

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!

Is 40:9

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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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 Phone..... 836-9151 School Fax.....836-0982
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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
DirectorEmily 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

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Spirituality & WorshipKaaren 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 796-6809
Holy Name Society 836-8610
Knights of Columbus Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
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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

Celebrants

Saturday, January 16
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, January 17
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, January 16

8:30 am G. & I. Scalzo
5:30 pm B. & M. Andrzejewski, F. Beckman,
J. Bernarte, M. Caraher/ MC ~ Ricky

SUNDAY, January 17

6:30 am J. & M. Blanford, S. Becker-Toro
8:00 am E. Gossman, G. Kenning, A. Korfiatis,
A. Nahnsen, B. Peters/ MC ~ Chris
10:00 am A. Klaich, O. Lerma, M. & R. Maldonado,
E. Miller/ MC ~ Xavian
12:00 pm L. Cabrales, M. DiCarlo, E. Long/ MC ~ Mike

Rest in Peace

Cecile Wojcik

Sacrificial Offerings

December 25, 2015

Christmas Eve • Christmas

Adult	\$ 60,173.00
Loose	\$ 7,117.00
Children	\$ 93.14
TOTAL	\$ 67,383.14



December 27, 2015

Adult	\$ 18,398.00
Loose	\$ 2,525.00
Children	\$ 99.06
TOTAL	\$ 21,022.06

Thank you for sharing
your treasure with
our parish!

January 1, 2016

Solemnity of Mary

Adult	\$ 11,953.00
Loose	\$ 1,670.00
Children	\$ 7.30
TOTAL	\$ 13,630.30

January 3, 2016

Adult	\$ 19,767.00
Loose	\$ 3,206.00
Children	\$ 128.17
TOTAL	\$ 23,101.17

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 10 — Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am Ann Carnavacciolo (Ann.) by Husband & Children
8:00 am Antonio Porras Jr. & J.D. Brown by Sylvester &
Kathy Porras
10:00 am Carol Nowak (Ann.) by Family
12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

MONDAY, January 11

6:30 am Joseph Iacarella by Dona Gerlach
8:30 am Steve Bendis by Wife Lorraine & Family

TUESDAY, January 12

6:30 am Rose Krizmanic (Ann.) by Family
8:30 am Carolyn Kelly by Parents George & Mary Alice
Kelly
10:00 am Intention of Art & Dorothy Giannini by
Bill & Dorothy O'Brien
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, January 13 — St. Hillary

6:30 am Reba Brown (Ann.) by Sylvester & Kathy Porras
8:30 am Nancy Winiecki (Ann.) by Slough Family

THURSDAY, January 14

6:30 am Eugene Walczak by Jim & Arlene Kender
9:00 am Margaret Kapala by Bill & Dorothy O'Brien

FRIDAY, January 15

6:30 am Theodore (Ted) Miller by Family
8:30 am Joseph Maliziola by Nowak Family

SATURDAY, January 16

8:30 am Walter Keilman by Cespedes Family
5:30 pm Rose Terranova by STM Senior Citizens

SUNDAY, January 17 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Michael Jurkash (Ann.) by John Jurkash Family
10:00 am Carrie & Edward Wisniewski by Helene Nelson
12:00 pm Charles Stevens by Wife Florence & Family

Linen Launderers Needed

Assistance is requested to launder church linens. Each person helping is only required to iron two times per year. If you can help our parish by participating in this important task, please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8601. Thank you in advance!

Vocations Committee

Would you like to change the world?

You can, you know!

With the desire to do so, strong faith and much prayer, you can find the greatness of God and the light of His love to show you the way.

The Baptism of the Lord

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened." What a treat to be in that crowd! Just imagine the experience of witnessing this manifestation of divinity!

To SEE the Holy Spirit "in bodily form like a dove" and to hear the voice that "came from heaven" announcing Jesus' true identity. Don't we all long for this kind of miraculous clarity? Wouldn't it do wonders for our faith if we had such unmistakable certainty about who Jesus really is? It's easy to imagine that the first Christians had it easier than we do.

They got to be with Jesus in person, and to witness the miracles that went along with his years on earth. Because of this, we can quickly forget the benefits we enjoy that they did not. We live on the other side of the Resurrection, for example. The first followers of Christ believed in him BEFORE he rose from the dead. We, on the other hand, have the confidence of knowing that this man literally conquered death. We also have two millennia of Christian witness through the saints to pull upon. The first Christians had no idea what this new religion would produce, how many people would embrace it, or how it would change the world for the better. We know that Christianity has been fruitful beyond measure. Today's Gospel informs us that it was only after they were baptized that the people witnessed the opening of heaven. Even Jesus himself was baptized before he heard this earthly confirmation of his heavenly origin. We who have been baptized, following the example of Christ, also have "access" to the voice of God. In the silence of our hearts, and through God's word in the Bible (another advantage we enjoy), heaven is "opened" for us as well.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazeovich
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 Cattanaach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Frank Coman
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Lucille Dettlerline
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 Ingbretonson
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
Clare O'Brien
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Emily Orosco
Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Marty Pavovic
Johanna Petrouch
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 Vrbnich
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczyński
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, January 11

6:00 pm Peace & Social Justice ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Parish Life ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Vocations Committee ~ Sacristy
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, January 12

9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class ~ Teachers' Lounge

WEDNESDAY, January 13

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00)
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Teachers' Lounge
6:00 pm Handbells ~ Church
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Conference Room

THURSDAY, January 14

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00)
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, January 15

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room
6:00 pm Pinewood Derby ~ Gym
6:30 pm 4-H Club ~ Cafeteria

SATURDAY, January 16

9:00 am Pinewood Derby ~ Gym

SUNDAY, January 17

Coffee & Donuts in the Cafeteria — Sponsored by the K of C (after the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses)

Readings for Week of January 10

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Pastoral Care Ministry

Please notify the Pastoral Care Ministry to arrange a visit by a parishioner from Pastoral Care for the hospitalized or homebound.
Contact Deacon Dave Kapala, Pastoral Care Coordinator
at (219) 836-8610, ext. 313 or
dkapala@stm-church.com.

OUR BAPTISM MAKES US HERALDS

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! (Is 40:9)

In one sense, it is all over. In another sense, it is just beginning.

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast marks two events: (1) the official end of the Christmas Season and (2) the beginning of Ordinary Time.

For the past few weeks, we have been celebrating the wonders of the Lord's incarnation beginning with Christmas Day. In the season, we have celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family, reminding us that -- whether easy and joyful or messy and difficult -- we are all called to be family.

On January 1st, we gathered together on the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. We praised Mary for her humble "Yes" to God and asked her to intercede for us that we might have the grace to embrace God's will for us as fully as she did.

Then we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord, remembering that Jesus manifested Himself to the world through the world's representatives, the Magi. This gave us great hope because God came for all people, including you and me, and not just a select few.

All of these celebrations have filled us with hope. Today, we need that hope because we are being reminded that, by the virtue of our baptisms, we have been commissioned by the Lord to be His heralds.

It is always much easier for us to think about other people having to do the work of the Lord. It gives us comfort to know that others go out to the missions to proclaim the Good News. It gives us joy to know that there are many people dedicated to helping the poor and the needy. It gives us consolation knowing that so many go to the hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice centers to bring a message of hope and peace to those in need.

However, it scares the living daylight out of many of us to hear that we are called to do the same. We are called to proclaim the Good News. We are called to go out to the world. We are called to give a message of hope and peace to those in need.

Yes. We. You and me.

Christmas is over. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord tells us that our work is just beginning. We must remember, however, that we do not have to go alone. By the virtue of our baptisms, we have received a measure of the Holy Spirit. God is always with us and will give us exactly what we need when we need it. All we have to do is trust in Him.

FAITH ACTION: Do what you can this day to be a herald of Good News to family or friends or those in need.

Fr. Mike

A FINAL THANK YOU

As the Christmas season officially ends, I want to thank one last time the many people who made our Christmas and the days and weeks after so special. Thanks, especially, to those who decorated our church so beautifully. As always, it was a spectacular sight! Of course, it would not be possible without all of you who made such generous contributions to the Christmas Flower fund. I hope you believe you got your money's worth.

Thank you, as well, to the different choirs — Adult, Schola Cantorum, Children's, and Bell — for enhancing our worship by the beautiful music. You could see on your faces and hear in your voices the joy that you had in your hearts. Sharing that made us feel just as joyous.

Thanks, also, to our "liturgy people". That would be the deacons, the cantors, the MCs, the servers, the lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, the ushers, and the greeters. Without someone doing all the "grunt work", our liturgies would never be possible.

As always, to anyone I may have forgotten to mention, thank you for your help, too!

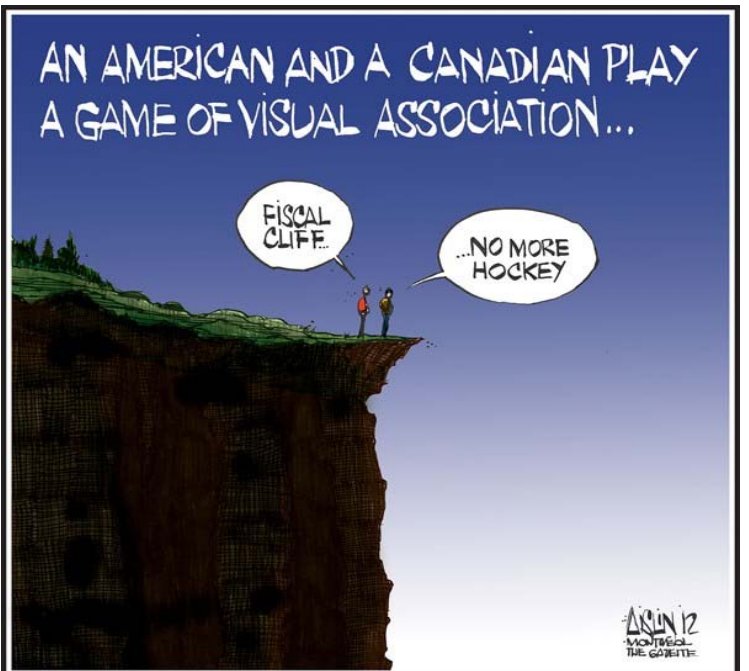
Throughout the Year of Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available at the Carmelite Shrine. All you need to do is go there at any time and inform the receptionist that you would like to see a priest in order to go to confession. They will be very happy to accommodate your request.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, little Billy got in the back seat of the car and proceeded to cry all the way home.

Billy's dad asked him three times what was wrong but Billy would not reply. All he would do was cry.

After being asked what was wrong by his mother, Billy sobbed, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."



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:

- January 11: Rev. Ambrose E. Switzer (1967)
Rev. George A. Masley (1969)
- January 12: Rev. Henry J. Ameling (1970)
Rev. Joseph A. Buczyrna (1976)
- January 14: Rev. George J. Naudzius (1963)
Msgr. Alvin J. Jasinski (1969)
- January 16: Deacon Joseph Kwitko (2004)



Religious Education

January Schedule

13/14 Class
20/21 Class
27/28 Class

February Schedule

3/4 Class
6 *Sacrament of First Penance at 9:30 a.m. in the Church*
10/11 *No Class — Ash Wednesday*
17/18 Class
24/25 Class

March Schedule

2/3 Class
9/10 Class
16/17 Class
23/24 *No Class — Holy Week/ Spring Break*
30/31 Class

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Begin 2016 by assisting others who may not have a bright outlook on the beginning of this new year. Some people struggle, particularly during the cold winter months, due to personal circumstances and the inability to provide for their families, halting them from having a positive feeling about the start of a new year.



Won't you consider assisting the St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting us to provide food and help lift up someone in need?

Better yet, join us as a new member of the Society and allow yourself to see the smiles and happiness firsthand, as we provide for others. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Parish Conference room at 7:00 p.m.

Our food pantry currently needs the following items:

**Cake Mixes • Frosting • Boxed Potatoes • Rice
Macaroni & Cheese • Canned Meat or Fish
Canned Vegetables • Meal Helpers • Soup • Cereal
Liquid Dish Soap • Toilet Paper • Bar Soap • Shampoo**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Happy New Year!

Evening Scripture Study

Reminder: Begins January 14th

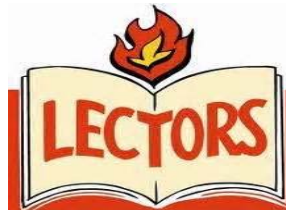
Adult parishioners who have *pre-registered* will begin Evening Scripture Study classes on Thursday, January 14th from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Classes will take place each Thursday evening until March 3rd. This session is currently closed. Watch the parish bulletin for upcoming adult Evening Scripture Study sessions later this year.

For more information, please contact Carolyn McGill at (219) 836-8610 or cmcgill@stm-church.com.

Bulletin Articles

Please submit all bulletin articles via email to: bulletin@stm-school.com at least two weeks in advance.

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Sunday, January 17

6:30 am Mass
John Brooks & Loretta Krawczyk

8:00 am Mass
Dan Buksa & Elizabeth Buksa

10:00 am Mass
Julius Ballanco & Theresa Brazzale

12:00 Noon Mass
Keesha Hardaway & Mike Skurka

Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Mass
Jay Gianotti & Rob Mangus

Sunday, January 17

6:30 am Mass
Main: Marilyn Ciric
Chapel: John & Frances Plisky

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Mary Silvasi

10:00 am Mass
Main: Andrea Mazerik
Chapel: Madeline Mikolanis

12:00 Noon Mass
Chapel: Susan Anglin



Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Mass
Chapel: Chris & Chuck Shearman
Choir: Bill & JoAnn Karr

Andrean High School News

Open House

Meet the Andrean family on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for prospective students and their families. Administration, faculty and staff will be available for questions.

Tours of the building will be given by our students. Please enter through entrance L at the back of the school.

Entrance Exam for the Class of 2020

Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All incoming freshmen are required to take the exam for 2016-2017 school year admittance. Merit scholarships will be awarded to the top scores of this and our December exam.

Travelers Club News

Warm memories of a great travel year in 2015 will sustain us during these cold winter months as we await our next adventure in the spring.

We have some exciting ideas for this year, so watch the Sunday bulletins in March for information about our first trip of 2016.

St. Thomas More School



The Season of Giving St. Thomas More School

During the month of December, the students of St. Thomas More School participated in a number of different charitable activities, collecting gifts and funds for those less fortunate in our community. In addition to the Mass of the Toys and a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul, we are grateful for the generosity of our students and their families who contributed to these other collections.

Baby Item Collection

Thanks to the 7th & 8th grade classes for collecting hundreds of items for infants in need. The items were delivered to Catholic Charities to be distributed to families served by the organization.



St. Vincent de Paul Toy Drive

Continuing to make the holiday a little brighter for other area children, STMS students participated with the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society in collecting and sorting gifts for children aged 3 to 14.



Open House

Attend one of these
St. Thomas More School Open House events:

Sunday, January 31st

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, February 23rd

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Why Choose St. Thomas More School?

- Exceptional Academic Education
- Catholic Values with Strong Church/Family Community
- Small Class Sizes (19:1 Ratio) with Individual Attention
- Fine Arts Curriculum: Music, Art and Language Stressed
- Honors Programs

For more information or to schedule a personal tour, contact:
Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151 or ppasyk@stm-school.com.

Follow Us on Facebook!



There's always something exciting happening around here!

What you see in the bulletin is only a fraction of the pictures from events and activities that take place every day at St. Thomas More Church & School.

Be sure to 'like' us and follow us on Facebook to see more!

Knights of Columbus

Happy New Year!

from the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Weis Council 10596.

We are excited to once again offer

Coffee & Doughnuts

after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses on

Sunday, January 17th.

Stop by the Cafeteria for some fellowship.

We greatly appreciate your comments and look forward to meeting more parishioners.



Celebrate Mass with the Bishop

Bishop Donald Hying will celebrate Mass with the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas More Church on

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

Fellowship to follow. This event is open to everyone!

The STM Knights do everything based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

To join our council contact Brad Hemingway at (708) 951-5492 or email: JBH1028@sbcglobal.net.

Senior Citizens

Any senior citizen in our parish who is interested in being a part of our congenial group is encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, January 13th

Business Meeting & Social Gathering

Monthly Luncheon

Join us for our next monthly luncheon on
Monday, January 25th at 11:30 a.m.

Round the Clock Restaurant
9010 Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland

All are welcome. No reservations are required. Join us!

Wednesday, February 3rd

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker to be announced. Watch the bulletin.

Holy Name Society

Join us for our next regular meeting on

Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Solar Room. We will begin with the Rosary, followed by our business meetings and refreshments.

Topic of discussion will be our upcoming Fish Fry.

Save the Date:

Holy Name Fish Fry — Friday, February 26th



Capital Campaign

If you would like to contribute to the St. Thomas More parish Capital Campaign, and have not yet donated, please contact the Parish Office at any time.



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, January 21, 2016

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Phyllis Steiner

IT Project Manager

CDI Corporation • Northern Trust Bank • AMB AMRO • Amoco

“Preparing for the Ineffable”

What just happened? • Assess Your Job Skills
Do Unto Others (be nice to everyone!) • Keep the Faith

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.

Events in the Area...

Weekly Pierogi Sale

Homemade pierogi from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church will resume in mid-January. Call (219) 838-9811 for info.

Wounded Healers

Heal with Wounded Healers Grief Support. Separate group sessions for those grieving due to the death of a spouse, parent/sibling/friend, child/grandchild or loss due to suicide.

“Advanced” & “Parents Moving Forward” also. Meetings are 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. James (Kennedy & 45th).

Sessions: **January 20 • February 3 & 17 • March 3 & 16**

For info: (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers.com.

Luncheon with the Bishop

St. Matthias in Crown Point is hosting a luncheon with Bishop Hying on Sunday, January 24th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The

Bishop’s topic: *A Sure Roadmap for Living Our Faith*.

Tickets are \$15 (by 1/20/16). Call (219) 663-2291 for info.

Paczki Ball Dinner & Dance

Join the Dyer K of C on Saturday, January 30th 5:30-11:30 pm at Casa Maria Hall (St. Maria Goretti). Cash bar and Polish dinner followed by dancing. Tickets: \$25/person. Contact Ambrose Kapitan at (219) 864-7343 or aampak@comcast.net.