By the manner in which we live our lives, we are called to change the world.
Pastoral Staff

Pastor.................................................. Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 312
myadron@stm-church.com
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.................................................. Joseph Stodola, KHS
.................................................. Daniel Zurawski, KHS
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Pastoral Care Coordinator.............. Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 313
Director of Music............................... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education........ Emily Hackett; Ext. 332
Director of Development.................. Amanda Herbst; Ext. 342

Parish Office Staff

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  Saturday 8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
Web Site.................................................. www.stm-church.com
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Pastoral Ministries

Environment & Art................................. 836-8610
Eucharistic Ministers............................ Deacon Dan Zurawski 742-6005
Hospitality/Greeters............................ Chris Shearmn 923-1419
Lectors.................................................. William McDunn 922-9459
Nursery.................................................. Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
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Vocations Committee........................... Mary Kochis 322-7262

2014-2015 Pastoral Council Members

Leslie Dernulc.............................................. Joe Dubczak
Wendy Jasinski.............................................. Nancy Klawitter
Christi Kordeck............................................ Michael Korfiatis, Chairperson
Jim Landowski............................................ Jesse Montenegro
Joe O’Brien................................................. Kurt Popovich
Cheryl Staniszewski............................... Cindy Thompson

St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Web Site.................................................. www.stm-school.com
School Phone................................. 836-9151  School Fax.......................... 836-0982
President........................................ Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Principal............................................. Jay Harker; Ext. 328
Assistant Principal............................. Cynthia Block; Ext. 328
School Administrative Assistant ........ Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
School Reception & Office Associate ... Sandra Steele; Ext. 329
Home & School Association............. Kris Miller; (312) 909-8156
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School Admissions............................... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 309

Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K
8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321
Phone.......................... 836-2660  Fax.......................... 836-2655

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.

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.

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
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
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

New Parishioner Registration

To make it as convenient as possible for you, new parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning
Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016

Celebrants
Saturday, April 30
5:30 p.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

Sunday, May 1
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 30
8:30 am J. & M. Connelly
5:30 pm F. Beckman, J. Bernarte, M. Caraher,
A. & L. Forszt
MC ~ Ricky

SUNDAY, May 1
6:30 am K. & S. Cunningham, V. James
8:00 am K. Yaeger, V. Zaczyn, A. Bilse, J. Cipowski,
G. Kenning
MC ~ Alyssa N.
10:00 am P. Cullars, J., M. & S. Fugger, S. Hamill
MC ~ Joey
12:00 pm G. & T. O’Brien, E. Sopko
MC ~ Elizabeth Z.

Baptisms
Andrew James
Son of James & Barbara Glab

Gloria Anne
Daughter of Mark & Erica Hannigan

Lauren Elise
Daughter of Kevin & Candace Kil

Alexis & Arrayah
Daughters of Ray & Artisha Clark

Sacrificial Offerings
April 17, 2016

Adult $ 22,862.00
Loose $ 2,519.00
Children $ 98.00
TOTAL $ 25,479.00

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, April 24 — Fifth Sunday of Easter
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Mark Barker by Joseph & Carole Janusonis
10:00 am Norman Banas by Wife & Children
12:00 pm Frederick Ozanom by STM St. Vincent de Paul Society

MONDAY, April 25 — St. Mark
6:30 am Doreen Jurkash by Pascal & Karen Marco
8:30 am Ron Teutemacher by Dan, Jennifer, Cory & Joshua Reck

TUESDAY, April 26
6:30 am Robert Hartman Sr. by Rick Mlynarski
8:30 am Erwin Siegler by Joseph & Carole Janusonis
10:00 am Marilyn Gomez by STM Altar & Rosary Society
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 2)

WEDNESDAY, April 27
6:30 am Stella Dubczak by Children
8:30 am Marcia Etter (Ann.) by Husband Tim & Family

THURSDAY, April 28
6:30 am Helen Stolarz by Larry & Lynn Westerlund
9:00 am Dolores Banaski by Mary K. & Mary Banaski

FRIDAY, April 29 — St. Catherine of Siena
6:30 am Lorraine & Paul Fischer by Pagorek Family
8:30 am In Honor of STM Parishioners by Andrew Mueller

SATURDAY, April 30
8:30 am Charles Pfister by Francis Balon & Family
5:30 pm Josefin Bagadiong (Ann.) by Aquino Family

SUNDAY, May 1 — Sixth Sunday of Easter
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Larry Suter by Strain Family
10:00 am John Nelson (Ann.) by Wife Helene
12:00 pm Charles Stevens by Wife & Family

Bulletin Articles
Submit articles via email 2 weeks in advance bulletin@stm-school.com

Readings for Week of April 24
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Fifth Sunday of Easter

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." When people watch us, do they know that we are the disciples of Jesus? As Christians, we are called to do more than love the Lord. We are called to be his witnesses in the world by loving others as well. In today’s Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission. So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. His love was never motivated by personal gain. On the contrary, he often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered "unlovable" in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, never focused on amassing things for himself, but always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate.

The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, the task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, this is easier to be selfless and generous with people who love us in return, or to another level. Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn’t expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with those who stir our compassion. But to be consistent witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazejch
Laverne Blumka
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Linda Braun
Stephanie Burney
Vincent Corsello
Wendy Czarnecki
Lynne Derenberg
Carol Derenberg
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Vincent Consello
Mike Curtin
Lucille Deterline
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanne Doscher
Jim D’Orazio
Alex Eiland
Sheron Evans
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritanro
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Shirley Gillespie
Margaret Good
Howard Gralawksi
Margaret Gray
Susan Griff
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Mary Hontcho
Mary Jo Humpffer
Betty Inglez
Steve Izso
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Janrose
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 Lizniwicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brad Matlin
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 Pauvico
Johanna Petrucc
Angelo Petruangaro
Andrew Piecyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porsar
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Thomas J. Roach, Jr.
Kristen Rubin
Ann Sarrella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Siff
James Secciar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Lydia Skorupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Carrie Szumelda
Barbara Szyczak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuaune
Tony Vanden Hevel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vranich
Jim Wachel
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wissniewski
Don Woszczynski
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Lectors & Greeters for the Week

Saturday, April 30
5:30 pm Mass
Jennifer Feddeler & Richard Gard

Sunday, May 1
6:30 am Mass
Loretta Krawczyk & Virgil Ramirez
8:00 am Mass
Don Dulkoski & Michael Skurka
10:00 am Mass
Julius Balanco & Teresa Brzaale
12:00 Noon Mass
Christopher Balbo & Cheryl Staniszewski

Saturday, April 30
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway
Chapel: Tom & Louisa Jurich

Sunday, May 1
6:30 am Mass
Main: Leilani Suchanuk
Chapel: Tom & Linda Brady
8:00 am Mass
Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
Chapel: Art & Mary Halpin
Chapel: Rosemary Barker
10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Miller Family
Choir: Joe Arent
12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Pastor Family
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 23: Deacon T. Vincent Neely
April 27: Rev. John A. Costello (1972)
April 29: Msgr. Casimir Bickauskas (1957)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Pastor said, “Today I’ve prepared a $100 sermon on fire and brimstone that will take me about an hour and half to deliver.
I’ve prepared a $500 sermon on the evils of sin that will take about 45 minutes to give.
Finally, I’ve got a 10 minute $1,000 sermon on love and generosity. We’re going take the collection and see which one you all vote for.”

IMPORTANT SACRAMENTS COMING SOON

Please keep our third grade parishioners in your prayers. They will be making their First Holy Communion May 7th (school) and May 21st (religious education). Also, our 8th grade parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14th. Please pray for our parishioners at these important sacramental milestones of their lives.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who undergo suffering and persecution for living the faith. May they win many souls over to the Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALL SEASONS CHORALE!

Our parish’s All Seasons Chorale joined several other choirs last Sunday, April 17th, at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. John for a concert. Each parish choir presented a set of songs and then joined together for large group pieces.
As always, you represented the parish well. Thank you and congratulations, All Seasons Chorale!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We have done a lot, over the years, with the rebate we received from CSA. This year, we would like to target our rebate to go toward a new parking lot on our new property on Calumet Avenue between the church and the Weis Center.
Remember, your contributions help the parish directly. We receive any money that we raise over our parish goal. This year our goal is $121,524. Please support the 2016 CSA Campaign. Your sacrificial gift does make a difference!
Religious Education

April Schedule
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.

Altar Servers Needed
Are You Interested In Becoming An Altar Server?
Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation Program student, currently in the 4th grade or higher, who is interested in becoming an altar server (and a parent) are invited to an Information/Sign-up Meeting Wednesday, April 27th
7:00 p.m. in the STM Cafeteria
If you have questions or would like further information, please call Susan Burke at (219) 322-6462.

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

Vocations Committee
Christian women are more likely to attend weekly religious services, be involved in daily prayer and consider religion important in their lives at higher rates than men, according to a recent study’s findings, released in March. Is that one of the reasons for priest shortage?

Festival Volunteers Needed!
The weather is warming up we are beginning to look forward to our annual parish festival. Your help is greatly needed to insure success.
Here are the ways you can sign up to volunteer:
1. Fill out the form mailed home to each parishioner and drop it in the collection basket or church office.
2. Fill out a form in the pew and at the entrances to the church and drop it in the collection basket or church office.
3. Go to the STM Festival webpage (http://stmfundays.weebly.com) and follow the link to sign up on line.
4. Go to the parish website (http://www.stm-church.com) and follow the link to sign up on line.
6. Our Students are Well-Rounded

In addition to outstanding academics, a St. Thomas More School faith-based education allows students to grow spiritually as well as academically. We also emphasize “the arts” as part of our curriculum. Each week students participate in music and art classes. For those students who find their passion through creative endeavors, they can participate in Choir, Band, the annual fall musical and the Art Club, as well as many additional activities. At STMS, we firmly believe that all children need to be active in activities outside of classroom studies to be successful in today’s world.

7. We Offer Over 20 Clubs/Activities

There is something for everyone at St. Thomas More School, and something to fit each individual interest. From Science Club & Science Olympiad, to Student Council & Student Leadership, to Scouting and 4-H, your child will find something to ignite that special “spark”, making additional friends along the way.

8. Sports Exercise the Mind & Body

Five different sports are offered at St. Thomas More School for students in 5th through 8th grades, and most STMS students chose to participate in at least one sport each year, with many of our students partaking in a sport each season. We strictly adhere to a “no-cut” policy, so everyone participates. Because many of our students participate for four years at STMS, they are better equipped to play competitively at the high school level, having learned the importance of good sportsmanship, leadership and cooperation.

Eagle Dash 2016 is Coming ...May 15th!

Tie up your running shoes, the Eagle Dash 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk is flying into Wicker Park once again.

Sunday, May 15, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The race is for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities.

School families & friends, alumni, relatives and parishioners will all be participating, so don’t miss out.

Registration forms will be available in the School Office, in the bulletin and online soon.

A variety of different youth and adult age divisions are offered, with awards for top 3 finishers in each group.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Maureen at moehg@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to STMS Student!

Edan Czarobski Wins State Competition

We are proud to announce that St. Thomas More School 4th grade student, Edan Czarobski has been named the Indiana American Legion State Male Champion in the Legion’s 2015-2016 "Flag Education & Etiquette Program".

Edan, who read his award-winning essay before a crowd of over 300 American Legion members and guests at the state meeting in Indianapolis this month, earned the title of State Champion based on a successful exam and outstanding essay he penned about the American flag.

STMS 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Marchell Barkey incorporates this topic into her yearly curriculum and requires each of her students to participate.

Exams and essays are then sent to the regional American Legion, the sponsor of the contest. Hundreds of area 4th grade students participated and Edan’s test score and essay secured his Regional Champion award.

His documents were then sent to Indianapolis along with other regional winners from all over the state of Indiana.

Pictured with Edan are Larry Lowry, Department Commander of the American Legion, Indianapolis & Pete VanWoerder, 1st District Commander.
Special Mother’s Day Collection  
*For the Women’s Care Center*
Weekend of May 7th & 8th

Strategically located next door to Planned Parenthood, the Women’s Care Center offers a life option to women seeking an abortion to resolve an unplanned pregnancy. By providing an ultrasound which allows her to not only see, but hear her child's heartbeat, as well as loving counseling, over 90 per cent of the Center's clients choose life by saying "no" to abortion!

What is the result of all these “no’s”? Since its opening in 2012, abortions in Lake County have declined by 30%!

Please use the special pink envelope in your church offering packet for the May 8th collection.

Can you think of a better way to enable so many women to celebrate future Mother's Days with their child?

By making a prayerful donation you will empower the Women's Care Center to perform its lifesaving work on a daily basis!

This vital mission is funded 100% by generous donors like you!

Knights of Columbus  
*Celebrating 25 Years at St. Thomas More*

On Saturday April 9th the Msgr. Weis Council of the Knights of Columbus celebrated our 25th anniversary at STM with a dinner/dance. In attendance were over 70 parishioners along with Fr. Mike and Fr. Ted. We are extremely grateful for the support of our parish & parishioners during the last 25 years.

**Join Us Tomorrow Night!**
Join us on Monday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Byway Brewery, 2825 Carlson Drive in Hammond for a tour of this new brewery with fellowship to follow. For more information, please contact Brad Hemingway at (708) 951-5492 or email: JBH1028@sbcglobal.net.

**Coffee & Donuts**
The next K of C Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, May 15th.

Senior Citizens
Any senior citizen in our parish who is interested in being a part of our congenial group is encouraged to attend.
Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster, unless otherwise noted.

**Wednesday, May 4th**
*Spring Luncheon & Installation of New Officers*
Carmelite Monastery • 1628 Ridge Road • Munster
12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m.
Entertainment: Dave Sigler
Lead Singer of the A-Capella Group “Remember When”
Reservations Required. Cost is $20 per person.
Deadline for reservation is Wednesday, April, 27th.

**Wednesday, July 20th**
*Annual Seniors Picnic*
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Picture Day — Seniors Group Photo

Altar & Rosary Society  
*Spring Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner*
All parish women are invited to join us
**Wednesday, May 11th**
6:30 p.m.
in the Solar Room
We will begin with the Rosary at 6:45 p.m.
followed by dinner, a short meeting & door prizes.
Please bring your favorite family dish or a dessert.
For information, please call Therese at (219) 844-7715, Kathleen at (219) 972-0539 or Cindy at (219) 923-9862.

Blood Drive
The next St. Thomas More Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, May 1st — 8:00 a.m.-Noon**
in the STM Gym.
Photo ID required. Walk-ins are welcome.
Please eat a healthy breakfast & drink plenty of water.
This Blood Drive is sponsored by Heartland Blood Centers, the sole supplier of blood products for 10 area hospitals including Community, Franciscan & others in northwest Indiana.

1 blood donation can save 3 lives!
Be generous! Give blood!
St. Thomas More Choir Performs

Please come and support our choir at this event.

Schola Cantorum Choir
The Cathedral Arts Concert Series of the Cathedral of the Holy Angels, 7th Avenue at Tyler Street in Gary presents its Spring Recital in the 23rd season of these concerts.

Sunday, April 24, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
The program, a choir concert featuring the St. Thomas More Parish Schola Cantorum, directed by Angelica L. Lorandos, will include sacred music from Renaissance and modern composers. Admission is free and parking is secured.
A free-will offering will be accepted.
A reception and refreshments will follow the concert.
For more info or directions, call (219) 882-6079.

You Did It for Me
Jean-Louis Mendy lives in Niaguis, a village in Senegal. He works as a beekeeper & his hives are now yielding more honey & money. This is thanks to peace with a neighboring community. Families are now working together to help each other. Through CRS, projects like SCOPE are helping communities resolve conflicts and improve their villages through activities like beekeeping.
Learn more at: CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me.

Planting Possibilities
The Spring Geranium Sale is Coming!
Join us at Sarkey’s Florist, 8944 Erie Street in Highland on Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Beautiful geraniums in all colors and sizes, including patio pots. Also featuring select garden vegetables and heirloom tomato plants grown by our Planting Possibilities students at Campagna Academy.
Planting Possibilities is a registered 501(c)3 with the mission to provide job-skills training, employment and volunteer opportunities for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in Lake County, Indiana.
For more information, please like us on Facebook, visit us at www.plantingpossibilities.org or contact Mark Neiner at info@plantingpossibilities.org or (219)237-9353.

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.

Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost Sunday is May 15th, the “Day of Red”!
Our new Parish Council members will be selected on this special day and parishioners are asked to fill the church with “red” geraniums.
Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, donated red geraniums are planted throughout the St. Thomas More campus after Pentecost Sunday, making our grounds look beautiful all summer and fall.

Please bring red geraniums to church with you on Sunday, May 15th!

Today is Blue Sunday!
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Today, Sunday, April 24th has been designated as Blue Sunday, a day to pray for all those children who have been a victim of child abuse and to those who work to rescue them.
Each year there are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect, and 1,640 child deaths as a result of this abuse nationally. Most of those children are under the age of 3 years old.
Make a difference by praying for an end to child abuse now!
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, May 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
Ron Zochalski
IUN Adjunct Professor in Information Systems & Finance

News You Can Use:
Smart Phone Fraud Protection
Job Fraud • Online Dating Fraud: Catfishing/Romance
Investment Fraud: “Pump & Dump”
Email Fraud: Phishing
Sloppy Phone Settings • Square App Card Skimmer
Heat of the Moment & Financial Farce

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.

Space is limited to 25 persons.
Please forward any questions to 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: ___________________________________________

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
In today’s Gospel Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as He had loved them. Do we reflect this love in our lives and relationships, especially our marriage relationship? Let God show you how to love your spouse and others as He loves you. Attend an upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend:
June 10-12 or August 12-14 at Elk Grove Village, IL.
Early registration is highly recommended. Reservations/info: Jim & Kris at (630)577-0778 or http://wwme-chicagoland.org.

Andreas Golf Outing
Join us for the Andreas Golf Outing on
Monday, July 18th at Sand Creek Country Club
(note: this is the correct date)
Check-in and breakfast 8:00 a.m. • Shotgun start 10:00 a.m.
Team scramble. Event fee is $200/golfer or $800/foursome.
Includes: golf, cart, practice on range, breakfast, dinner & cocktails after golf and all Sand Creek amenities.
Registration deadline is June 6th. Items accepted for the silent auction are gratefully appreciated. Proceeds benefit Andreas Scholarship Fund. Visit http://andreanhs.org/sponsorship/

Synod 2017
What is a synod? A synod is a formal gathering of prayer, dialogue, reflection and discernment, whose purpose is to live the mission of Jesus with greater fervor and effectiveness. Our diocesan synod will center around the Church of the Diocese of Gary, using Bishops Hying’s recently published pastoral letter, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations…” as the basis for discussion and occur on June 3rd/4th 2017.

In the April 24th issue of the NWI Catholic, Bishop Hying addresses the need for evangelization in the Diocese of Gary. Evangelization reaches out to share the Gospel with every single person with the hope of bringing them closer to Jesus Christ. When we evangelize we bring the fundamental message of hope and mercy into the world. Evangelization is an essential part of our mission as Catholics and it is through these efforts that we witness to others the power of the Good News.
Please take time to read the bishop’s column and reflect upon this question: “How do we fire up the lukewarm, disengaged or those who are hurt or disillusioned to discover Catholicism or recover a faith perhaps grown cold?”
If you do not receive the NWI Catholic, you can access the bishop’s column at nwicatholic.com.
Look for Bishop Hying’s video on evangelization at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsoWmC9tlqE.
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” groups also. Sessions are 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. James (Kennedy & 45th) in Highland.
The spring session begins this week with meetings held:
April 27 • May 11 • May 25 • June 8 • June 22 • July 6
For info: (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers.com.

Weekly Pierogi Sale
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.

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. Contact the Catholic Youth Organization for info: (219) 736-8931 or nwicyo@comcast.net

Harbor Lights Doo-Wop
Harbor Lights will perform at the Church of the Four Seasons, 9100 East 109th Avenue in Crown Point on Saturday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $20 per person. Enjoy a fun evening of acapella music from the 50s and 60s. Proceeds will help send kids to summer camp.
For more information, please call (219) 663-7803.

St. Mary Spring Tea
The St. Mary Rosary Society of St. Mary Griffith invites all to their annual Spring Tea, “In the Garden”, on Sunday, May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street in Griffith. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy tea, light lunch and delicious desserts. Quilt and basket raffles, prizes for best decorated spring hat. Bring your own cup and join the fun. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children 6 to 12. Advance tickets only by calling Phyllis at (219) 629-2928 or Connie at (219) 924-2928.

Virtual Pilgrimage of Lourdes, France
North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90-minute Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France at St. Ann Church, 625 W. 25th Avenue in Gary on Friday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. During the virtual tour, immerse yourself in the Gospel message of Lourdes, given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette, touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing of Lourdes water. All are invited to attend.
For more information, please call Paula at (219) 384-2081.

National Marian Conference
The 2016 National Marian Conference will be held at the Joyce Center on the campus of the University of Notre Dame the weekend of May 20-22.
The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening & ends at 12:30 p.m. Sunday following Holy Mass.
For info contact Queen of Peace Ministries at (574) 288-8777 or visit our website at www.QueenofPeaceMinistries.com or email: maryconference@att.net.

Love Cannot Be Silenced Retreat
The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods are hosting “The Song of My Heart Retreat: Love Cannot Be Silenced” the weekend of May 20-22 at the Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th and will incorporate music, meditation, movement and shared prayer. Cost to attend is $200 and the registration deadline is May 13th. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling (812) 535-2952.

Volunteering at The Shrine
Volunteering at The Shrine of Christ’s Passion offers many different opportunities to help change lives. In helping our guests, many of us find that our own lives are changed. Spreading the message of Jesus Christ brings great joy! Consider joining our great team of volunteers.
We are having Volunteer Training at 6:00 p.m. on these dates:
1. New Gift Shoppe Volunteers — April 27th
2. New Tour Guide Volunteers — May 3rd
3. Adopt-A-Station Volunteers — Call for date/information
Please call (219) 365-6010 to volunteer!

Sts. Peter and Paul 175th Anniversary
Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Merrillville is planning their 175th Anniversary of Ministry. We are inviting any previous parishioners to join us in the celebration of Holy Mass with Bishop Donald Hying at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2016. A luncheon will follow at Innsbrook Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Tickets for the luncheon are available at the parish office for $25. Please join us.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat
In a survey of over 100 women who had suffered from post-abortion trauma, 80% expressed strong feelings of “self-hatred”. Learn to love yourself again through God’s endless mercy. Come to a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for post abortion healing. Retreats scheduled for 2016:
May 20-22 and November 11-13
Contact Rosanne at (219) 765-1396 or nwinrv@outlook.com. All inquiries completely confidential.
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|        |        | 7:00 pm Peace/Social Justice Conference Room | 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chapel | 6:00 pm Hand Bells-Church | 7:30 p.m. Fr. Schweitzer Solar Room |
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|        |        | 7:00 p.m. Blue Army May Crowning Church | 7:00 pm Schola Choir Church | 9:15 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration Chapel | 7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale Church | 10:00 a.m. STMS 8th Grade Commencement Ceremony Gym |
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|        |        | St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection All Masses | Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. Parish Office & School Office Closed | 8:30 a.m. All School Mass Last Day of School | 8:30 a.m. All School Mass Last Day of School | |
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