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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 myadron@stm-church.com
- Associate Pastor.....Reverend Ted J. Mauch; Ext. 314 tmauch@stm-church.com
- Senior Deacon.....Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
- DeaconsDavid Kapala, KHS
-Joseph Stodola, KHS
-Daniel Zurawski, KHS
- Director of Finance.....Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
- 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 Herbst; Ext. 342

Parish Office Staff

- Hours: Mon-Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm • Saturday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**
- Web Site..... www.stm-church.com**
- Email address.....parish.office@stm-church.com**
- Email address for bulletin.....bulletin@stm-church.com**
- Office Phone..... 836-8610 Office Fax.....836-9185
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- Evening Receptionist..... Veronica Brtos; Ext. 310
- Building Maintenance.....Mike Popovich 836-8610

Pastoral Ministries

- Environment & Art836-8610
- Eucharistic Ministers Deacon Dan Zurawski 742-6005
- Hospitality/Greeters Chris Shearman 923-1419
- LectorsWilliam McDunn 922-9459
- NurseryKaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
- St. Vincent de PaulMichael Martinelli 836-8610
- Vocations CommitteeMary 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 AdmissionsPam 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 Phone836-8610
- DirectorEmily Hackett; Ext. 332
- Administrative Assistant Carolyn McGill; Ext. 336
- Grades K through 8 ~ Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

- Formation/Education.....Barbara Topete
- Parish Life Elaine Herrmann
- Peace & Social Justice.....Mary Silvasi
- Spirituality & WorshipKaaren Mashura
- Stewardship..... Noreen Bickel

Parish Organizations

- Altar & Rosary Society Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539
- Blue Army Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779
- Boy Scouts Curt Anglin 902-5126
- Career Networking Group..... Christine Spencer 836-8610
- Circle of Prayer.....Mary Jo Humpfer 836-5002
- Cub Scouts Alan Pischner 306-7552
- Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200
- Gabriel Project..... Carolyn Grskovich 455-9258
- Garden ClubPaul Mazerik 644-8409
- Gifts of Love & Warmth.....Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
- Girl Scouts.....Renee Whelan 796-6809
- Holy Name Society836-8610
- Knights of Columbus Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
- K of C Columbian Squires.....Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
- Oblates.....Denise Gard 836-9115
- Respect Life836-8610
- 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, April 16

5:30 p.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

Sunday, April 17

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

SATURDAY, April 16

8:30 am V. James, A. Kleszynski

5:30 pm M. Queroz, G. & I. Scalzo, S. Szala,
D. Urbaniak/ MC ~ Matt H.

SUNDAY, April 17

6:30 am S. Becker-Toro, L. Cabrales, E. Miller

8:00 am A. Bilsé, J. Cipowski, E. Gossman, A. Nahnsen,
G. Kenning/ MC ~ Matt N.

10:00 am C. & P. Olsen, A., C. & E. Powell/ MC~Xavian

12:00 pm J. & M. Blanford, N. Brough/ MC ~ Mike

Baptisms



Olivia Ann

Daughter of Zachary & Holly Ann Jones

Ava Catherine

Daughter of Jeffery & Jennifer Lowry

Abigail Michelle

Daughter of Theodore & Kristi Moore

Colton Matthew

Son of Jeremy & Margaret Welches

Pastoral Care Ministry

To arrange a visit from Pastoral Care for the hospitalized/homebound, contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 313 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

Sacrificial Offerings



April 3, 2016

Adult \$ 22,379.00

Loose \$ 2,949.00

Children \$ 116.21

TOTAL \$ 25,444.21

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 10 — Third Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Dorothy Ferrantella by Family

10:00 am Cathy Somenzi (ann.) by Parents

12:00 pm John Jurkash by STM Seniors

MONDAY, April 11 — St. Stanislaus

6:30 am Joanna Bartkus by Family

8:30 am William & Hannah Quinn by Lois Quinn

TUESDAY, April 12

6:30 am James Mauch by Rose Yothment

8:30 am Pamela Wadycki by Zabrecky Family

10:00 am Joseph Breshock by STM Holy Name Society (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, April 13

6:30 am Diane Forde by Stofko Family

8:30 am Edwin Wolak (Ann.) by Michael Wolak

THURSDAY, April 14

6:30 am Margot Blocher by STM Spirituality & Worship Committee

9:00 am Robert Mannix by Mannix Family

FRIDAY, April 15

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

8:30 am Donna Jean Strange by Family

SATURDAY, April 16

8:30 am Walter Keilman by Wife & Family

5:30 pm Robert Weglewski by Wife Charlotte & Family

SUNDAY, April 17 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Deceased Members of STM Seniors

10:00 am Zvonimir Jugovic (Ann.) by Family

12:00 pm Intention of Joseph Neverauskas

Bulletin Articles

To include an event/meeting in our parish bulletin, submit articles via email two (2) weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-school.com

Readings for Week of April 10

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Third Sunday of Easter

"Jesus said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'" Three times, Simon Peter had denied Jesus. Now, three times, the risen Christ gives Peter the opportunity to announce his love. Although Peter was "distressed" by the Lord's repeated question, ultimately this must have been a healing moment in Peter's life. He finally had the opportunity to assure Jesus that he loved him, thereby making up for his earlier failure and weakness on the night of the Crucifixion.

Jesus' death on the cross sufficed to forgive us of our sins. But his resurrection assures us that there is new life on the other side of our sinfulness. Just as Jesus had the power to conquer death, so too through his grace we have the power to conquer our sins. We can live a resurrected life, we can have a new beginning, just as Peter did that day at the Sea of Tiberias when he pledged his faith anew.

This pledge of faith, it's interesting to note, also came with a kind of commission. Each time that Peter told the Lord he loved him, Jesus responded with a command: "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," and "Feed my sheep." Of course, we know that Jesus had already established Peter as the "rock" on which he built his church, as the first pope. Now, Jesus was emphasizing the connection between loving him--the Good Shepherd--and loving his people, his flock, his church. Peter's love for Christ was meant to be manifested in his love and care for the church, as is the case with every pope. But it's also true for every Christian.

We are called not just to relish the gift of forgiveness and the grace of new life in Christ, but to take the next step of loving and serving those around us.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Carol Carollo
Janet Cattanaach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Lucille Dettlerline
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D'Orazio
Alex Eiland
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
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Krizmanic
Isabella Lappo
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mary Leahy
Mike Lewis
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
Genevieve Mrvan
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk

Clare O'Brien
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Emily Orosco
Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Marty Pavovic
Johanna Petruch
Angelo Petrungaro
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilonas
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
Florence Stevens
Carrie Szumelda
Barbara Szypezak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanich
Jim Wachel
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczyński
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, April 10

8:00 am Altar & Rosary Society Corporate Communion and Breakfast ~ Church/Cafeteria
2:00 pm Mass & Boy Scout Awards with Bishop Hying

MONDAY, April 11

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

TUESDAY, April 12

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

WEDNESDAY, April 13

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

THURSDAY, April 14

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

FRIDAY, April 15

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

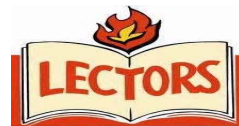
SATURDAY, April 16

6:30 pm *Parish Appreciation Dinner ~ Gym*

SUNDAY, April 17

K of C Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Saturday, April 16

5:30 pm Mass
Jay Gianotti & Louise Younkens

Sunday, April 17

6:30 am Mass
Jayne Gardner & John Kovach

8:00 am Mass

Dan Buksa & Paul Liszewski

10:00 am Mass

Charles Helms & Irma Hernandez

12:00 Noon Mass

Cal Bellamy & Julie Blanford

Saturday, April 16

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



Sunday, April 17

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

10:00 am Mass
Main: Andrea Mazerik

12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Pastor Family

**EVEN WHEN WE TURN AWAY FROM HIM,
HE DRAWS US BACK**

Jesus said to him the third time,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him
a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to
him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that
I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen,
Amen, I say to you, when you were younger,
you used to dress yourself and go where you
wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch
out your hands, and someone else will dress you
and lead you where you do not want to go."

He said this signifying by what kind of death he
would glorify God.

And when he had said this, he said to him,
"Follow me." (Jn 21:17-19)

God is such a loving, merciful God.

Even in our weakness, He loves us incredibly.

Even when we turn away from Him, He draws us back.

Many scholars say that this post-resurrection exchange
between Jesus and Peter took place so that Peter could
repent for the three times that he denied the Lord on the
night of Jesus' arrest: "I tell you, I do not know the man!"

Three times, Peter denied Jesus.

After the resurrection, at this exchange, Peter had the
opportunity to tell Jesus not once, but three times, "Yes,
Lord, you know that I love you."

We love our God. Yet we, too, often do things that strain
that relationship.

We sin.

The good news — no, the great news — is that God is
always there, waiting to forgiving, constantly loving us.

The question is, do we love Him?

FAITH ACTION: Reflect upon God's great love for you and
then, reverently, pray the **Act of Love:**

O my God, I love You above all things with my
whole heart and soul because You are all good
and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as
myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have
injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have
injured.

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:

April 14: Rev. Walter S. Mastey (1997)

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will be held in
all parishes in the Diocese of Gary the weekend of April 16
& 17. A gift to the CSA empowers the faithful of our diocese
to give witness to our discipleship call and affirm our identity
as the People of God by responding to one another's needs.
Participation of all our parishioners is essential for our
diocese to continue Jesus' mission of peace, love, and
justice here on earth.

Please support the 2016 CSA Campaign.

HELP NEEDED

After several years of directing the decorating of the
church, Jean and Ron Bados are stepping down. We are
looking for someone to chair the Environment and Art
Committee and are also looking for a few more members to
help with the decorating. If you are interested in
volunteering, call the parish office. If you want more
specifics about what the work entails, contact Jean or Ron
Bados. Jean and Ron have indicated that they will make
themselves available to anyone who takes their place and to
help with any questions that come up along the way.

Thank you, Jean and Ron, for beautiful Christmases and
Easters and for being examples of Stewardship in Action!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of people who pray
and discern the path of the parish and give feedback to the
pastor. They are an essential part of parish life.

If you would like to be a part of the council or know
someone else who may make a good council member,
please fill out the nomination form found in this week's
bulletin. Yes, you may nominate yourself.

The deadline for nominations is next Sunday, April 17th
after the Noon Mass.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A bishop visited a parish to administer the sacrament of
Confirmation. The liberal pastor had approved a liturgical
dance during Mass and the bishop was not advised.

During the dance a young lady in flowing robes floated
across the sanctuary and in the middle of the dance
presented the bishop with a rose.

The bishop leaned over to the pastor and said: "You know,
of course, that if she asks for your head, she will get it."





Religious Education

April Schedule

- 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.
- 13 *Mandatory Confirmation Practice*
Students and sponsors must arrive at 5:30 p.m.
- 14 **Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.**
Students & sponsors must arrive by 9:15 a.m.
- 18/19 All Communicants must attend both days
4:30 –6:00 p.m.
- 21 **First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.**

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

*Would you consider becoming a member of the
St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?*

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and the Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process. The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council.

These sessions will be held on the following Tuesdays:

April 26th, May 3rd, and May 10th

at 7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, new Council members will be chosen at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age.

The nominees cannot be a full-time employee of the parish or school. Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination. Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the **Red Ballot Boxes**, located at each church entrance.

The Nomination period will end on Sunday, April 17th after the 12:00 p.m. Mass.

Catholic Services Appeal 2016

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**Please support the
2016 CSA Campaign!**

*one heart
one mind
one community
of believers*

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
Partners in Christ's Work



CSA Volunteer Form

Yes, I will help collect pledges before and after Masses on:

	April 16/17	April 23/24
Saturday— 5:30 pm Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday — 6:30 am Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday — 8:00 am Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday — 10:00 am Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday —Noon Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes, I will make phone calls at STM (date TBD)

Yes, I will make phone calls from my home.

Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell (_____) _____

Email _____

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We Need New Members!

The purpose of the Society is to fulfill the 2 great Commandments: *1. Love of God & 2. Love of Neighbor*
Being a Vincentian and serving the poor is a profound experience.

We have recently lost members due to illness, relocation, etc. We invite you to attend a few meetings to learn more about the Society & our Conference.

Meetings are held in the Parish Conference Room on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.**

If you have questions, please contact

Mike Martinelli, President at (219) 922-1923.

Current Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter • Jelly • Pasta Sauce • Canned Fruit

St. Thomas More School



Register Now!

Preschool to 8th Grade

If you are looking for a secure educational “home” for your child in this hectic world, then St. Thomas More School is the place for you!



- Small Class Sizes (19:1 Ratio)
 - Exceptional Academics
- “A” Rating from the State of Indiana
- Faith-Based Curriculum (Sacramental preparation during the school day)
- Full or Half Day Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten
 - Honors Programs
- Over 20 Clubs and Organizations
 - CYO Competitions in 5 Sports
 - Before and After School Care
 - Discounted Family Tuition
- Morals/Ethics/Kindness/Manners Stressed
 - Student Special Services Department (aid for children with learning challenges)
 - Emphasis on the Arts

Thank You!

From the STMS 8th Grade

The STMS 8th Grade students extend a big, big thank you to the parishioners of St. Thomas More for their very generous support of last weekend’s Bake Sale. Thanks to the kindness of our parishioners, the 8th Grade raised over \$1,600 towards their end of the year trip to Chicago.



Science Olympiad Team

St. Thomas More School Medals at State Competition

We are proud to announce that the St. Thomas More School Science Olympiad Team earned 6th Place at last month’s Indiana State Science Olympiad Competition, held at Indiana University in Bloomington.



Team Members: *Damian Arambula, Diana Ayala, Mikey Dempsey, Anna Dimopoulos, George Dimopoulos, Rama Kakkera, Abbie Kawalec, Olivia Lerma ('15), Ella McComis ('15), Will McComis ('15), Alyssa Nahnsen, Matt Nahnsen ('15), Danny O'Shea ('15), Lola Fay Papanikolau, Ben Peters, Ethan Pierce, Claire Powell, Emma Powell, Mia Tumacder, Nikko Valdez and Vanessa Vasquez.*



The team successfully fulfilled their goal of finishing in the top ten out of a field of 30 teams and we congratulate the team members and their coaches for a job well-done! We are very proud of this wonderful program at St. Thomas More School and commend the dedication and time commitment involved; it definitely paid-off!



Mother's Day Cards

Remember a special mother, living or deceased, at the Sunday, May 8th 10:00 a.m. Mass and in the parish bulletin by *purchasing a Mother's Day card* from the Parish Office.



Cards are only \$4.00 each.

Deadline to purchase cards is April 15th to have name/s printed in the Mother's Day bulletin.

Holy Name Society

The next Holy Name meeting will in the Solar Room on **Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.**

We will begin with the Rosary. Refreshments, pizza and a video presentation will follow the meeting. New members welcomed!

Vocations Committee

The 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be on **Good Shepherd Sunday, April 17th.**

The Pope's message for that day is "The Church, Mother of Vocations" and he tells us "we must pray, we must pray tirelessly".

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 21st**

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 winter we are looking forward to our first outing of 2016. We'll begin with lunch, prepared by the chefs of

The Fireside Inn, famous for delicious cuisine and made-from-scratch entrees.

And then, a lively performance of "Sister Act", made popular by actress Whoopie Goldberg.

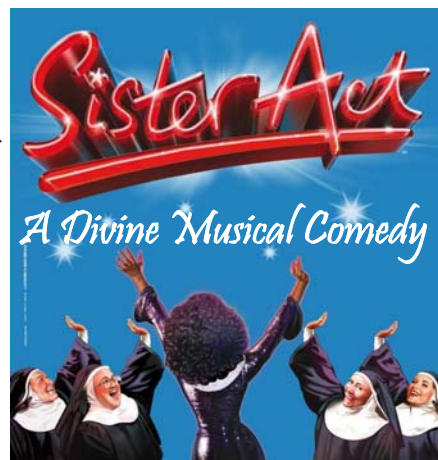
This musical is full of rollicking, fast-paced comedy with nuns, cops and gangsters and lots of singing and dancing.

And, of course, no trip would be complete without time to shop. The Inn's specialty gift shops are filled with interesting & unique gifts to entice everyone to take a look.

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 look forward to this year's traveling and anticipate many more enjoyable and fun-filled times ahead! See you soon!



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised

82% of Jobs are found through Networking

*15% Found through Search Firms • 10% Found through Want Ads
4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes*

Thursday, 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



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.

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.

Sunday, April 17th

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 4th

Spring Luncheon & Installation of 2016/2017 Officers

Entertainment: To Be Announced
Picture Day — Seniors Group Photo

Coffee & Donuts

The STM Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee and Donuts next weekend,

Sunday, April 17th

after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Cafeteria.

Everyone is welcome!

