



I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

Is 6:8

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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Pre-School through 8th Grade

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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.

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Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 836-1463
Venture Crew Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

Celebrants

Saturday, February 13
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, February 14
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Ted Mauch
 12:00 Noon Fr. Ted Mauch

Servers

FRIDAY, February 12 — Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm K. & S. Cunningham, V. James

SATURDAY, February 13
 8:30 am M. & R. Maldonado
 5:30 pm B. & M. Andrzejewski, J. Bernarte,
 F. Beckman, M. Caraher/ MC ~ Ricky

SUNDAY, February 14
 6:30 am M. DiCarlo, E. Long, J. Hunt
 8:00 am A. Bilsle, L. & M. Buksa, J. Cipowski,
 E. Gossman/ MC ~ Elizabeth B.
 10:00 am J., M. & S. Fugger, A. Klaich, O. Lerma
 MC ~ Xavian
 12:00 pm E. Korwek, G. & T. O'Brien/ MC ~ Tim

Altar Server Meeting

There will be a general meeting for all current Altar Servers on **Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church (please use Chapel entrance). Children must be accompanied by at least one parent.

Rest in Peace

Mary Pecenka • Gerald Florey • Michael Ferrantella

Bulletin Articles

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

Sacrificial Offerings



January 31, 2016

Adult	\$ 21,977.50
Loose	\$ 3,196.00
Children	\$ 161.49
TOTAL	\$ 25,334.99

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 7 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Joseph Adams by Carole & Joseph Janusonis
 10:00 am Greg Drobac by Carollo Family
 12:00 pm In Thanksgiving for 64 Years of Marriage of Carmen & Mary Ann Cammarata

MONDAY, February 8 — St. Jerome Emiliani

6:30 am Rosemary Twomey by Frank & Vera Paunicka
 8:30 am Barney Zagrocki by Theresa Flynn

TUESDAY, February 9

6:30 am Mitoka Braun by Bill & Dorothy O'Brien
 8:30 am Helen Onda by Gust & Kathy Georgelas
 10:00 am Anita Mullany by Family
 (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, February 10 — Ash Wednesday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 9:00 am Eleanor Stefanich (Ann.) by Eleanore Heggi
 5:00 pm Clement DeRosa (Ann.) by Karyn DeRosa & Sons
 7:00 pm James H. Fife (Ann.) by Corey & Kaegebein Families

THURSDAY, February 11

6:30 am Anthony Pernal (Ann.) by Claudia Pernal
 9:00 am Curtis Bendis by Mother Lorraine & Family

FRIDAY, February 12

6:30 am Walter Keilman by Paul & Arlene Larson
 8:30 am Joseph Breshock by Maureen Miller & Family

SATURDAY, February 13

8:30 am Barbara Preslin by Jerry & Bernie Paucak
 5:30 am Dorothy Papesh by Jerry Yothment Family

SUNDAY, February 14 — First Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am David Gene Wysocki (Ann.) by Wysocki & Burke Families
 10:00 am John & Lottie Spudic by Carolyn & Ed Smiley
 12:00 pm Yale Bailey (Ann.) by Family

Readings for Week of February 7

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and

Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach. And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.

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 Cattanach
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
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
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 Pilonos
Sylvester Porras
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Thomas J. Roach, Jr.
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 Vrbaniach
Jim Wachel
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczyński
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, February 7

*St. Thomas More School Honorees Announced at Noon Mass
Blood Drive in Gym from 8:00 a.m. until Noon*

MONDAY, February 8

7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Vocations Committee ~ Conference Room
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, February 9

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, February 10 — Ash Wednesday

No Religious Education Classes

Ash Wednesday Masses:

6:30 & 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 11

No Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, February 12

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room
2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross ~ Church
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry from 4:30-7:30 p.m. ~ Gym
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ Church

SATURDAY, February 13

10:00 am Oblates ~ Conference Room

February Nursery Schedule

Located in the Bride's Room at the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



Sunday, February 7

Katherine & Laci Pala
Kaaren Mashura

Sunday, February 14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**

Lisa Jorsch & Michelle Wendlinger

Friday, February 21 Ann Harkenrider & Allison Rusnak

Sunday, February 28 Susie & Gavin Kinsella

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, # 313 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

WILL YOU GO FOR HIM?

I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:5-8)

Isaiah was definitely a doomed individual. At least, at first glance, it would appear that way. After all, he discerned over and over again that God was calling him to be a prophet to God's people.

We need to remember that prophets were not very popular. The messages that they brought to the people were challenges to change, to repent, to turn their lives around. Who wants to do that?

Instead of heeding the prophets, the people often put the prophets to death or, at the very least, caused them grave physical harm. So, on that level alone, Isaiah would have cause to be frightened.

However, Isaiah's feelings of doom were even more dire because he had seen God Himself. Everybody knew that if a human saw God, that human would die. Isaiah's sense of doom was intensified because, in the presence of God, he saw how sinful and imperfect he was.

God remedied that for him, however. He sent an angel to touch the lips of Isaiah with an ember from the altar and told him that he had been purified. Then God issued His great invitation: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

In the midst of what could only be described as terror and confusion, Isaiah had a moment of clarity: he knew that he was being called and he wanted to accept the invitation. "Here I am. Send me!"

There are many times that we come into contact with our weak, sinful self. We believe that we are doomed to die and eternal death. Yet the Lord calls us to rise above our sinfulness. He asks us to trust Him. He invites us to be His messengers in our world.

He is inviting us to be sent this day. What will be your answer?

FAITH ACTION: With the season of Lent fast approaching, consider how the Lord may be calling you to deeper faithfulness and trust. Ask Him to give you the grace to stand up for the faith.

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:

- February 8: Msgr. Frederick J. Westendorf (1963)
Rev. Robert E. Emmons (1965)
- February 10: Rev. Edward Kennedy (2007)
- February 11: Rev. Louis M. Letko (1981)

LENT IS COMING — ARE YOU READY?

It is really kind of hard to imagine. After all, we have recently celebrated Christmas and we are already looking toward Easter. Ready or not, Lent begins this week. Ash Wednesday is this week: Wednesday, February 10th.

Remember, **the laws of Fast and Abstinence apply for Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.** To refresh your memory, they are as follows:

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Fast: Allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age through to those who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.**

Abstinence: The practice of refraining from meat and meat products. **Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older. Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence**

Additionally, throughout the season of Lent, we give an opportunity on a couple of weeknights for the faithful to come to church, either for special prayer services or for Stations of the Cross.

Taizé Prayer will take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This prayer takes about a half hour and is a blend of scripture, music, and silence. It is very peaceful and a great way to reflect upon God's love for us.

Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7:00 p.m. The school students also do Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:15 p.m.

Our Parish Penance Service will be on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. The school children will have an opportunity to go to confession that morning beginning immediately after the 8:30 a.m. school Mass. Any parishioner is free to come to confession during the morning as well. There will be several Carmelite Fathers helping Fr. Ted and me during those morning confessions. Lent is coming. Be prepared!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A bishop visited a church in his diocese. Only three people turned up to hear him preach. He asked the pastor "Did you give notice of my visit?" "No," replied the pastor, "but word seems to have got around anyway."





Religious Education

February Schedule

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

Mary's Way of the Cross

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



Join us in the church each Thursday during Lent after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
Thursday, February 18
Thursday, February 25
Thursday, March 3
Thursday, March 10
Thursday, March 17
 Everyone is welcome!
 Bring a friend, too!

Vocations Committee

"All Christians ought to feel personally responsible in fostering the future leaders of the Church, the evangelical workers, clergy, religious missionaries and laity alike, dedicated to serve God's people.

While it may not be possible for many to be directly involved in vocational programs and activities, all can and should pray for vocations and encourage the practice"...Cardinal Roger Mahony

Blood Drive

**Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.
 1 donation can save 3 lives!**

Consider donating! This time of year, blood collections run LOW & patient needs are HIGH!

Today, Sunday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon in the Gym.

Heartland Blood Centers is the *sole* provider of blood products to 10 hospitals in NWI

including Community and Franciscan Healthcare in Munster. Eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating! Photo ID required • Walk-ins welcome!



St. Vincent DePaul Society

As a parish we certainly show our love to God and to others! This was exemplified by the donations received, as well as everyone who assisted at Thanksgiving and Christmas. What would we do without such generous parishioners?!

Our pantry is well-stocked at this time and no items are needed. We would like to extend a special thank-you to the Boy Scouts, Youth Group, Knights of Columbus, Altar and Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, Ushers, and the ladies who assisted in preparing the toys for Christmas distribution, as well as the families of St. Thomas More School for their generous donations.

Everyone made our task of helping the less fortunate easier! Through your assistance we were able to help 280 individuals with food and 213 people with utility assistance from October through December 2015. In the process of this effort, we visited 83 homes and met with families. At this time,

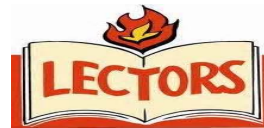
we are looking for new members

who would like to join us in helping our neighbors who may be hungry or unable to keep up with their daily needs. We, as Vincentians, take food to the poor and assist those in need of help with their utility bills. We work in pairs, never alone, and are all a member of either a food or utility team that works together to accomplish the task at hand. We meet twice monthly on the second & fourth Wednesday of the month in the Parish Conference Room. Our February meeting is:

Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m.

We welcome any persons who may want to come to a meeting to learn more about our mission and how we aim to serve those in need. Please consider coming to meet us!

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Saturday, February 13
5:30 pm Mass

Chapel: Rob & Dorothy Mangus

Choir: Mike & Lee Ann Mellon

Wednesday, February 10
5:00 pm Mass

Jim Hus & Richard Lasky

7:00 pm Mass

Jesse Montenegro & Michael Skurka

Saturday, February 13

5:30 pm Mass

Joe Dubczak & Jennifer Garner

Sunday, February 14

6:30 am Mass

Loretta Krawczyk & Phil McIntosh

8:00 am Mass

Michael Madura & Sue Wilson

10:00 am Mass

Christine Greenberg & James Landowski

12:00 Noon Mass

Keesha Hardaway & Marilynn Pajor



Sunday, February 14
6:30 am Mass

Main: Jan Holka

Chapel: Lyle & Shirley Fralich

Choir: Tim & Karen Rutz

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski

Chapel: Mary Silvasi

10:00 am Mass

Main: Denise & Tim Szorc and Allison Rusnak

Chapel: Zuccarelli Family
 Choir: Dwight & MaryAnn Reed

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Diane Galewski
 Choir: Pat Batchelder

St. Thomas More School



Thanks to All

Who Attended Our Open House!

St. Thomas More School was filled with lots of energy last weekend as current and prospective families spent time touring our classrooms and visiting with our teachers and staff. If you couldn't make it last weekend, we have another



Open House

Tuesday
February 23rd
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Weis Center
(Preschool & Pre-K)
& Main Building

Pop Tops For Charity

The St. Thomas More School Student Council will be collecting "pop tops" from cans until April 1, 2016. Proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. Your help is requested. Collected pop tops can be dropped off at the School or Parish Office, or can be left at any church entrance.

The STMS Student Council appreciates your help with this project.



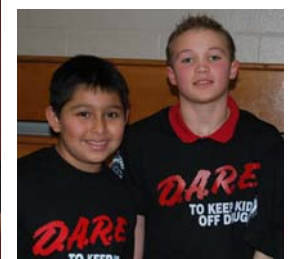
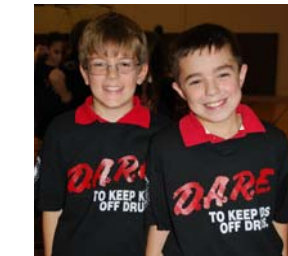
DARE

Graduation

STMS Fifth Grade

Under the guidance of Munster Police Officer James Ghrist, students in 5th grade at St. Thomas More School completed their D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training with a graduation and reception in early December. During the three month long course, students met with Officer Ghrist weekly to learn how to resist bad behavior, guard against bullying and ultimately pledge to live healthy lives. Students will revisit these topics throughout their remaining years at STMS.

Officer Ghrist is the 2015 Indiana D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year and we are fortunate to have him work with the students of St. Thomas More School. Thanks Officer Ghrist!



Knights of Columbus

Celebrate Mass with the Bishop

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

Tuesday, February 16th 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.

Oblates of St. Benedict

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More Oblates will be **Saturday, February 13th —10:00 a.m. to Noon** in the Parish Conference Room.

All are invited and encouraged to join us.



OBLATES
of St. Benedict

Holy Name Society

Next Regular Meeting

Join us for our next regular meeting, beginning with the Rosary.

Monday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Solar Room. Refreshments after the meeting.

Topic of discussion:

Holy Name Fish Fry on Friday, February 26th.

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 3rd

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Carolyn Grskovich of the STM Gabriel Project

Saturday, February 20th

Pizza Party

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Pizza, salad & dessert provided. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

Wednesday, March 2nd

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Jenna Allen of Dental Home Health in Munster

Saturday, March 19th

Pot Luck Luncheon

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Wednesday, April 6th

Business Meeting

Vote for New Officers

Picture Day — Seniors Group Picture

Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Mass for Deceased Members

Breakfast in the Solar Room to follow Mass.

Reservations required.

Wednesday, May 4th

Spring Luncheon & Installation of 2016/2017 Officers

Entertainment: To Be Announced



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised

82% of Jobs are found through Networking

15% Found through Search Firms • 10% Found through Want Ads

4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes

Thursday, February 18, 2016

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

Financial Wellness During Employment Transition

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.

Respect Life

Lake County Right To Life is hosting a

Fundraising Banquet —Friday, April 8, 2016

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Avalon Manor

3550 E. Route 30 • Merrillville, Indiana

Admission is FREE

Reservations Required • Reservation Deadline is April 4th.

To make a reservation, for more information or to advertise:

(219) 838-1138 or office@lakecortl.org or www.lakecortl.org

Speaker: Jason Jones

Movie Producer/Whole-Life Activist

Event Emcee: Pam Ross

Director of Public & Media Relations-Family Christian Center

Help Wanted

St. Thomas More Position Now Available

Part-Time Custodian

Responsibilities include: cleaning offices, classrooms and restrooms, as well as event set-ups for church and school.

Requirements: Must have experience in cleaning in a commercial setting, be able to use various types of floor machines, read and follow directions and have reliable transportation with a valid driver's license.

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



Please call (219) 836-8610 for more information about this position.

Send cover letter and resume to: jobopenings@stm-school.com
or apply in person at the STM Parish Office:
8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

Altar & Rosary Society

Save the Date!

The Altar & Rosary Society will begin meeting again in March and kick-off the spring season with

Chili Bingo on March 9th in the Cafeteria

Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

Until then, stay warm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Linen Launderers Needed

Assistance is requested to launder church linens. Each volunteer is only required to launder/iron two times per year.

If you can help, please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8601.

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.

Save Your Box Tops & Labels

Each year, St. Thomas More School earns valuable points to purchase many educational products to enhance our school curriculum and help our students. Last year alone, we accumulated enough Box Tops to earn our school nearly \$3,000 in educational merchandise.

Find the Box Tops for Education labels on specially marked products and drop them off at the Parish or School Office or any church entrance. **Deadline is February 12th.**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

World Marriage Encounter Day Dinner Dance

When: Saturday, February 13, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church,
1555 Glen Ellyn Road in Glendale Heights, IL

Description: All married couples are invited to celebrate World Marriage Day. The event will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per couple for catered dinner and dancing. CASH bar. Reservations required and accepted until February 6th. Please mail to:

Matt & Dana Wolze 1409 Center Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60189.

Make Checks payable to WWME.

This event is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Catholic Charities of the Gary Diocese is hosting its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception

Saturday, May 7th at 4:00 p.m.

for those couples celebrating

25, 30, 40, 50 or more than 50 years of marriage
at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary.

Find information in our Parish Office.

Deadline to respond is Wednesday, April 20th.

NWI Catholic Subscription Drive

How much is staying current with your faith worth to you? Consider the value of bringing a Catholic publication into your

home each week by renewing or starting a subscription to the award-winning

Northwest Indiana Catholic,
the newspaper of the

Diocese of Gary. A one year subscription (43 issues), including our annual diocesan directory, is only **\$26**. Read Bishop Donald J.

Hying's weekly column; follow the words of Pope Francis; learn about the good work being done by the Catholic Church all around the world. Stay current on national affairs as events apply to our faith and enjoy reading how our local parishes and organizations are

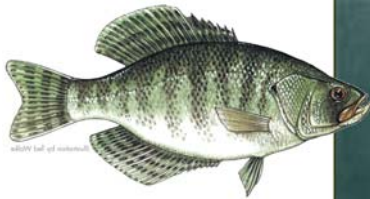
working to spread the Good News in our local communities. The wealth of articles, photos and commentaries will educate, inspire and encourage reflection and conversation for all ages.

All this for less than a weekly candy bar!

Isn't it worth staying current with our Church?

Subscribe by **Sunday, March 6, 2016** using the envelope provided in your collection packet or make your check out to **(insert the name of your parish)** in the amount of **\$26** (please note it's for the **Northwest Indiana Catholic**) and drop it into the Sunday collection basket. To pay by credit card, go to our secure website at nwcatholic.com and pay using your Visa, MasterCard or Discover debit or credit cards.





friday night FISH FRY



JOIN US DURING LENT

Msgr. Weis Council 10596
Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

Come check out our New Menu!

Friday, February 12th

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

in the St. Thomas More Gym

New Salads:
Seafood
& Pasta

Menu:

All-U-Can-Eat Alaskan Pollock — \$10

Baked Cod (2 pieces) — \$10

Shrimp — \$10

Child Portion Dinners — \$5

All Dinners include:

French Fries

Serve-Yourself-Sides:

Cole Slaw, Salads, 3-Bean Salad & Beets

Bread & Butter • Coffee • Condiments

Pop, Desserts, Beer & Wine for a free-will donation.

*******50/50 Raffle*******

Proceeds support scholarships for STMS graduates attending Catholic high schools, SVDP Thanksgiving turkeys, local Seminarians, Gabriel Project, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, Planting Possibilities, Campagna Academy and more.



Sponsored by the St. Thomas More
Holy Name Society

Fish Fry and Raffle

Friday, February 26th

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

in the St. Thomas More Gym

Adults— \$10 • Children (13 & under) — \$5

Menu:

Choose either Baked or Fried:

North Atlantic Cod with Shrimp — \$10

Child Portion Dinners — \$5

STM Bell Choir

will perform at 5:30 p.m.

All Dinners include:

French Fries

Serve-Yourself-Sides:

Cole Slaw, Salad & Beets, Bread & Butter w/Condiments

Macaroni & Cheese Available

Coffee, Milk & Soft Drinks

Beer & Wine Available

Carry-Out Available • Tickets at the Door



St. Thomas More School 8th Grade

Fish Fries

**Friday, February 19th &
Friday, March 4th**

4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the STM Gym

Menu: Pollack • Fried Shrimp • Baked Potato Encrusted Cod —\$10

All Dinners include: French Fries

Serve-Yourself-Sides: Cole Slaw, Beets, Bread & Butter

Macaroni & Cheese Available • 1 Beverage Included with Meal

Desserts available for an additional donation.

Ushers' Club News

A big thank you to all who came and supported last weekend's Ushers' Club Pancake Breakfast. Congratulations to the winners of our Pancake Breakfast Raffle.

2016 Ushers' Club Raffle Winners

\$600 Winner

Gerald & Erika Glombicki

\$100 Winners

Ron Plewniak

Tom McKenna

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kusek

William J. Karr

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

You Did It for Me

Tereza* is a stay-at-home mom of five children without medical insurance. She applied for the insurance with the help of Catholic Charities. It's a work in progress, but she appreciates the case manager's dedication.

Tereza's children received dental insurance and emergency medical care in less than two weeks.

Tereza says, "The case managers are very helpful; sometimes people don't know where to go. I got help as soon as I got here."

Catholic Charities is dedicated to helping people access the medical care they need.

Catholic Charities agencies administered 341,592 health services in 2014 that helped individuals access health insurance and other health-related services.

To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

Gifts of Love & Warmth



Several years ago, STM parishioner Bernadine Nemeth proposed a new ministry as another positive result of the Parish Ministry Expo. Her desire was to combine her love of knitting & crocheting with her aspiration to help others, and thus form a new ministry, Gifts of Love and Warmth.

What began as a small group of dedicated craftswomen, has now grown into a ministry of approximately 20 talented women who make it their mission to create beautiful and useful items for others. From afghans for babies and nursing home residents, to scarves for veterans, to caps for children and chemo patients, these crafty ladies have spread their love throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond.

Thanks to the generous donation of yarns from our parishioners,

Gifts of Love and Warmth is grateful for the stock pile of materials to fuel their creative juices for months to come.

But their beautiful products are not only a labor of love and generosity toward others; they are the by-products of a lot of laughter and comradery that has bonded these women together. If you would like to get involved with this fun, energetic and industrious group, they always welcome new members.

Meetings are every Friday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
in the Parish Conference Room

and parishioners of all ages are invited to join.

Here are just a few of their recent contributions to others:

134 Caps for Kids donated to St. Vincent de Paul

32 Scarves donated to the Veteran's Home at St. Mark's, Gary

30 Items donated to the Women's Care Center
for moms & babies

17 Caps & 3 Afghans donated to the Cancer Resource Center

114 Items donated to Munster Med-Inn

47 Items donated to Hartsfield Village Nursing Home

Gabriel Project News

Gabriel Project would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations this past year. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in the success of our ministry and continuing to reach out to mothers and babies in need.

We received 20 calls from mothers requesting help this year and we were also helping 10 moms from previous years. Your caring, support and donations made this possible.

We have now had time to take inventory of what we provided to our moms and babies in 2015. We were very surprised, and we think you will be also.

This is what Gabriel Project has donated in 2015:

3,920 diapers

81 blanket

11 Cribs or pack n plays

20 sheets

102 bottles

52 cans of formula

4 breastfeeding kits

34 pacifiers

44 bottles of shampoo &
baby wash

176 sleepers

96 outfits

16 snowsuits/jackets

10 bath tubs/baby towels.



Miscellaneous donated items distributed to our moms were car seats, strollers, swings, bouncy chairs, toddler or twin beds, tricycle and riding toys, baby toys, sofa, chairs, dishes,

silverware, pots & pans, vacuum cleaners, stove & refrigerator, full size bed, lawnmower & barbeque grill.

Again this year we were able to provide clothing and meals for our homeless moms, clothing for the moms that have found jobs and also clothing for toddler and older siblings.

Below is a text message we received from one of our moms who was considering abortion. She gave birth to her baby girl this December.

"Thank you so much for everything you've given me, it is highly appreciated. No one has looked out for me more than Gabriel Project and for that I am forever grateful to you and God."

May God bless you,

The Gabriel Project Team

Events in the Area...

Weekly Pierogi Sale

Order homemade pierogi from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church in Munster 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 & 45th).

Sessions: **February 17 • March 2 & 16**

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

The Spring Session will begin on April 27th.

Winter Fest at St. John the Baptist

All are welcome to join in celebrating Winter Super Fest XL at St. John the Baptist School and Parish, 1844 Lincoln Avenue in Whiting. A family event, fun for all ages.

Sunday, February 7th —11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (SJB's Famous Chicken Dinner--\$12.00 a ticket in advance only with one seating 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Raffle, Tip Boards, Beer Garden,

Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Kids Game Room, Teen Dance Room & FCSLA Ethnic Bake Sale.

(219) 659-3042. License #139520.

St. James Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Tickets are now being sold for the St. Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance on February 13th from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight in the Parish Hall. Tickets are **advance sale only**. \$80/couple includes: dinner buffet, dessert, favors and open bar. Doors open at 5:30 p.m./Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Music from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets: Daniel at (219) 801-5250 or Robert at (219) 776-8773.

St. Mary Griffith Events Super Raffle Party & Raffle

The St. Mary Men's Club from St. Mary Church in Griffith is sponsoring their annual Super Raffle Party held on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street in Griffith. Doors open 45 minutes prior to the big game. Enjoy plenty of food and drinks and view the game on big screen TV's! Tickets are \$15 before January 31/\$20 after January 31. Take part in our Super Raffle with a chance to win \$3,750 in prize money. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased at the Rectory Office.

Call (219) 924-4163. (License #139409)

Valentine's Dance

The St. Mary Men's Club in Griffith, is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 5:00 to 11:00 pm at St. Mary-Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street in Griffith. Hors'd oeuvres, beer and wine served at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Music provided by

DJ Mike Lively. \$40 per person or \$75 a couple. Tickets can be purchased at the rectory office or by calling Bill Cook at (219) 712-2629 or Joe Rossi at (219) 838-7733. All proceeds benefit service projects in the church and the community.

Soup Supper: Six for \$6

St. John Bosco Youth Group will be sponsoring a Soup Supper on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the SJB Parish Hall, 7111 Columbia Avenue in Hammond.

Enjoy delicious homemade soups, salad, bread/butter, crackers, dessert and drink, all for only \$6.00 per person. (219) 844-9027.

Discernment Retreat

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, IN are hosting a Discernment Retreat: February 26-28, 2016.

If you are a young woman between the ages of 17 and 30 and are considering a vocation to the Religious Life, join the sisters for a weekend of prayer and fun relaxation. For information or to schedule a visit: www.ssfpa.org or (574) 259-5427.

Lenten Day of Reflection

A Lenten Day of Reflection with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer: "*Mercy in the Lucan Tradition and the Challenges of Living Mercy in our Christian Communities Today*" will be held on Saturday,

February 27 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Rose Room in Whiting. Lunch served (no fee). Pre-registration required by February 22: call Margaret at (219) 659-4138.

Four Lenten Tuesdays

"Forgiveness + Reconciliation = Mercy" will be held on February 23, March 1, 8 & 15 at St. Adalbert's Church, 121st St. & Indianapolis Blvd. from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Rev. Kevin Scalf, C.P.P.S., appointed "Missionary of Mercy" by Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year of Mercy is the presenter for each evening. (219) 659-4138.

Retreat for Busy Catholic Moms

All busy mothers are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for "Retreat for Busy Catholic Moms," 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 26 to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 28. The retreat will take place at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center with time together: presentations, prayer, learning from others, Mass and more. Cost is \$200, and the registration deadline is February 22. Cost for the retreat includes meals and lodging. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2952, email jfrost@spsmw.org, or register online at events.sistersofprovidence.org.

Marriage Weekend

Few of the more than 10,000 couples who enroll in marital-skills programs each year ever imagined they'd find themselves in these circumstances. The arguments are common: money, time, sex, kids. But you can make a difference with a Retrouvaille weekend. Learn strategies for airing grievances and sustaining intimacy. Do not lose hope! Learn more by calling (708) 802-1830 or (800) 470-2230. Confidentiality is guaranteed. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins on February 12 in Schererville, IN. Additional dates and weekend: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

