



**To each individual the manifestation of  
the Spirit is given for some benefit. 1 Cor 12:7**

*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  
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Associate Pastor ..... Reverend Ted J. Mauch; Ext. 314  
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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

**Parish Office Staff**

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Hospitality/Greeters ..... Chris Shearman 923-1419  
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Vocations Committee ..... Mary Kochis 322-7262

**2014-2015 Pastoral Council Members**

Leslie Dernulc ..... Joe Dubczak  
Wendy Jasinski ..... Nancy Klawitter  
Christi Kordeck ..... Michael Korfiatis, Chairperson  
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.**

**Web Site** ..... www.stm-school.com  
School Phone ..... 836-9151 School Fax ..... 836-0982  
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330  
Principal ..... Jay Harker; Ext. 328  
Assistant Principal ..... Cynthia Block; Ext. 328  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Sandra Steele; Ext. 329  
Home & School Association ..... Kris Miller; (312) 909-8156  
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  
Parish Life ..... Elaine Herrmann  
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 ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409  
Gifts of Love & Warmth ..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544  
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809  
Holy Name Society ..... Sandra Steele ..... 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

## Celebrants

Saturday, January 23  
5:30 p.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

Sunday, January 24  
6:30 a.m. Fr. Ted Mauch  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Ted Mauch  
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

## Servers

**MONDAY, January 18** — *Martin Luther King Day*

8:30 am S. O'Rourke, M. Sharp

**SATURDAY, January 23**

8:30 am A. Kleszynski, A. Nametek  
5:30 pm S. Donovan, A. & L. Forszt, M. & M. Hrinda  
MC ~ Nick

**SUNDAY, January 24**

6:30 am G. & T. O'Brien, S. Sikora  
8:00 am M. Slivka, D. Smith, K. Yaeger, V. Zaczyk,  
A. Zajakowski/ MC ~ Scott  
10:00 am A., M. & S. McDunn, J. Olivencia, P. Olsen  
MC ~ Joey  
12:00 pm E. Korwek, A. & M. Reynolds/ MC ~ Matt N.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**MONDAY, January 18**

6:30 am Jamie Pemintal by Charina Bernarte  
8:30 am Walter V. Bracich (Ann.) by Angela & Walter Bracich

**TUESDAY, January 19**

6:30 am Catherine Kroczek (Ann.) by Family  
8:30 am Gregory Drobac by Joseph & Carole Janusonis  
10:00 am Deceased Members of Lovrinc & Mrzlak Families by Mary Mrzlak  
(MASS AT MED-IN CHAPEL, Group 4)

**WEDNESDAY, January 20** — *St. Fabian*

6:30 am Maryon Hicks by Gust & Kathy Georgelas  
8:30 am Deceased Members of Jugovic Family by Maria Jugovic & Family

**THURSDAY, January 21** — *St. Agnes*

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions  
9:00 am James Pelozza by Barbara Pelozza

**FRIDAY, January 22** — *Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life*

6:30 am Joseph Forystek by Family  
8:30 am John Baker by Ed Sterbenc

**SATURDAY, January 23** — *St. Vincent*

8:30 am Amanda Jurkash (Ann.) by John Jurkash Family  
5:30 pm Elizabeth & Chester Ross by James Zaczyk Family

**SUNDAY, January 24** — *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased  
8:00 am Kwang D. You (Ann.) by Janine, Chris & Marissa Slivka  
10:00 am Stanley Marczak (Ann.) by Slough Family  
12:00 pm Dorothy Ferrantella (Ann.) by Family

## Rest in Peace

Francis Balon • Sandra Dywan • Joyce Vale

## Sacrificial Offerings

January 10, 2016



Adult	\$ 19,694.00
Loose	\$ 3,203.00
Children	\$ 84.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,981.72</b>

*Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!*

## Linen Launderers Needed

Assistance is requested to launder church linens. Each person helping is only required to launder/iron two times per year. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8601.

## Bulletin Articles

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

## Readings for Week of January 17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30  
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim." And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became "the good wine." Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that wedding feast in Cana.

And he can do the same with our lives.

Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed and our energy has run dry. It may seem impossible that anything good could come out of our situation. Even our hope has often disappeared in these moments. But today's Gospel should restore our confidence; we don't need to work the miracle. We just need to "do whatever he tells" us.

In many cases, this will mean doing something that doesn't make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical that filling their jugs with water would have any benefit. But they did it anyway. And they did it wholeheartedly, filling them up "to the brim." In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us, all the way, without reservation. We need to continue to pray (even when we don't hear an answer). We need to continue to participate in the sacraments (even when they don't seem to help). We need to continue to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to continue to love our neighbors (even when they don't love us back). All of this is like pouring water into those jars. We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into an overabundance of joy.

*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 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 Ingretson  
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 Mihaló  
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 Petruich  
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 Secvair  
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

### SUNDAY, January 17

*Coffee & Donuts in the Cafeteria* — Sponsored by the K of C

### MONDAY, January 18 — Martin Luther King Day

*Parish Office and St. Thomas More School Closed*

### TUESDAY, January 19

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 Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room

### WEDNESDAY, January 20

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 STMS Parent Association ~ Cafeteria

### THURSDAY, January 21

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 22

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room

### SUNDAY, January 24

*St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection at All Masses*  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group ~ Solar Room

## Vocations Committee

You're bound to be pleased if you are a subscriber to our Diocesan newspaper. The many newsmaker items should interest every reader. Never has it been more interesting and informative than in recent months. It's the only way you can know of all that is going on in our entire Diocese.

## Pastoral Care Ministry

### *Sick, Homebound & Hospitalized*

The Pastoral Care Ministry is composed of compassionate, caring lay ministers whose primary function is to distribute the Eucharist to parishioners who are temporarily or permanently unable to attend Mass.

If you or a loved one are open to visits by Pastoral Care, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala, Pastoral Care Coordinator directly by phone at (219) 836-8610, ext. 313 or [dkapala@stm-church.com](mailto:dkapala@stm-church.com).

## Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you are interested in assisting your parish by serving at God's table consider becoming an STM Eucharistic Minister.

To learn more, please contact Deacon Dan Zurawski at (219) 742-6005 or email: [deacondanz@outlook.com](mailto:deacondanz@outlook.com).



### GOD GIVES A MULTITUDE OF GIFTS

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;

to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

to another, faith by the same Spirit;

to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;

to another, mighty deeds;

to another, prophecy;

to another, discernment of spirits;

to another, varieties of tongues;

to another, interpretation of tongues.

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. 1 Cor 12:4-11)

It seems that a large part of our human nature leads us to want to "keep up with the Joneses." However, when we do that, we actually deprive ourselves of a great gift: variety. If we keep up with everybody else, we would all end up having the same things and doing the same things. That can become monotonous quite quickly.

God does not give one or two gifts to everybody. No. He gives a plethora of gifts to His people so that, utilizing the gifts given to them, they may enhance the lives of others. And others utilizing their gifts fully enhance our lives.

When every person utilizes his or her gifts as completely as possible the world is showered with variety and with blessing.

So do not worry so much about what another person has received. And do not begrudge someone his or her gifts. After all, God has given you a personalized set of gifts to use. Look inside yourself, identify your gifts, and thank God for them. The best way to thank God is by utilizing your gifts as fully as possible.

God gives all of us our gifts as He wishes.

**FAITH ACTION:** Ask God to reveal to you the gift(s) that He has given to you and ask Him for the grace to use His gift(s) to the fullest.

*Fr. Mike*



Throughout the Year of Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at our parish on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Simply enter the church by the doors at the chapel and look to see which confessional light is on. Please understand the occasional time that neither priest will be available. Sometimes our schedules take both of us away from the parish at the same time.

The sacrament will also be available at the Carmelite Shrine, 1628 Ridge Road. 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.

In addition, confessions will also be heard upon request at the Salvatorian Fathers, 5755 Pennsylvania Street, in Merrillville.

These places give you ample places not only to go to confession during the Year of Mercy. They also give you the opportunity to gain the indulgence granted for visiting a designated church.

To gain the Holy Year indulgence, all you need to do is ***"participate in a sacred celebration, or at least remain for a congruous period of time in prayer and pious meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary and, depending on the circumstances, to the Holy Apostles and patron saints."***

St. Thomas More, the Carmelite Shrine, and the Salvatorian Fathers have all been designated by the bishop as places to gain an indulgence during the Year of Mercy.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A pastor had had a bad week. No one appeared to be doing the work that needed to be done. So, on Sunday, the pastor began his sermon, "Everyone in this parish is going to hell if they don't change their ways."

One man in the back began to laugh. So the pastor said it again louder. The man continued to laugh.

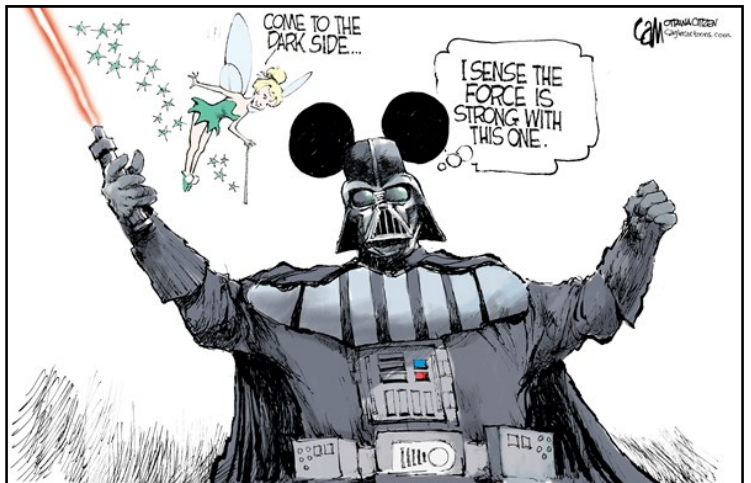
The pastor went back to him and asked him why he was laughing. He answered, "Because I don't belong to this parish!"



### 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 19: Rev. Ignatius C. Vichuras (1984)
- January 20: Deacon Joseph Wilczynski (2004)
- Rev. Tony Valtierra (2007)





# Religious Education

## January Schedule

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

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

Begin 2016 by assisting others who may not have a bright outlook on the new year ahead. Many 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 & Fourth Wednesday each month**

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!*

## 1D2G Youth Group

The St. Thomas More Youth Group, 1D2G, will hold their next meeting on

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
in the Solar Room.

All high school students of our parish are invited to join us.



## 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.

## Bishop Noll Institute

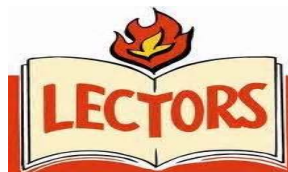
All prospective students interested in enrolling at Bishop Noll Institute for the 2016/2017 school year must take the upcoming

**Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
at 8:00 a.m. There is a \$25 exam fee.

Please enter through Door A. 1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond.

Call (219) 932-9058 for more information.

## Lectors & Greeters for the Week



**Saturday, January 23**  
**5:30 pm Mass**

Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway

Choir: Tom & Louisa Jurich

**Saturday, January 23**

**5:30 pm Mass**

Ruth Banas &  
Louise Younkens

**Sunday, January 24**

**6:30 am Mass**

Angela Kvasnica &  
Micki Richter

**8:00 am Mass**

Judy Buksa & Sue Wilson

**10:00 am Mass**

Pam Frasier & Bill McDunn

**12:00 Noon Mass**

Bernadine Barrett &  
Cheryl Staniszewski



**Sunday, January 24**  
**6:30 am Mass**

Chapel: Carla Covelli

**8:00 am Mass**

Main: Jim & Nancy Kaczka  
Chapel: Mary Silvasi

Choir: Christie & Katie Kordeck

**12:00 Noon Mass**

Main: Diane Gralewski  
Choir: Pat Batchelder



# St. Thomas More School

## It's That Time of Year!

### Box Tops Collections Going on Now!

Help St. Thomas More School earn product points to purchase valuable education materials by submitting your collected Box Tops for Education from eligible products.

Last year STMS earned nearly \$3,000 thanks to your help.



Drop off Box Tops at the School or Parish Office or deposit at all church entrances until February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## STMS Students Honored

### Michael Casner Receives State Award

Congratulations to St. Thomas More School fifth grade student Michael Casner who was selected as the first Indiana winner of the Youth Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, an international organization that gives recognition to those who engage in philanthropy, big and small. Michael was chosen from four youth finalists from across the state for his charitable work at the Munster Humane Society. He believes that his dedication to helping



others was fostered at St. Thomas More School where assisting the less fortunate is part of the daily education. Michael was presented his award at a banquet held recently at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton.

### Edan Czarobski Wins American Legion Contest

Edan Czarobski, a student at St. Thomas More School, recently won the district's American Legion Flag Contest which is held annually for fourth grade students throughout Indiana. After completing a book about the American flag, students were tested and prepared an essay. Nearly 3,000 area children completed the exam. Edan scored 100% on his test and wrote an award winning essay, which he recently read for members and guests at the American Legion Hall in Highland. He was presented with a plaque, flag and a monetary award. His essay and exam have now been sent to Indianapolis and entered into the statewide contest. Good luck, Edan!



We are so proud of Michael and Edan, and all of our St. Thomas More School students, who continue to do great things in and out of the classroom everyday. Keep going!



# Open House

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

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com).

## You Are Invited

All Veterans, Police & Fire Personnel



In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, St. Thomas More School invites veterans, active duty military, police, fire and rescue personnel to join us for Mass on **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

A reception will follow in the Solar Room. Please RSVP to Jennifer: (219) 836-9151, #328 or [jgonzalez@stm-school.com](mailto:jgonzalez@stm-school.com).

## Knights of Columbus

*Coffee & Doughnuts — Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>*



After the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.  
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

***Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.***

Fellowship to follow. This event is open to everyone!

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

### **Monthly Luncheon**

Join us for our next monthly luncheon on  
***Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### ***Business Meeting***

Guest Speaker to be announced. Watch the bulletin.

## Oblates of St. Benedict

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More Oblates will be  
***Saturday, February 13th from 10:00 a.m.-Noon***  
All are invited to join us in the Parish Conference Room.

## Gabriel Project Ministry Meeting

The Gabriel Project Ministry members had a busy end of 2015. Along with the normal clothes, diapers, etc. routinely given to our moms with older babies, we were able to surprise them by including some Christmas presents for their little ones and they were delighted!

We thank all of our parishioners who have helped our ministry with many donations received during 2015. We would not have been as effective without your aid!

Please join us in celebrating the births of several new babies in November and December. All of them seem to be doing well which is a blessing, and, as always, we ask you to keep all of our moms and babies in your prayers.

We will hold our next general meeting on  
***Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00p.m.***  
in the Teachers' Lounge. Please join us!

## Holy Name Society

Join us for our next regular meeting on  
***Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>

## Events in the Area...

### **Weekly Pierogi Sale**

We're Back! Order homemade pierogi from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church by calling (219) 838-9811 prior to Thursday (potato, kraut, cheese or prune). Leave your name, phone and amount/flavor you'd like. Pick-up on Friday between Noon & 4:00 p.m. at the church. \$9.00/dozen or \$4.50/half-dozen.

### **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 & 45<sup>th</sup>).

Sessions: ***January 20 • February 3 & 17 • March 2 & 16***  
For info: (219) 924-5577 or [www.woundedhealers.com](http://www.woundedhealers.com).

### **Soup Supper**

All Saints Church, 570 Sibley Street in Hammond, is holding an all-you-can-eat Soup Supper on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the school hall. Cost is \$10/person and includes soup, salad, fresh baked bread, pop/coffee & dessert.

### **Paczki Ball Dinner & Dance**

Join the Dyer K of C on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:aampak@comcast.net).

### **All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Salad Bar**

St. Andrew Church is hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Salad Bar with a Bake Sale in Ameling Hall, 801 West 73rd in Merrillville, on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> —11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Adults \$7 • Seniors (62+) \$6 • Children (12/under) \$4  
Family Plan (2 adults & their children) \$18 • Carry-out:  
\$7/quart or \$4/pint. Tina or Rick Dravet at (219) 662-2437.  
Proceeds to benefit Tuition Assistance for Aquinas School.

### **Remembering a Lost Child**

The "We Remember" Ecumenical Committee of Crown Point is sponsoring an all-faith service of comfort and hope for those mourning the loss of a child. Children of all ages will be remembered at this special ecumenical service of prayers, songs and spiritual readings. Whether you have lost a child after conception or lost an adult child, the loss is significant.

Join us on Sunday, February 21st at St. Matthias Church, 101 W. Burrell Drive in Crown Point at 1:00 p.m. for this service. Please RSVP and submit names of children to be remembered by February 1st by calling (219) 663-2201.

Come and let your faith sustain you!