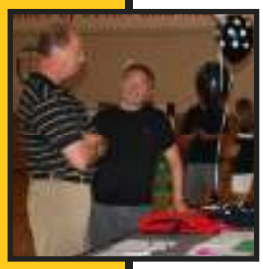
We are excited to welcome a new principal to St. Thomas More School. Mr. Jay Harker joins us as our top educational administrator, bringing with him a multitude of talents and experience, including 17 years as a classroom teacher and 20 years as an administrator in the Whiting school system.

He has a passion for finding the strengths in each student and developing those abilities to achieve educational success.

We're happy you're here, Mr. Harker, and look forward to a great year ahead!

Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook to keep up with all the school activities.

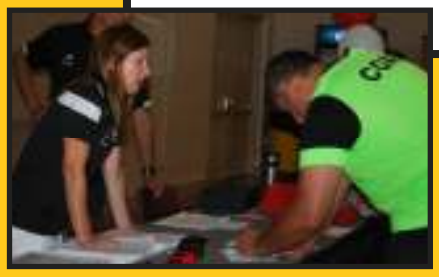
Taking Care of Business at the
Back to School Fair!



Thanks to the efforts of many school organizations, parents were able to order gym uniforms, pay school fees, receive information about scouting and other clubs, sign-up for athletic teams and much more at the Back to School fair held last weekend.

But the best part of the Fair was receiving the student classroom assignments.

We're off to a fabulous start! The first two days of school were fantastic and it's great having the students back in the building.



Knights of Columbus

Annual Golf Outing

The Monsignor Weis Council 10596 Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Golf Outing at Wicker Park in Highland

Saturday, August 22nd

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.
Tee-offs begin at 8:00 a.m.
Cost is $60 per golfer and includes greens fee, cart & prizes with a meal/beverages to follow golf.
Note: a picnic area will be reserved for our event in the park.
Open to all Knights, parishioners, families & friends.
Donations requested for hole prizes and outing gift bags.
To sign-up, or for more information, please contact Dave Kritzer at (219) 577-5462 or dkritzer@sbcglobal.net.

Catholic Charities

Golf Outing

The 33rd annual Catholic Charities Golf Outing is coming

Monday, August 24, 2015

at Briar Ridge Country Club.
9:00 a.m. start time.
Breakfast, lunch & golf cart included with prizes for everyone!
All are welcome. Please join us!
Call (219) 886-3549, ext. 331 for more information or visit the website at www.Catholic-Charities.org/golfouting.

Vocations Committee

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament for the Increase of Priestly & Religious Vocations

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father, Son of the Virgin Mary, we thank you for offering your life in sacrifice on the Cross, and for renewing this sacrifice in every Mass celebrated throughout the world.
In the power of the Holy Spirit we adore you and proclaim your living presence in the Eucharist. We desire to imitate the love you show us in your death and resurrection, by loving and serving one another.
We ask you to call many young people to religious life, and to provide holy and generous priests that are so needed in your Church today. Lord Jesus, hear our Prayer. Amen.
+Justin Rigali, Archbishop of St. Louis

Bishop Noll Raffle

Tickets are now available in the St. Thomas More Parish Office for the Bishop Noll Institute 2015 Fall ***"Reach for the Stars" Raffle***.
Tickets are only $10 each.
Drawing is December 1, 2015.
Grand Prize — $20,000
2nd Prize — $5,000
3rd Prize — $2,000
4th-7th Prizes — $500
All proceeds to benefit the Bishop Noll Institute.

Holy Name Society

Holy Name will reconvene with their next meeting on

Monday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Solar Room. As usual we will begin with the Rosary, followed by our regular meeting and pizza/beverages.
At the request of Fr. Mike, please continue to pray for vocations.

Save the Date

All men of the parish are invited to attend our annual

Evening of Reflection — Tuesday, October 13th

at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster.
Arrival time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program to follow Mass.
Our retreat leader will be Bishop Donald J. Hying.
Seating is on a first come, first served basis with limited capacity.
A donation of $20 per person is requested.
Please watch for a registration form in the bulletin soon.

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, August 20, 2015

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Russ Tinich

Manufacturing Executive Over 40 Years

- Talent Management for Cassiani Associates, Inc.
- Manufacturing Recruiter for Kaizen Consultants
- Recruiter for Challenger, Gray & Christmas

Topic: What Works In a Job Search

Where: STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
When: The 3rd Thursday of Every Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 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

In August 2014, ISIS forced thousands of Iraqi families out of their homes. Many of those families sought refuge to the north in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. Thanks to CRS and Caritas Iraq, child support centers are being built to help more than 2,000 Iraqi children heal and find structure and normalcy in their disrupted childhoods with games and learning activities. To learn more, please visit CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me.

Help Wanted at St. Thomas More

Building Maintenance Position

Duties involved with this position include the maintenance and repair of the St. Thomas More church and school buildings and grounds. The ideal candidate must have experience in electrical, plumbing, construction and HVAC systems.
Reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and the ability to lift at least 50 lbs. is a must.
Hours are Monday to Friday, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Some weekends and after-hours work may be required.

Part Time Custodians Needed

Responsibilities include cleaning offices, classrooms and restrooms, as well as set-up for church and school activities.
Must have experience with cleaning in a commercial setting, be able to use various types of floor machines and lift at least 50 lbs.
Reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and the ability to read and follow directions are all a must.

Position One:
Hours are Monday to Friday — 5:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Position Two:
Hours are Monday to Friday — 1:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

If interested in any of these positions, please apply in person at the St. Thomas More Parish Office:
8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
Questions? For more information, please contact Karla Baldwin at (219) 836-8610, ext. 331.
One of our custodial positions might be a great job for newly retired person who is in good shape & wants to remain active!

Senior Citizens

We are excited to begin meeting for a new year.
Any senior citizen in our parish who is interested in being a part of a fun and energetic group is encouraged to attend one of our upcoming meetings.
Our meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster, unless otherwise noted.
Reminder: $10 Annual Dues are due in September.

Here is the first installment of the
2015/2016 Calendar of Events
Please continue to watch the parish bulletin for new events/meetings with guest speakers and activities coming soon.

Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, September 2nd
Business Meeting with guest speakers:
Crystel Snow — Area SHIIP Representative
Georgiann Drake — Lake County Social Security Representative

Wednesday, September 16th
Social Gathering with refreshments and bingo.

There's something for everyone! Join us

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
in the Gym/North Parking Lot
Children's Games
Live Music by the *Merry Notes*
Delicious Food • Door Prizes

PARISH PICNIC

Everyone in the parish is invited!

Enjoy pulled pork, burgers, hot dogs & brats and all the accompaniments.

RESERVATION FORM

Please return this form no later than
Monday, August 24th at 9:00 a.m.
Place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office.
Everyone in the parish is invited, but we need to know how may are coming, so be sure to send this form in by the 24th!

Family Name_____

Number Attending: Adults _____ Children _____

Email Address_____

Phone _____

St. Vincent de Paul Society

God's light and life are shown to us during these summer months of sunshine. Some people around us, however, cannot reflect upon the beauty that has been bestowed upon them because they are overwhelmed.

It may be because of bills or the inability to feed their families. Thus, we are encouraging you to share some of your bounty to ease their load. Please consider donating some food to our pantry so that all can enjoy this beautiful season!

Our pantry needs currently include the following:

Soup	**Boxed Potatoes**	**Bar Soap**
Pasta Sauce	**Rice, Pork and**	**Dish Soap**
Canned Pasta	**Beans**	**Toilet Paper**
Tomato Products	**Meal Helpers**	**Toothpaste**
Canned Meats	**Snacks**	**Laundry Detergent**
Fruit	**Shampoo**	

Thanks so much for your ongoing generosity to others.

Making a Difference Today and in the Future

Capital Campaign for STM Church & School

We can't complete our campaign without your continued assistance. Pledge cards can be mailed, turned in to the Parish Office or placed in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you, as always, for your generous support of this important parish project for our church & school.

Please return your Campaign Pledge Card !

Nursery Help Needed for Fall

The St. Thomas More Nursery, operational from September through May each year during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, ***is in need of adult and high school volunteers*** for the fall. This is a great way to get involved in your parish or gain important service hours, if you are a student.

If you can help this fall, please contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079 or kaarenann@aol.com.

Events in the Area...

Western Days Festival at St. Mary's

St. Mary Church in Griffith is holding its annual festival, Western Days, on August 20-23, 2015 on their parish grounds at 525 N. Broad Street. Midway rides (MegaPass for $60 beginning August 1st). Mexican food, ribs and lots more. Nightly live entertainment in the beer garden. Bingo, TalentFest, casino games and games for kids of all ages! Win a new 2015 Chevy Malibu car for only $1. Gala Fireworks display Sunday night at dusk. Visit www.smgriffith.org or call (219) 924-4163.

Fundraiser for Officer's Family

The St. Pope John Paul II Council of the Knights of Columbus in Highland, in conjunction with other Knights and Fraternal Order of Police organizations, is sponsoring a benefit fundraiser for Officer Shawn Smith's family on Saturday, August 29th at St. James Hall, 9640 Kennedy Avenue in Highland from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight. Dinner includes two different pastas/ two sauces, tossed salad, bread and desserts. Additional outdoor seating if weather permits. Cost: $10/person. Silent auction.

Co-ed Softball Teams Forming

The Griffith Family YMCA is starting a co-ed 18 & over adult softball league. The games will begin on September 1, 2015 at the Griffith Babe Ruth fields located at Central Park. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings. Sign-up at the welcome center at the "Y". The cost per team is $400.00. Each team should consist of at least 4 members of your church. For more information please contact Jamee Queen, Sports Director at griffithsports@crymca.org or (219) 750-1082.

Marian Devotions

Join St. Michael the Archangel Church, 1 Wilhelm Street in Schererville for Marian Devotions every other Sunday at dusk from June 14th-October 18th at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (located on the east side of the cemetery).

All Saints Church Seeking Vendors

All Saints Church, located at 570 Sibley in Hammond, is seeking vendors (non-food) for their upcoming flea market on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost to rent a space is only $10 if you bring your own table and chairs, $20 if we provide the table and chairs and $30 for table, chairs and a tent. Call Jose at (219) 616-5820, Rickie at (219) 880-7953 or the office at (219) 932-0204 to make a reservation or to obtain more information. Deadline to reserve is August 29th.

Rummage, Bake & Pierogi Sale

St. James Parish will have a Rummage, Bake & Pierogi Sale on Friday, September 25th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 26th from 8:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Saturday will be $2 per bag for clothes & ½ price for other items (except pierogi and bake sale). Donations can be dropped off on September 23rd & 24th from 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. No space for storage. Clean, reusable items. Learn more by calling Helen at (219) 924-5783 or Rosie at (219) 227-9283.

Mass in the Polish Language

A Polish Mass will be celebrated every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. CST at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 406 E. Washington St. in Knox, IN for those visiting Bass Lake/Tippecanoe State Park. For information, call: (574) 772-4134.