

Jesus has
commissioned
us to proclaim
the Good News.
Fortified by the
example of our
mothers, let us
do just that this
day.



Mission Statement : The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.

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St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade

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

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Phone 836-2660
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Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
First Friday 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

Baptisms First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly attending at least six months before the Baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.

Pre Baptism Class 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.

Marriage Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.

Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound: Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.

New Parishioner Registration

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

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

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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 Marilyn Glennon 836-8610
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
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, May 14
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

Sunday, May 15
 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, May 14

8:30 am J. Bernarte, M. Caraher
10:00 am Confirmation
 Sibling Volunteers Needed (Practice at 9:00 am)
 MCs ~ Matt N. & Mike
 5:30 pm E., M. & T. Zabrecky, B. & M. Andrzejewski
 MC ~ Matt H.

SUNDAY, May 15

6:30 am J. Olivencia, C. & P. Olsen
 8:00 am E. Gossman, A. Korfiatis, B. Peters, M. Sharp,
 M. Slivka/ MC ~ Chris
 10:00 am E. & K. McComis, E. Miller, S. O'Rourke,
 C. Osmulski/ MC ~ Will
 12:00 pm T. & T. Pappas, D. Arambula/ MC ~ Tim

Baptisms



Keeli Lynn Ford & Kina Lynn Clark
 Daughters of Kara Ford

Simon Christopher
 Son of Mathew & Rachel Lucas

Mackenzie Grace
 Daughter of Geoffrey & Keri Mavrak

Rest in Peace

Terry Rayburn

Sacrificial Offerings



May 1, 2016

Adult	\$ 23,734.00
Loose	\$ 2,760.00
Children	\$ 131.21
TOTAL	\$ 26,625.21

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 8 — Ascension of the Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Chester & Elizabeth Ross by James Zaczyc Family
 10:00 am For Living and Deceased Mothers
 12:00 pm James H. Fife by Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Capps

MONDAY, May 9

6:30 am Beverly Pavlovic by Pavlovic Family
 8:30 am Jean Hreha by Children

TUESDAY, May 10

6:30 am Phillip Lindsey by Spellman Family
 8:30 am Ray & Bernadine Kukla by Grandchildren
 10:00 am Barney Zagrocki by STM Holy Name
 (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, May 11

6:30 am Stella Dubczak by Children
 8:30 am Helen & Sydney Welsh Sr. by Marilyn Rippey

THURSDAY, May 12

6:30 am Helen Yadron by Family
 9:00 am Charles Heggi (Ann.) by Wife Eleanor

FRIDAY, May 13

6:30 am Bernice Masterton by Family
 8:30 am Andrew & Mary Chizmadia by Elizabeth Fenyes

SATURDAY, May 14 — St. Matthias

8:30 am Louis Biedron by Wife & Family
 10:30 am Intention of Confirmands and Their Families
 5:30 pm Richard & Rita Wojcinski by Niece Susan Rousseau

SUNDAY, May 15 — Pentecost Sunday

6:30 am Lillian Jaworski by Family
 8:00 am Don Bunting by Mother Mary and Family
 10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 12:00 pm Geraldine Lesko by Betty Ball

Festival Raffle Drawing



Hurry! Submit your raffle tickets ASAP so that you can be part of next week's Early Bird Drawing.

May 2, 2016 Winner
 Dorothy Dubeck — \$100

Mother's Day Collection Today!

For the Women's Care Center

The Women's Care Center offers a life option to women seeking an abortion to resolve an unplanned pregnancy by providing ultrasounds so that clients can both see and hear their child's heartbeat and helping them say "no" to abortion. Help mothers-to-be with your generosity!



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

"...That the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." In this beautiful and heartfelt prayer to God the Father, Jesus expresses his deep desire for unity. He prays that "those who will believe in me... may all be one." This unity is meant to be an effect of the love that believers experience through their own unity with God.

When we are filled with the love of God, we can truly be united to one another.

Why? Because God's love loves everyone. God's love sees the dignity of every human person, made in his own image. God's love does not allow room for grudges and schisms. It is always ready to forgive and embrace. This kind of love leads to the interpersonal unity that Jesus prayed we would have for one another. But, alas, we get into fights. We argue, we criticize, we take revenge. We cause division where there ought to be unity. It's especially tragic when this happens among Christians. Whether it be petty infighting in a parish setting, family strife among those who practice the same faith, or animosity among Catholics and members of other Christian denominations, it matters little. All of these situations stand in stark contrast to the unity that Jesus desired for us. Being instruments of this true Christian unity begins in our own hearts. Instead of finding fault in others, we would do well to ask ourselves how open we truly are to God's love. Have we, like Jesus, prayed that this divine love would be in us? Have we tried to look upon others with the loving eyes of God? When we approach the inevitable conflicts in life with a heart full of God's love, we can begin to serve as ambassadors of the unity that Christ so deeply desired.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez	Eleanore Heggi	Clare O'Brien
Margaret Amatulli	Marie Henke	Valerie O'Donnell
Frieda Andersen	Marisol Hernandez	Danny Ogren
Doris Aurelio	Becky Hill	Emily Orosco
Maria Aurelio	Joan Hoess	Maryann Pancheri
Antonio Belmonte	Megan Homcho	James Pancheri
Michael Berry	Mary Jo Humpfer	Marty Pavovic
Michael Blazeovich	Betty Ingbretonson	Johanna Petruich
Laverne Blumka	Steve Izzo	Angelo Petrungraro
Michael Boston	Dennis Jablonski	Andrew Pieczyrak
Cheryl Bostrom	Elizabeth Jacob	Elizabeth Pilones
Robert Boyle	Barbara Jamrose	Sylvester Porras
Linda Braun	Stanley Jayjack	Timothy Ribble
Stephany Burney	Rosemary Jerzak	Jackie Roach
Paul Burns	Carol Keilman	Thomas J. Roach, Jr.
Dorothy Campbell	Irene Kerps	Kristen Rubin
James Campbell	James Klein, Sr.	Ann Sardella
Thomas Cak	Janet Knight	George Sauer
Al Carollo	Susan Kolodziej	Marie Schultz
Carol Carollo	Miller Krizmanic	Marianne Schwartz
Janet Cattanach	Isabella Lappo	William Schwartz
Jacqueline Morrow	Annika LeMonier	Zachery Scriff
Christian	Chris LeMonier	James Secviar
Vincent Corsello	Debbie LeMonier	Jim Seul
Mike Curtain	Nicklas LeMonier	Renee Shehan
Lucille Dettlerline	Mary Leahy	Nick Skinner
Irene Dettmer	Mike Lewis	Lydia Skorupa
Ann DeVoy	Jo Lisiniewicz	Carolyn Smiley
MaryPat Devoy	Edward Liskiewicz	Deborah Stareck
Jeanine Doescher	Stanley Liskiewicz	Georgianne Suto
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 Ubuane
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
Amy Hayes		

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, May 8 — Happy Mother's Day!

MONDAY, May 9

8:30 am All School Mass & May Crowning
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Peace & Social Justice ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Vocations Committee ~ Sacristy
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, May 10

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 Discernment ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, May 11

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)
3rd Grade Only
6:00 pm Hand Bells ~ Church
6:45 pm Altar & Rosary Society ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Parent Association ~ Cafeteria

THURSDAY, May 12

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)
3rd Grade Only
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:00 pm Festival Committee ~ Solar Room

FRIDAY, May 13

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

SATURDAY, May 14

10:00 am Oblates ~ Conference Room
10:30 am *8th Grade Confirmation ~ Church*

SUNDAY, May 15

K of C Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

Readings for Week of May 8

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/Rom 8:8-17 or 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23

MOTHERS AND THE ASCENSION GO HAND IN HAND

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.” (Lk 24:46-48)

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. It is also Mother's Day.

To me, the two really do go hand in hand.

After all, on the Feast of the Ascension, we remember that Jesus, right before He ascended to the Father, instructed His followers that His job was now their job.

They were to go out to all the world and proclaim the Good News.

Jesus was going to go home to prepare a place for us.

Mothers truly are called to preach the Good News. After all, the first teachers of the faith are a child's parents.

Mothers also prepare places for us. From the time we are first born, mothers are there taking care of us.

They teach us by word and example, preparing us to take our place in this world.

Jesus has commissioned us to proclaim the Good News. Fortified by the example of our mothers, let us do just that this day.

FAITH ACTION: Do something special for your mother today. If she has already been called to the Lord, ask God to reward her. Pray for all mothers, living and deceased.

We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers.

We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all these years. They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and His ways. They taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others.

Bless them with the graces they need today. Help them to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that we love them.

Give them strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless them this day with your love.

Fr. Mike



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THIRD GRADERS!

The third graders in our parish school received their First Holy Communion at a special 10:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 7th. Pray for them that they come back to the Table of the Lord often throughout their lives as the Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our lives.

Kindly pray, as well, for our third graders in the Religious Education program. They will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 21st.

PRAYERS FOR OUR EIGHTH GRADERS

Please keep the eighth graders in our parish school and religious education program in your prayers. This coming Saturday, May 14th, they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Hying.

May the Holy Spirit bestow upon them all the gifts that they will need in the years to come.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

For two solid hours, the proud mother sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him all about her children. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all four of the children.

She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation.

“Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. So, tell me, what do you think of my children?”



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:

- May 9: Rev. John J. Lach (1960)
- May 11: Rev. Louis B. Wozniak (1997)
- May 12: Deacon Richard Duszynski (1995)
- May 14: Msgr. Julian F. Doktor (1965)

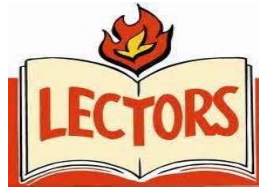


Religious Education

May Schedule

- 11/12 Communion Mandatory Practice 4:30-6:00 pm
*Wednesday students attend on Wednesday.
Thursday students attend on Thursday.*
- 13 Confirmation Practice (School & Religious Ed)
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.**

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Sunday, May 15

6:30 am Mass

Mark & Gabriella Bittner

8:00 am Mass

Dan Buksa & Elizabeth Buksa

10:00 am Mass

Theresa Kowalski & Maryanne Topor

12:00 Noon Mass

Richard & Sylvia Komyatte



Sunday, May 15

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski

Chapel: Mary Silvasi

Choir: Sheehan Family

10:00 am Mass

Main: Andrea Mazerik

Chapel: Celeste Peltzer

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Greg & Deborah Pastor

Bishop Noll Entrance Exam

Missed the last Entrance Exam? No Problem!

Please join us for a Bishop Noll Entrance Exam

Saturday, May 21st — 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

\$25 Exam Fee

Enter through Door A • 1519 Hoffman Street • Hammond, IN

To register or inquire about the exam, call (219) 932-9058.

- Bishop Noll has 100% graduation rate.
- Collectively, BNI students earn millions of dollars in scholarship opportunities.
 - STEM classes offered.

Visit our campus to learn more. Bishop Noll participates in the Indiana School Choice Scholarship program.

Vocations Committee

We believe that vocations to the priesthood or religious life can spring forth with prayer and dedication.

Think of the graces we all would receive from having more priests, religious sisters, brother and members!

The help of all parishioners is needed!

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.

It's easy! Have fun working with others & help our parish.





Congratulations!



We proudly announce that the following

St. Thomas More School Third Grade Students Received the Sacrament of *First Holy Communion*

Saturday, May 7, 2016

*May God's blessings and love
be with you now and always!*

*Gavin Amores
 Richie Andrzejewski
 Sofia Arredondo
 Isabelle Caddick
 Kina Clark
 Caitlyn Companik
 Joey Conner
 Kian Cruz
 Faith Dilbeck
 Brendan Feeney
 Quinn Fehr
 Luke Fugger
 Celeste Gallardo
 Nina Garner
 Ayana Grove
 Abril Guerrero Gay
 William Hanas
 Paul Harkenrider
 Jude Jimenez
 William Kirsch
 Aline LaForest
 Andrea Maldonado*

*Gabriela Maldonado
 Aaron Marlowe
 Madalynn Marlowe
 Maegan Mbaoma
 Samuel Mellon
 Madeleine Miller
 Scarlett Mrvan
 Dylan Payne
 Kayla Pena
 Grace Peters
 Sophie Peters
 Ethan Pischner
 Daniel Reynolds
 Jacob Sajn
 Kiersten Sanguenza
 Sophia Scalzitti
 Avery Schroer
 Jack Sudac
 Sedona Sweeney
 Elliana Villarreal
 Molly Whelan
 Aiden Zegarra*

Oblates of St. Benedict



Our next meeting will be
Saturday, May 14th
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
in the Parish Conference Room
We will be studying the Book of Psalms.
Everyone is invited to join us!

St. Thomas More School

Eagle Dash 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk

Join the entire community for this great event to benefit
St. Thomas More School.

Sunday, May 15th at Wicker Park in Highland

Race begins at 1:00 p.m.

Packet pick-up & same-day registration from 11:00 am–12:30 pm.
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place awards in 17 different age groups (ages 6 to 99).
Find the Registration Form on Facebook or the school website.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus taught us to love one another as he loves us.
By example and word, he demonstrated the importance of
showing our love to one another in the way we treat others.
Please consider assisting us to show our respect and care for
others by making a donation to our food pantry.

**The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is
currently in need of the following items:**

Canned Pasta	Ramen Noodles	Meal Helpers
Pasta Sauce	Canned Fruit	Canned Meat
Crackers	Beans	Toothpaste
Snacks	Pork and Beans	Shampoo

Thanks for your ongoing and generous support of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society!

Boy Scout News



American Flag Retirement
Boy Scout Troop 542 will conduct an
American Flag Retirement Ceremony
Flag Day — Tuesday, June 14th
at St. Thomas More.
A collection box for old, worn-out
flags will be outside the school office.
Thank you in advance.

Praying for Our Country

The Gary Diocese Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima is
sponsoring Special Devotions on the 99th Anniversary of
Fatima: *Pray for Our Country and the Defeat of Her Enemies.*

Friday, May 13th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Carmelite Monastery • 1628 Ridge Road in Munster
The evening will begin with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction and outdoor candlelight
procession. For more information, please call (219) 836-8779.

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.



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.

Knights of Columbus

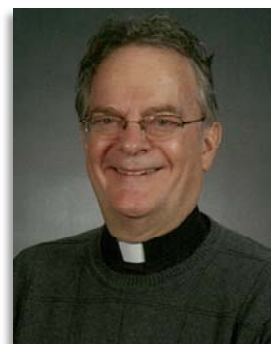
Join the Knights of Columbus next weekend for
Coffee & Donuts — Sunday, May 15th.
in the Cafeteria after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.

Holy Name Society

The next regular meeting of the Holy Name Society will be
Monday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.
Join us in the Solar Room as we begin with the Rosary,
followed by our regular meeting and refreshments.
Discussion will include our upcoming spiritual
Evening of Reflection (more details to follow).

Religious Formation Education

Join the STM Religious Formation
Commission as they
present a night with
Fr. Gerald Schweitzer.
Fr. Schweitzer's topic of discussion:
*"The Year of Mercy in the
Gospel of Luke"*
Wednesday, May 18th
7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.
Refreshments will follow.
All are invited to join us.



Senior Citizens

The final STM Senior Citizen meeting for this year will be:
Wednesday, July 20th
Annual Seniors Picnic
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Picture Day — Seniors Group Photo

STM Travelers Club

Here's your chance to visit a casino...with us!
Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, MI
Thursday, June 16th



Guests must be 21 years or older to attend. Cost of \$31/person includes: \$15 Instant Slot Credit & \$10 towards food. Lunch will be on your own and there are four food outlets in the casino. **Departure:** A Four Winds Casino shuttle will leave from the STM north parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

Return: The shuttle will depart from Four Winds Casino at 3:00 p.m. to bring our "lucky" winners home! Please make reservations at the STM parish office as soon as possible since the **deadline to sign up is June 4, 2016.**

Special Instructions for Those Attending

All guests must have a valid picture I.D., state or federal, and possess them on the day of the trip in order to receive part of the bus package.

Planting Possibilities



Spring Geranium Sale

Join us at Sarkey's Florist
8944 Erie Street in Highland

Next Weekend-Saturday, May 14th
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Beautiful geraniums in all colors and sizes, including patio pots. Also 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, IN. Learn more ("like us") on Facebook: www.plantingpossibilities.org or contact Mark Neiner: info@plantingpossibilities.org or (219) 237-9353.

Events in the Area...

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: **May 11 & 25 • June 8 & 22 • July 6**
For info: (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers.com.

Weekly Pierogi Sale

Hurry & order now! Pierogi sales will be suspended between May 30 to September 9. Purchase homemade pierogi from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church in Munster by calling (219) 838-9811 prior to Thursday (potato, kraut, cheese or prune). Leave name, phone & amount & flavor. 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 in Valparaiso is seeking workers for the 2016 camp season. Needed: counselors, lifeguards and a student nurse. Contact the Catholic Youth Organization for info: (219) 736-8931 or ncwicyo@comcast.net

Harbor Lights Doo-Wop

Harbor Lights will perform at the Church of the Four Seasons, 9100 East 109th Ave. in Crown Point on Saturday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. A fun evening of acapella music from the 50s and 60s. (219) 663-7803.

St. Mary Spring Tea

Bring your own cup to St. Mary's Spring Tea, "In the Garden" on Sunday, May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette in Griffith. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy tea, light lunch and dessert. Quilt & basket raffles, prizes for best decorated spring hat. Bring your own cup. Tickets: \$20/adults and \$10/children (6 to 12). Advance tickets only: Call Phyllis at (219) 629-2928/ Connie at (219) 924-2928.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Don't be late for this very important date! Our Lady of Perpetual Help is hosting a Mad Hatter Tea on Sunday, May 15th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets: Adults/\$10, Children 3 to 12/\$5 (additional at door). Includes food, beverages, auction, basket raffles & more (219) 218-4027.

Pentecost Sunday

Fill the Church with Red Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday is May 15th!

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, red geraniums will be planted throughout the St. Thomas More campus after Pentecost Sunday, beautifying our grounds all summer and fall.

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





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
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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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to 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>.

Andrean Golf Outing

Join us for the Andrean 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 Andrean Scholarship Fund. Visit <http://andreanhs.org/sponsorship/>

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

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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- 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
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- Develop emotional intelligence
- Identify and develop strengths and weaknesses



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

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Pre-Registration Required

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Synod 2017

The first part of May will focus on sacraments, prayer and worship. Here is a good question to guide reflection and discussion:



How do we catechize, teach and preach about sacraments so that everyone understands and participates in the communal prayer of the Church?

Look for Bishop Hying's column about this synod topic in the latest edition of the *Northwest Indiana Catholic* or find it online at

<http://www.dcgary.org/synod.htm> along with videos, columns and information about Synod 2017 and how you can be a part of it.

Bulletin Articles

Please submit all bulletin articles via email at least 2 weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-school.com. We are happy to include all related information on a space-available basis. Thank you for your help.

A Blessed Mother's Day!

Many Blessings to All Mothers on This Special Day

Please remember these Mothers from our Mother's Day Memorials:

Kristin Postma
Ceil Albizati
Mary Jonkouski*
Cecilia Pajor*
Karla Ropelewski
Carolyn Ford
Bettianne Hackett
Dorothie Pobereyko
Marcy Cichy
Stacey Kauffman
Stephanie Mitchell
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Carol Ingratta
Clara Blastick*
Jean Serafin*
Matilda Nosich*
Corrine Nosich
Martha Grzybek*
Julia Kaczor*

Marian Gunia
Susan Gunia
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Sandy O'Drobinak
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Lisa Heglund
Bridget Scheer
Laura Sniff
Jennifer Zabrecky
Mary Beth Janusonis
Marie Zabrecky*
Eleanore Sniff*
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Eleanore Soltwedel*
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Anna Wohler*
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Margaret M. Wohler*
Lynn Wohler
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Margaret Kushnak
Brenda Beardsley
Karen Wilson
Elisa Faubion
Lucy Sukta
Julia Zaharie*
Eleanor Kushnak*
Helen Hylek*

Betty Nejman
Lucille Rueth
Carolyn Smiley
Abby Rueth
Lottie Spudic*
Sara Rueth
Rita Florek*
Evelyn Boyan*
Anne Baranowski*
Theresa Kohler
Rebecca Larsen
Marcia Smiley
Irma Smiley*
Phyllis Rueth
Elaine Spudic
Helen Ciba*
Janice Ciba*
Mary Kocur*
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Marian Seevers
Natalie Krembs
Amy Grabowy
Dolores Kubal
Ofelia Caballero
Sue Stribiak*
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Marjery Mezydlo*
Lucille Eads*
Lillian Jurczak*
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Kathleen Bachan Riebe*
Nell Kavanaugh Zlamal*
Deborah Pastor
Nancy Distel
Luz Maria Solorio

Cataline Morales
Sherri Perkins
Dolores Maity
Sally Silva
Carissa Dulkoski
Julia Sweeney
Helen Sudicky
Roseanne Sweeny*
Antonieta Femminella*
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Teresa Femminella
Antonieta Scalzo
Leni Wosczyński
Julie Casner
Sylvia Wosczyński
Phyllis Wosczyński
Barbara Soritsch*
Lena Ferrantelli*
Catherine Perniciaro
Loretta Rosso
Marie DeButch
Jennifer Halun
Katie Hargett
Mary Kardes
Norine Young
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Margaret Long
Renee Larson
Arlene Larson
Marjorie Elizabeth Olander
Shaver*
Laura Szafasz
Shirley Szafasz
Jean Linko*
Katie George
Debbie Davis*
Carol Guthrie

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Happy Mother's Day!

Audrey Frigo
 Jenny Frigo
 Erminia Frigo*
 Nettie Pacanowski*
 Katie Frigo
 Nicole Caddick
 Karen Arethas
 Nancy Caddick
 Terry Marczak
 Jane Schultz
 Ceil Pieczul
 Janine Walla
 Antonia Walla
 Jane Modrak
 Carolyn Ostrowski
 Michalene Ostrowski
 Jackie Ostrowski
 Regina Mulligan
 Christine Frogli
 Josephine Bonafacic*
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 Annette Czarobski
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 Wendy Krucina
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 Raquel Rios
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 Joann Estrada*
 Helen Oslawski*
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 Roseann Santaquilani
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 Eva Mendez*
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