



**The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)**

*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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..... Daniel Zurawski, KHS  
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Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338  
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 332  
Director of Development ..... Amanda Herbst; Ext. 342

**Parish Office Staff**

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**2014-2015 Pastoral Council Members**

Leslie Dernulc ..... Joe Dubczak  
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Jim Landowski ..... Jesse Montenegro  
Joe O'Brien ..... Kurt Popovich  
Cheryl Staniszewski ..... Cindy Thompson

**St. Thomas More School**

*Pre-School through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours: Monday– Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**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 — Preschool & Pre-K**

**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  
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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  
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, March 26**

8:00 p.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

**Sunday, March 27**

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

**MONDAY, March 21**

8:30 am C. Osmulski, E. Powell

**TUESDAY, March 22**

8:30 am P. & C. Olsen

**WEDNESDAY, March 23**

8:30 am A. & C. Powell

4:00 pm Holy Thursday practice for all MCs

**THURSDAY, March 24 — Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm All MCs

**FRIDAY, March 25 — Good Friday Liturgy**

12:00 pm Good Friday practice for all MCs

1:00 pm All MCs for Liturgy

4:00 pm Tenebrae practice for all MCs

7:00 pm All MCs for Tenebrae Liturgy

**SATURDAY, March 26 — Easter Vigil**

10:00 am Easter Vigil practice for all MCs

8:00 pm All MCs for Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, March 27 — Happy Easter!**

6:30 am J. Bevil, J. Burns, J. & M. Connelly,  
D. Urbaniak/ A. & M. Nahnsen

8:00 am L. & M. Buksa, J. Cipowski, E. Gossman,  
G. Kenning/ MC ~ Elizabeth B. & Scott.

10:00 am E. & K. McComis, B. Sikora, D. Zuccarelli,  
A. Burzynski/ MC ~ Will & Joey

12:00 pm G. & T. O'Brien, C., D. & S. O'Brien  
MC ~ Mike & Tim

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, March 20**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am John Rokosz by Wife Alice

10:00 am Charlotte Ziemkiewicz by Mr. & Mrs. William  
McDunn

12:00 pm Natalia Neverauskas by Joseph Neverauskas

**MONDAY, March 21**

6:30 am Helen & Bernard Spencer by Susan Lawson

8:30 am Clara & Stanley Bochnowski by Family

**TUESDAY, March 22**

6:30 am Barbara Banske by Andrew Mueller

8:30 am Intention of Susan G. Kerr by Parents George &  
Mary Alice Kelly

10:00 am Dorothy Papesch by STM Altar & Rosary Society  
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 1)

**WEDNESDAY, March 23**

6:30 am Joseph Yadron by Family

8:30 am Joseph Rossi (Ann.) by John Jurkash Family

**THURSDAY, March 24 — Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY, March 25 — Good Friday**

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Tenebrae

**SATURDAY, March 26 — Holy Saturday**

2:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY-March 27 — A Blessed Easter to All!**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

## Rest in Peace

*Phyllis Anderson • John "Jack" Murin*

*Joe Fernandez • Stella Bainbridge*

## Pastoral Care Ministry

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. To schedule a visit by Pastoral Care, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, ext. 313 or email [dkapala@stm-church.com](mailto:dkapala@stm-church.com).

## Sacrificial Offerings

**March 6, 2016**

Adult	\$ 25,927.75
Loose	\$ 3,470.00
Children	\$ 108.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,505.75</b>

**March 13, 2016**

Adult	\$ 20,719.00
Loose	\$ 2,972.00
Children	\$ 148.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,839.56</b>



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

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Pilate addressed them a third time, 'What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime.'" The Palm Sunday Gospel readings present a sad picture of grown-ups who succumb to peer pressure. Three times, Pilate proclaimed that Jesus was not guilty. But yet, he gave in to the mounting pressure from the crowd, whose "voices prevailed... and he handed Jesus over to them." Also, during the opening Gospel at the procession of palms, we see the adoring crowds hailing Jesus as "the king who comes in the name of the Lord," but only too soon the chorus changes as the voice of the crowd cries out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What happened to Jesus' loyal supporters? How did the mob mentality overtake them all? Then, too, we have Peter, who in comfortable company with Jesus and his friends promised eternal faithfulness. But when others began asking uncomfortable questions, he caved: "Woman, I do not know him." These three scenarios give us a chance to reflect on our own faithfulness as we journey into Holy Week.

Like Pilate, do we know the truth but abandon it when it becomes unpopular? Public opinion these days declares much Church teaching to have fallen out of favor--will we renege like Pilate or stand fast to the faith? The fickle crowds demonstrate another kind of weakness, where instead of thinking for themselves, people just followed those around them. Are we guilty of this kind of passive intellectual laziness? How about Peter's problem: do we change our story based on current company, or do we live as consistent Christian witnesses in the world? This week, may we have the courage to accompany Jesus all the way to the cross, no matter what anyone else may do.

*Please pray for the sick of our parish...*

Joshua Alvarez	Amy Hayes	Clare O'Brien
Margaret Amatulli	Eleanore Heggi	Valerie O'Donnell
Frieda Andersen	Marie Henke	Danny Ogren
Doris Aurelio	Evelyn Hennes	Emily Orosco
Maria Aurelio	Marisol Hernandez	Maryann Pancheri
Antonio Belmonte	Becky Hill	James Pancheri
Michael Berry	Joan Hoess	Marty Pavovic
Michael Blazevich	Megan Homcho	Johanna Petruc
Laverne Blumka	Mary Jo Humpfer	Angelo Petrungraro
Michael Boston	Betty Ingbretson	Andrew Pieczyrak
Cheryl Bostrom	Steve Izzo	Elizabeth Pilones
Robert Boyle	Dennis Jablonski	Sylvester Porras
Linda Braun	Elizabeth Jacob	Timothy Ribble
Stephany Burney	Barbara Jamrose	Jackie Roach
Paul Burns	Stanley Jayjack	Thomas J. Roach, Jr.
Dorothy Campbell	Rosemary Jerzak	Kristen Rubin
James Campbell	Carol Keilman	Ann Sardella
Thomas Cak	Irene Kerps	George Sauer
Al Carollo	James Klein, Sr.	Marie Schultz
Carol Carollo	Janet Knight	Marianne Schwartz
Janet Cattanach	Susan Kolodziej	William Schwartz
Jacqueline Morrow	Miller Krizmanic	Zachery Scriff
Christian	Annika LeMonier	James Secviar
Frank Coman	Chris LeMonier	Jim Seul
Vincent Cossello	Debbie LeMonier	Renee Shehan
Mike Curtain	Nicklas LeMonier	Nick Skinner
Lucille Detterline	Mary Leahy	Lydia Skorupa
Irene Dettmer	Mike Lewis	Carolyn Smiley
Ann DeVoy	Jo Lisiniewicz	Deborah Stareck
MaryPat Devoy	Edward Liskiewicz	Georgianne Suto
Jeanine Doescher	Stanley Liskiewicz	Celine Szczepaniak
Jim D'Orazio	Maria Lovell	Florence Stevens
Alex Eiland	Marilyn Madsen	Carrie Szumelda
Sherlon Evans	Charlene Madura	Barbara Szypczak
John Forde	Mary Manchak	Rose Theis
Phyllis Garber	Brady Martin	Gerardo Trevino
Denise Gard	Jenny Mendoza	Kathie Trudgian
Andrea Garritano	Faye Meny	Anthony Ubuene
Margaret Geary	Sandi Merlo	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Emily Gibson	Ann Miskovich	Raymond Vanderbok
Dorothy Gillespie	Andrew Moll	Julia Vrbanih
Shirley Gillespie	Elissa Moll	Jim Wachel
Margaret Good	David Moll	Adele Wall
Howard Gralewski	Genevieve Mrvan	Stephanie Wisniewski
Margaret Gray	Jean Narvid	Don Woszczyński
Susan Graff	Donna Nichols	Cecilia Ziegler
James Grunewald	Steven Nowaczyk	Cody Ziemkowski

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY, March 20

*St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection After All Masses*

### MONDAY, March 21

*No School STMS — Spring Break*

7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church  
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel  
7:00 pm Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room

### TUESDAY, March 22

*No School STMS — Spring Break*

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

### WEDNESDAY, March 23

*No School STMS • No Religious Education • No RCIC*

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Teachers' Lounge  
7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service ~ Church

### THURSDAY, March 24 — Holy Thursday

*No School STMS • No Religious Education — Spring Break*

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### FRIDAY, March 25 — Good Friday

*No School STMS — Spring Break*

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Passion  
7:00 pm Tenebrae

### SATURDAY, March 26 — Holy Saturday

2:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets ~ Church  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY, March 27 — A Blessed & Happy Easter to All Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon**

## Readings for Week of March 20

Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<i>Chrism Mass:</i> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/ Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	<i>Good Friday:</i> Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/ Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday:	<i>Easter:</i> Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22- 23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

**EMBRACE HOLY WEEK WITH CONFIDENCE**

**The Lord God is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.**  
(Is 50:7)

We begin Holy Week today with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

On this day, we begin Mass with the blessing of palms and the first Gospel recounting the triumphal entry into Jerusalem by Jesus.

The crowds chanted, **Hosanna to the King!** They were excited. They were passionate. They were acclaiming the Lord.

Those same crowds, shortly, would change their tune and begin shouting vehemently, **Crucify Him, Crucify Him!**

Jesus met much opposition. His ministry was rife with people rejecting Him and plotting against Him. Eventually, they would have their way and condemn Him to a shameful death.

The followers of the Lord meet the same ridicule and contempt today. The world still does not want to hear what we have to say. It wants to have no part of the message of the Lord.

Like the Lord, we must set our face like flint, knowing that we shall not be put to shame.

Enter Holy Week today with confidence.

The Lord will not abandon us.

He will be at our side always.

**FAITH ACTION:** Many may look down upon us because we are believers. Do not let that disturb you. Continue living the faith.

**CHRISM MASS AT HOLY ANGELS CATHEDRAL**

As he has done each year, the bishop invites all the faithful of the Diocese of Gary to join in the Chrism Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral this coming Thursday, March 24th at 10:30 a.m. At this Mass the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated. The priests of the diocese also renew their promises to serve the faithful at the Mass. Come and join us if you can.

*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:

March 22: Rev. George C. Muresan (1996)

March 24: Rev. Peter A. Biegel (1960)

**LAST OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION**

If you are looking for an opportunity to go to confession before Easter, you have two final times. We have confessions at our parish every Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Or, you may go to Holy Name Church in Cedar Lake on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for their Lent Penance Service.

**FINAL TAIZÉ PRAYER BEFORE EASTER**

This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. is our final Taizé Prayer Service before Easter. Come experience the peaceful calm of this type of prayer.

**THE TRIDUUM**

The Triduum, the holy days of Easter, are very powerful experiences of prayer and you are encouraged to do all that you can to attend each of the day's services. As a reminder, the services for the Triduum are as follows:

**Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**

1:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service

**Holy Saturday**

8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday**

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

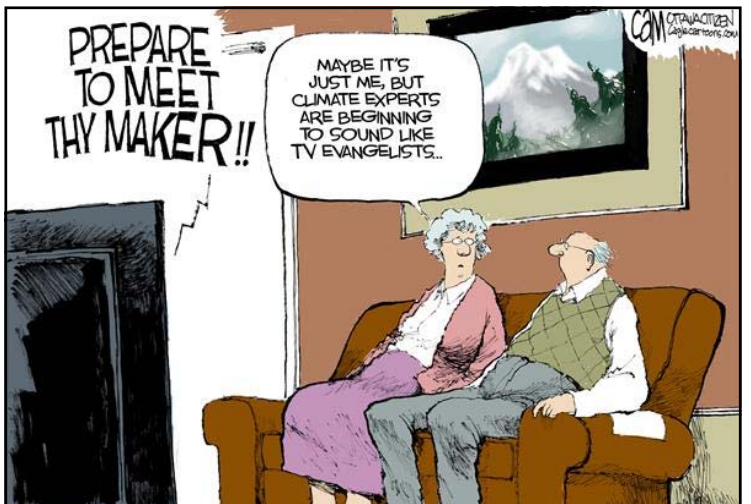
The Blessing of Easter foods will take place on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Bring your basket of food and make sure to be on time because the blessing begins promptly at 2:00 p.m.

**PARISH RETREAT**

Join us on Saturday, April 9th for a Parish Retreat. It will begin at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Ed Tluczek will speak on the topic **'We are an Easter people.'** See the ad in today's bulletin.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

A person went into a pet shop and said, "I want to buy a goldfish." The owner asked, "Do you want an aquarium?" The customer responded, "I don't care what horoscope sign it is, I just want to buy a goldfish."





# Religious Education

## March Schedule

23/24 No Class — Holy Week/ Spring Break  
30/31 Class

## April Schedule

6/7 Class  
13/14 Class  
20/21 Class  
27/28 Class

## May Schedule

4/5 Last class for all except 1st Communicants  
11/12 First Holy Communion Practice 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
18/19 All Communicants must attend both days  
4:30 –6:00 p.m.  
21 *First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.*

## Evening Scripture Study

### Returns in April for the Next Session

All adult parishioners are invited to join our Evening Scripture Study group. This session, we will be studying James, Peter and Jude: The Catholic Letters. "This study covers four New Testament letters traditionally known as the Catholic Letters because each is written to strengthen Christian communities scattered across a wide region of the Roman Empire rather than a specific Christian community. Participants will discover that they contain profound differences as well as intriguing similarities." The session is 7 weeks. Each class includes prayer, group discussion about the week's reading and commentary & a video.

### Thursday Evenings: April 7 – May 19

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room  
The cost of the program is \$20.00 to cover the study materials and will be collected at the first class.

Please register by March 28<sup>th</sup> contacting Carolyn McGill at (219) 836-8610 or cmcgill@stm-church.com.

## Parish Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



Mark your calendars now for the annual Parish Appreciation Dinner. Anyone who is part of a parish ministry is invited to attend.

Watch upcoming bulletins for more details and a reservation form. Don't miss out on this great parish event!

## Holy Name Society

The next regular meeting of the Holy Name Society will be **Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Solar Room as we begin with the Rosary, followed by our regular business meeting and refreshments. We will also discuss our recent Fish Fry and Raffle reports.

## Altar & Rosary Society

Join us for our next gathering on **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for Mass & Breakfast**  
Members of the Altar & Rosary Society will convene for 8:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast in the Cafeteria. Watch the bulletin for more information coming soon.

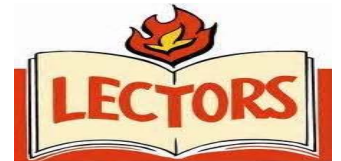
## Bulletin Articles

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

## Lectors & Greeters for the Week

Thursday, March 24

*Holy Thursday*  
7:00 pm Liturgy  
Virgil Ramirez & Sue Wilson



Friday, March 25

*Good Friday*  
1:30 pm Liturgy  
Cal Bellamy & John Kovach

**Sunday, March 27**  
*A Happy & Blessed Easter to All*

Saturday, March 26

*Holy Saturday*  
8:00 pm Liturgy  
Richard Gard  
Ann Harkenrider  
Jesse Montenegro  
Marilyn Pajor

6:30 am Mass  
Jayne Gardner & Angela Kvasnica

8:00 am Mass

Dan Buksa & Elizabeth Buksa

10:00 am Mass

Jim Hus & Julie Javorka

12:00 Noon Mass

Christopher Balbo & Julie Blanford



Saturday, March 26

*Easter Vigil*  
8:00 pm Liturgy  
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway

Choir: Tom & Louisa Jurich

**Sunday, March 27**

*A Happy & Blessed Easter to All*

6:30 am Mass

Chapel: Carla Covelli

8:00 am Mass

Main: Jim & Nancy Kaczka

Chapel: Mary Silvasi

Choir: Christie & Katie Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Pastor Family

Chapel: Joan Mucha

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Diane Gralewski

Choir: Pat Batchelder

# We Are An Easter People



Have you ever asked God "What would You like me to do?"  
How are you answering His call?

**Find profound fulfillment by  
shifting your focus to the needs of others.**

Join us for a three hour Retreat presented by Fr. Ed. Tluczek.

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

*8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (lunch provided)*

Come find the inner Disciple in you.

Discover the tools to redirect your life's purpose in just a few short hours.

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Please return this form to the Parish Office by **Monday, April 4th** or  
email your information to: [parish.office@stm-church.com](mailto:parish.office@stm-church.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Including yourself, how many people  
will be attending:**

The Mission? \_\_\_\_\_

The Lunch, too? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reply by Monday, April 4th.**

**Every child, age 2 to 4, is invited to attend!**

Enjoy an hour of dinosaur-related activities, games and a snack with  
other children. Siblings are welcome.

**A great social activity for parents, too!**

Meet other families from our community and parish.

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

St. Thomas More Weis Center • 8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster  
(next to the Munster Public Library)

Please RSVP to Marcie Burzynski by **Thursday, March 31st**  
by calling (219) 836-2660 or [mburzynski@stm-school.com](mailto:mburzynski@stm-school.com).





# St. Thomas More School

## Congratulations CYO Champions!



Congratulations to the St. Thomas More School 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team who were victorious at last weekend's CYO championship game, held at St. John the Baptist in Whiting.

Members of the winning team are: Bethany Askew, Mary Buksa, Siobhan Carroll, Sarah Cunningham, Makayla Fuentes, Kailyn Green, Gabriela Herrera, Holly Kaim, Aleena Mongerie, Claire Osmulski, Hailey Sullivan and Mariah Vasquez. Thank you to the team's coaches, as well: Jeremy Kaim, Paul Osmulski & John Cunningham.

In addition to the 7th grade team, the St. Thomas More School 5th and 6th grade teams also competed in the final CYO games. We are proud of you all! Good work!



We are so excited for the St. Thomas More School Chess and Science Olympiad teams as they head out of town this weekend to compete at the state level in their respective events.

Both teams have fared very well at recent regional events, allowing them to qualify for state competitions. We look forward to hearing about their new adventures and further successes. Best wishes students! We are so proud of your many accomplishments and wish you continued success this weekend.

To members of our school family who will also be on-the-move during this spring break, we wish you happy travels and a safe return. !

## Congratulations Mrs. Antonietta Scalzo! St. Thomas More School 2016 Teacher of the Year



Each year during Catholic Schools Week a member of the St. Thomas More School faculty and staff is chosen to receive this honor. The recipient is a person who lovingly serves our students with kindness and wisdom and exemplifies outstanding Catholic qualities for our students to emulate. It is both a privilege and an honor to announce the 2016 St. Thomas More School's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Antonietta Scalzo! Mrs. Scalzo shares her 12-plus years of teaching experience with our kindergarten students, where she finds great pleasure in seeing her students grow both academically and spiritually, leaving her classroom as independent and confident young scholars.

In her time away from STMS, Mrs. Scalzo's number one priority and joy comes from her family. She and husband, Joe, are the proud parents of three children, all of whom keep this busy family on the go.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Scalzo for sharing her positive energy and expertise with the children of St. Thomas More School & are thrilled that she is a member of our faculty. Thank you, Mrs. Scalzo, for all that you do for our school & our students!



## 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 the St. Thomas More Seniors for lunch  
**Monday, March 28th at 11:30 a.m.**

Jedi Restaurant

Located on the northeast corner of  
Ridge Road & Cline Avenue in Griffith.

No reservation required, just come to enjoy a good meal and great company. Hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Business Meeting*

Vote for New Officers

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

*8:00 a.m. Mass for Deceased Members*

Breakfast in the Solar Room to follow Mass.  
Reservations required. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Spring Luncheon & Installation of 2016/2017 Officers*

Entertainment: To Be Announced

Picture Day — Seniors Group Photo

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Annual Seniors Picnic*

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

As a parish we certainly show our love to God and to others! This is constantly exemplified by the many donations received by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

What would we do without such generous parishioners?!

Our pantry is now well-stocked and no items are currently needed. In addition to our parishioners, we send a special thank you to the Boy Scouts, Youth Group, K of C, Altar and Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, Ushers, those who assisted in the Christmas toy distribution and the families of St. Thomas More School.

Everyone has made the task of helping the less fortunate easier!

We have assisted 280 individuals with food and 213 people with utility assistance from October through December 2015.

**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.



## STM Travelers Club

**First Trip In 2016...Are You Ready For Some Fun?**

We are inviting you to join us on a trip to

**The Fireside Inn Dinner Theatre —April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Join us as we travel to Fort Atkinson, WI • \$98 per person  
Bus leaves promptly 7:30 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.

After a long cold winter we are looking forward to having a delicious lunch before being treated to the play "Sister Act".



Perhaps you remember this story as a movie starring Whoopie Goldberg, and then as a Broadway musical?

It's a rollicking, fast-paced comedy with nuns, cops and gangsters. The music is by the same composer as *Beauty & the Beast* and *The Little Mermaid*, and will be outstanding. We know all the singing and dancing will be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The luncheon will surely be one to remember as well. The Fireside Inn is famous for their world-class cuisine and well known for preparing all their meals from scratch. We know all of us will be pleased with the very tasty lunch before the show.

The Inn is also noted for their specialty gift shops to entice our enthusiastic shoppers. Who can refuse a chance to browse through all the interesting and unusual gifts?

**Sign up at the STM parish office ASAP before this trip fills-up.**

The cost includes transportation, theatre tickets, lunch and gratuities. Cost is \$98 per person.

We feel this trip will be an exciting way to begin our 2016 year and we anticipate many more enjoyable and fun-filled times together this year. We look forward to seeing all our happy travelers once again! .....Lois, Pat & Mary

## Eucharistic Ministers Needed

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

Learn more by contacting Deacon Dan Zurawski at (219) 742-6005 or email: [deacondanz@outlook.com](mailto:deacondanz@outlook.com).

## Oblates of St. Benedict

Please join us for the Oblates of St. Benedict's next meeting  
**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-Noon**  
in the STM Conference Room.

All are welcome as we study the book of Psalms. See you there!



## 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, April 21, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.**

### 2016 Outlook

- Your New Job
- Career Tips
- Job Search
- The Interview
- Dress For Success

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](mailto: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.

## Planting Possibilities

### Palm Trees and Possibilities Fundraising Gala

Innsbrook Country Club • 6701 Taft • Merrillville

**Saturday, April 2, 2016**

6:00 p.m. Cocktails & Salsa Tasting • Dinner to follow

Join us for a tropical getaway where friends gather for good times, good food and good entertainment with the tropical vibes of the Caribbean. Tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and Salsa

Tasting Contest registration information is available at [plantingpossibilities.org](http://plantingpossibilities.org) or register online at [palmtreesandpossibilities.eventbrite.com](http://palmtreesandpossibilities.eventbrite.com)

Event sponsorship opportunities are still available, and we are accepting donations of goods/services and promotional items for our silent auction and door prizes.

For more information, please visit our website, contact us via email at [admin@plantingpossibilities.org](mailto:admin@plantingpossibilities.org), or phone us at (219) 237.9353.



## PALM TREES & POSSIBILITIES

## STM Career Networking Group Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® Assessment Tuesday, May 24, 2016

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**St. Thomas More Weis Center**

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

- Most widely trusted career assessment tool
- Play to an individual's strengths and career path
- Enable self-understanding and so reduce stress
- Aid career development
- Assist communication strategies
- Inform personal development plan
- Develop thinking skills
- Develop emotional intelligence
- Identify and develop strengths and weaknesses



*Space is limited to 25 persons.*

Please forward any questions to [STMCareerGroup@gmail.com](mailto:STMCareerGroup@gmail.com).

**Cost: \$28.00**

**Make checks payable to:** HelenMarie Harmon

**Mail to:** St. Thomas More Church

Attn: Career Networking Group

8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

#### Pre-Registration Required

Please enclose this completed form with your \$28 payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Joseph Church Soup Kitchen Request for Assistance

St. Joseph Church Soup Kitchen, located at 5304 Hohman Avenue in Hammond, has had the privilege of living the Gospel through our Soup Kitchen Outreach Ministry for the past 30 years. It has a long history of serving the people of God, not only from the city of Hammond, but the entire surrounding area of North Lake County, as well as Calumet City, Lansing, Hegewisch and South Chicago, IL.

We are the only soup kitchen in the Diocese of Gary who serves meals five (5) days a week and in our 30 years, we have served approximately 1,560,000 noon

meals. Since the economic down-turn many businesses that aided in this work through monetary donations no longer give. It is for this reason, we are now turning to fellow parishes for assistance and ask that you add St. Joseph Kitchen to the list of benefactors for Alms Giving during this Lenten season in this Holy Year of Mercy.

For more Soup Kitchen information, please contact St. Joseph's: (219) 932-0702 or [saintjosephhammond@comcast.net](mailto:saintjosephhammond@comcast.net).



## Vocations Committee

### *Have we all given up something for Lent?*

Or have we planned a Lenten journey doing something really great and positive? Do you have a friend or family member who hasn't been to Mass for a while? Have you told them that you'll pray for them, help them with any problem they may have? Do you consider offering the Corporal or spiritual works of mercy to help them?

**Remember that this is the Year of Mercy and a word of encouragement would show that you care for them.**

## You Did It for Me

Kathy\* had it all: a job, a home for her and her son Roy\* and a dog. She also had something she didn't want: an addiction to drugs (the way she coped after childhood abuse). The drugs took everything away, even the dog. Her son was inconsolable. That's when Kathy went to Catholic Charities for help: "They pushed me to be better, move forward, remain drug free & take parenting classes. It was the structure I needed." Now she and Roy are both in school and doing better. "We feel like Catholic Charities is the family we don't have."

Learn more at [www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org)



## St. Thomas More Church Vacation Bible School Registration July 11-15, 2016

### Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

(Children must be 4 years of age on or before August 1, 2016)

**Register Now! Register Now! Register Now!**

Register early so you don't forget.

Get a jump-start on summer activities for your child.

**Parent & Teen Help Needed, Too!**

Register at the Parish Office or contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610, ext. 332 or [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).

**1<sup>st</sup> Child** (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** Entering Fall of 2016 (circle grade): Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5

**T-Shirt Size** (circle size): **Youth:** M L **Adult:** S M L XL

Food Allergies/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian #1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Child** (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** Entering Fall of 2016 (circle grade): Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5

**T-Shirt Size** (circle size): **Youth:** M L **Adult:** S M L XL

Food Allergies/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian #2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Child** (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** Entering Fall of 2016 (circle grade): Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5

**T-Shirt Size** (circle size): **Youth:** M L **Adult:** S M L XL

Food Allergies/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contacts (if unable to reach parents):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

### Photo Release

\_\_\_\_ I agree & consent to the use of any photograph of the above student(s) for the bulletin & publicity purposes by St. Thomas More Church and waive all claims for any compensation (every effort is taken to protect our students' identity).

\_\_\_\_ I do NOT want my child's picture used for the bulletin & publicity purposes by St. Thomas More

### Consent

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

\$25/child includes t-shirt & daily snacks/crafts. **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to: *St. Thomas More*)

# Events in the Area...

## Get Your "Pop Tops" In

St. Thomas More School is collecting pop tops from cans until Friday, April 1st to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. Please place your collected pop tops in zip-top bags and drop them off at the Parish or School Office or leave at any church entrance. Thanks for helping our kids help other kids!

## Weekly Pierogi Sale

Pierogi sales will be suspended during Holy Week and the following week. Sales will resume on Monday, April 4th. Purchase 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.

## The Shrine of Christ's Passion

### Good Friday at The Shrine

Be a part of this incredible experience! Join us at 3:00 p.m., the very hour Christ died for our sins with Fr. Rocky of Relevant Radio as he leads the Stations of the Cross at The Shrine of Christ's Passion. Join us as we contemplate the great gift of Jesus Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. (219) 365-6010.

### Open on Easter Sunday

*He is Risen!* The Shrine is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday. Come "Take the Journey" and experience what we are celebrating today! How blessed we are to be able to walk right into the Empty Tomb on Easter Sunday! What a beautiful pilgrimage to make, and it's right here in our own backyard.



## Dyngas Day at All Saints

Dyngas Day, a traditional Polish celebration, is the day after Easter. This year, on Monday, March 28th, All Saints Church, 570 Sibley Street in Hammond, will be hosting a Dyngas Day event from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the church. Tickets are \$20 per person and include food, drinks (pop, beer & wine) and music by *Take Five*. Due to limited space, reservations are required by calling Maryann at (219) 932-0204.

## Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary Griffith

Join St. Mary Church, 525 N. Broad Street for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 schedule is as follows:  
2:00 p.m.—Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image and procession into church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Examination of Conscience & Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet.  
Between 3:00-3:30 p.m.— Closing Benediction and Holy Mass of Divine Mercy. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation. Check our website at [smgriffith.org](http://smgriffith.org) or call (219)924-4163.

## Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence are a congregation of nearly 320 women religious, located just outside of Terre Haute, IN.

### Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit Retreat

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host the "Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit" Retreat from

10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2nd to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 3 at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. Join the sisters as they explore what Elizabeth Johnson proposes in her book of the same title. Sister Ann Sullivan will facilitate the retreat. Cost is \$100 and the registration deadline is March 28.

Register online at [Events.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling (812) 535-2952 or emailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).

### Come & See Weekend

Do you want to live joyfully? Would you like to deepen your faith and live more intentionally? Catholic women ages 18 to 42 are invited to attend a "Come and See" weekend retreat with the Sisters of Providence beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8th and ending on Sunday, April 10th. This weekend is intended to help women discover what life would be like as a Sister of Providence. There is no charge and meals are provided. Those interested are asked to register. Contact Sister Editha Ben at (812) 230-4771 or email [eben@spsmw.org](mailto:eben@spsmw.org) for more information.

### Photography Retreat

The Sisters of Providence will host "In the Light of Providence Retreat: A Photographic Journey" from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9th in the Providence Hall Conference Room. Persons attending will view photography of nature, take photos, hear from a National Geographic photo journalist and more. Cost is \$40, which includes lunch. Register online at [Events.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).

## Las Vegas Night at St. James

A Las Vegas-Style Benefit Night, Casino Royale, will be held at St. James the Less, corner of Kennedy and 45th in Highland, on Saturday, April 9th from 6:10 p.m. until 12:00 Midnight. Featuring Black Jack, Roulette, Beat-the-Dealer and more traditional casino games. \$10 donation includes all foods & beverages. Must be 21 or older to attend. Learn more by calling (219) 718-3787.

## Help Wanted at Camp Lawrence

Camp Lawrence is in the process of hiring workers for the 2016 camp season. Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso is looking for counselors, lifeguards and a student nurse to work the 2016 camp season. Please contact the Catholic Youth Organization for more information at (219) 736-8931 or [nwicyo@comcast.net](mailto:nwicyo@comcast.net)

## St. Bridget Style Show

All are invited to the upcoming St. Bridget Church Luncheon, Style Show & Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the St. Bridget Parish Center, 107 Main Street in Hobart. Tickets are only \$30 and reservations are required by calling (219) 942-6441, ext. 131 or emailing [ranticzak@stbridgethobart.org](mailto:ranticzak@stbridgethobart.org). Come join us!

## Wounded Healers

The spring session of Wounded Healers Grief Support Program will begin again on Wednesday, April 27th. Please watch the bulletin for more details coming soon.