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Director of Music ............................. Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education ......... Emily Hackett; Ext. 332
Director of Development ..................... Amanda Herbst; Ext. 342

Parish Office Staff

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

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
Formations/Education ......................... Barbara Topete
Parish Life .............................................. Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice ........................... Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship ........................ Kaa ren Mashura
Stewardship ...................................... Noreen Bickel

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning
**Celeb...**

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**Wedding Ban...**

**Pastoral Care Ministry**

**Get Your Flu Vaccination**

**Mass Intention...**

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**Get Your Flu Vaccination**

**SUNDAY, September 4 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Jean Stromberg by Frank Clark

10:00 am John Wadas Jr. (Ann.) by Carrie & John Wadas

12:00 pm Walter Keilman by Leroy & Mary Frank

**MONDAY, September 5 — Labor Day**

9:00 am Carol Kerr by George & Mary Alice Kelly

**TUESDAY, September 6**

6:30 am Elizabeth Webber by Kender Family

8:30 am Joseph Adams by John & Carolyn Grskovich

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

**WEDNESDAY, September 7**

6:30 am Lee Novak by Skip Lind

8:30 am Jillian Anastasia Tsirtsis (Ann.) by Family

**THURSDAY, September 8 — Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 am Joanne Darrington by Frank Darrington

9:00 am Intention of Marilyn Rippey

**FRIDAY, September 9 — St. Peter Claver**

6:30 am Joanne Darrington by Therese & Paul Martin

8:30 am Bruno Eismen (Ann.) by Wife Maria

**SATURDAY, September 10**

8:30 am Intention of Eucharistic Ministers by Andrew Mueller

5:30 pm Deceased Grandparents of John Rybicki Family

**SUNDAY, September 11 — Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Mary Peloza by Barbara Peloza

10:00 am Ed & Irma Smiley by Ed & Carolyn Smiley

12:00 pm Donald Struble (Ann.) by Daughter Shirley

**Sacrificial Offerings**

**Pastoral Care Ministry**

To arrange a visit from Pastoral Care for a hospitalized or homebound family member, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 313 or dkapala@stm-church.com.
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It’s a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It’s a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Inevitably something else must take second place. Not allowing a family member to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to even our own life. It’s important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to even our own life. It’s important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to even our own life.

Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today’s Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ’s lesson today that insists God MUST be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life. It’s important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to even our own life. It’s important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to even our own life.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God. What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gimmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.
DO YOU TRUST GOD?

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”
(Mt 6:31-33)

Tomorrow, our country celebrates Labor Day.

Celebrates. Hmmmm. That might be an odd word to use.

There is not much “celebration” of Labor Day any more.

It is a day off for many people as it is one of our legal holidays. However, for many others, it is just another day of work.

For many more, it is a vivid reminder that they have no work.

Our economy is in such a mess. There are many people who do not have jobs. Applicants for open positions are always much more than needed. As people get turned down, their morale, their self-respect, erodes.

When that happens to us, we worry.

Yet, the Gospel today is telling us not to worry because, in the grand scheme of things, God has everything covered. “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all will be given you besides.”

Some might say that this is too simplistic a view to adopt.

However, it begs the question, “Do you trust God?”

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Doing so crowds out any possibility for God to be a part of our lives.

FAITH ACTION: In prayer today, kindly remember all of the unemployed, that they may have the dignity of work provided to them. Also in prayer, ask the Lord to give you the grace that you need to let Him into your life more completely.

If you have not taken the time to read Bishop Hying’s Pastoral Letter introducing Synod 2017, you may do so by going to www.dcgary.org. Mark your calendars for a study/discussion day Saturday, October 15th in our Solar Room, Cafeteria, and Gym, 9 am to 1 pm.

THE MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. “They went forth and preached everywhere.” (Mt 16:20)

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture, and way of life — beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words to the two children (Maximin and Melanie), “Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,” echo Jesus’ Gospel mandate.

It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission oriented. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, and the Philippines.

With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God’s reconciling message to the poor.

This coming weekend, September 10th/11th, our parish will take part in the Diocese of Gary’s Missionary Cooperation Plan. We will welcome Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S. from the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. A special second collection will be taken at all the weekend Masses to benefit the work of those in the missions.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

September 8: Rev. Roman S. Wojcicki (1963)
Religious Education

Fall Classes Begin This Week

Religious Education classes will start on September 7th/8th from 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Registration is now closed for the 2016/17 school year. There will be absolutely NO registrations taken during the first week of class. NO EXCEPTIONS!

September Schedule
7/8  Religious Education Classes Begin
14/15  Class
20  Parent Confirmation Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
21/22  Class
28/29  Class

Did you know?
In order for your children to get the best religious education possible, it is very important that they attend religious education classes each year, from Kindergarten through 8th grade, not just when it is time for them to receive a Sacrament.

The St. Thomas More Religious Education program welcomes ALL Catholic children, including those with special needs. Our class for students with special needs in grades K-8 meets on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information about our classes, or to register your children, please visit the Religious Education office or call (219) 836-8610 ext. 332. You can also email Miss Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com. We look forward to seeing your children in our program this fall!

Calling All STMS Alumni
St. Thomas More School is updating its alumni records. Don’t miss out on upcoming events, newsletters and reunions. Send your updates to Amanda Herbst at (219) 836-9151, # 342 or aherbst@stm-school.com. Thanks for your help!

Help Wanted at St. Thomas More
Temporary Parish Office Receptionist
A person is needed to work in the parish office when the current staff are on vacation or off sick. This person would be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the church office.

Must have some post high school training, as well as prior receptionist/secretarial experience. Must also be proficient in Microsoft Office, self-directed with ability to prioritize and multi-task, have good hearing, sight and ability to lift 10 lbs.

Confidentiality and enjoy working with people are a must. Please email your resume to jobopenings@stm-church.com.

Lectors for the Week

Monday, September 5
Happy Labor Day
9:00 am Mass
James Landowski

Saturday, September 10
5:30 pm Mass
Joe Dubczak & Jennifer Jones-Garner

Sunday, September 11
6:30 am Mass
John Kovach & Angela Kvasnica
8:00 am Mass
Richard Lasky & Paul Liszewski
10:00 am Mass
Irene Greenberg & Maryanne Topor
12:00 Noon Mass
Richard & Sylvia Komyatte

Respect Life

“'A person is a person no matter how small.”’
Dr. Seuss

Support Life; Get Involved
Everyone is invited to attend the upcoming Respect Life Meeting—Thursday, September 15th 6:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.

Questions? Call Leslie Dernulc at (219) 741-3739.

Bulletin Deadlines
All bulletin articles must be submitted via email at least two (2) weeks in advance in order to meet all printing deadlines. Thank you for your assistance.

Vocations Committee
Lord of the harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving, for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

Join us each week as we pray:

Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel
for our priests and the
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:00 p.m.

Come and pray for your family’s needs and petitions.
It was a full house at the Munster Community Pool for the St. Thomas More School annual Back to School Pool Party. Beautiful weather and our wonderful STMS families made it a great night of fun!
**Asian Catholic Unity Day**

Join us for the Asian Catholic Unity Day Celebration

**Sunday, September 25th**

- Mass at 2:00 p.m.
- Celebrant: Bishop Donald Hying

Our Lady of Consolation Church
8303 Taft Street
Merrillville

Social Hour after Mass with food and entertainment.

For planning purposes please RSVP to (219) 397-2125 or email: atorres@degary.org

In this Year of Mercy let us help the poor. Please bring to the Mass non-perishable food items (canned or boxed food).

**Shoe Collection**

Sojourner Truth House (a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ) is collecting shoes (any kind, any condition) now through October 2, 2016.

Deposit shoes in the box labeled Sojourner Truth House in the main church vestibule or weekdays in the box by the Parish Office. Shoes in good condition will be given to the homeless. Shoes in not so good condition will be refurbished. Thank you.

**Altar & Rosary Society**

We are excited to announce our upcoming fall events. All women of our parish are invited and encouraged to join the Altar & Rosary Society. We enjoy both spiritual and personal fellowship as we work to help those less fortunate and other worthy causes inside and outside of our parish. Please join us.

**Chili Bingo**

**Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.**

Chef Kathleen Pagorek will once again make her famous chili for us to enjoy while we play bingo.

Altar & Rosary will provide hot dogs, chili and desserts.

All women attending should bring a new $10 prize that evening (please give to Therese Sons upon arriving).

**70th Anniversary**

Celebrate the remarkable occasion of 70 years at STM

**Sunday, October 9th at 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Breakfast to follow in the Cafeteria for those who make a reservation. To reserve your spot, please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 by October 5th.

For more information about the Altar & Rosary Society or any of our scheduled events, please contact Therese at (219) 844-7715, Kathleen at (219) 972-0539 or Cindy at (219) 923-9862.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 5th • Sunday, November 6th**

Join us for the Altar & Rosary's 31st Annual Bazaar.

Find unique and quality gifts for everyone on your list.

**Crafters & Business Vendors Wanted**

Contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079 or kaarenann@att.net for information and application.

For more information about the Altar & Rosary Society or any of our scheduled events, please contact Therese at (219) 844-7715, Kathleen at (219) 972-0539 or Cindy at (219) 923-9862.
**Holy Name Society**

Our next regular meeting will be **Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for the Rosary, followed by our business meeting and refreshments. Discussion will involve the Evening of Reflection.

Reserve your spot now for September 27th for an Evening of Reflection with Bishop Donald Hying. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first served basis. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to spend spiritual time with other men of our parish and our Bishop.

**Evening of Reflection**

All men of the parish are invited to attend our retreat **September 27th at 6:00 p.m.**

at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program to follow Mass. Our retreat leader will be **Bishop Donald J. Hying.**

Seating is on a first come, first served basis with limited capacity. A donation of $20 per person is requested.

**Reservation Form**

Please enclose your payment in an envelope with this reservation form and place it in the Sunday collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office, or mail to:

St. Thomas More
8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

No later than September 13th.

Name_________________________________________

Phone_________________________________________

Email_________________________________________

Amount Enclosed ($20/guest) $____________________

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**Music Ministry at STM**

**Handbell Choir**

We are in need of several adult Handbell Choir members and a few Youth Handbell Choir members in grades 4 through 12 to join our handbell choirs for the fall. Choir members need to be available to practice on Wednesday evenings on a regular basis and available to play at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass, Christmas Eve Mass (youth members) and occasional other Masses on the weekend. Some basic ability to read music is desirable.

**Youth Chorale**

We are looking for older youth who are skilled at singing harmony, boys with changing voices to sing 3-part harmony, and young, energetic choir members looking for a challenge. The Youth Chorale is open to all parish students in 2nd through 8th grade. We sing twice a month at Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass. Practices are from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on days that we sing. We also sing for Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Mass. Share your singing talent with your parish!

The choir begins on Sept. 10th.

To learn more about these music ministries, or to sign-up, please contact Laura Javorka at (219)836-8610 ext. 306 or ljavorka@stm-church.com.

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**STM Travelers**

**Sign-up now! Hurry! Call the Parish Office ASAP!**

**Trip to Sanfilippo Home & Museum Christmas Concert in Barrington, IL**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016 • Cost: $108 Per Person**

This glorious concert is extremely popular and because of this we are inviting you to sign up now so we don’t miss out on tickets. This special day includes the concert, lunch, a short tour of the museum, transportation and all gratuities.

There is a deadline for signing up since we must guarantee a minimum of 40 people to attend.

What a beautiful way for us to begin the Christmas season!

All other details of this trip will be in the Sunday bulletin as we approach the December 8th date.

Sign up now in the Parish Office so you don’t miss this inspirational Christmas concert in its fabulous setting.

There’s nothing else like it!

Remember, we need a final count to guarantee our tickets for this beautiful show and home.

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**Synod 2016**

**Vocations and Leadership Formation**

This month, we reflect on our final area of focus for Synod 2017: vocations and leadership formation. “Any organization which seeks to flourish must attend to the calling, development and sustaining of good leadership,” Bishop Donald Hying wrote in his pastoral letter. Among the questions he posed is, “How do we create a culture of vocation in our families and parishes that is so pervasive that young people naturally discern what the Lord is calling them to do?” Read his full pastoral letter available at your parish or online at www.dcgary.org and learn more about the synod at www.dcgary.org/synod.htm.

**Be a part of the future of our Church!**

Plan to attend our parish discussion session on October 15th. Sign up information will be in mid-September bulletins.
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Life is interesting sometimes. Do you ever think about taking inventory on your progress in measuring up to Christ’s teachings? How did I react to someone who had no clothes…How did I feel about those who were homeless…What did I do when I heard or saw someone was sick…Did I really help the person who had nothing to eat? The list goes on and on; what if I had done this or that, or what could I do?
As we reach the end of summer and look towards fall, it is a good time to be introspective and think about how we might help someone else. We may decide to help with time, treasure, or prayer. As you decide, please consider helping the less fortunate that the St. Vincent de Paul Society helps. Contribute your time and join the St. Vincent de Paul Society, or use your treasures and donate food to feed the poor or assist the needy in paying their utility bills.
Finally, you could join us in our prayers for the less fortunate. As always, the St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates all the help you provide us.
If you would like to help replenish our pantry, we will happily accept any donations of the following food items:

- Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Tomato Products or Canned Pasta
- Canned Meat
- Canned Poultry
- Meal Helpers
- Cake Mixes
- Cake Frosting
- Jell-O
- Beans
- Pork & Beans
- Toilet Paper
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste

Thank you and God bless you!

Please join us on our journey to help others!

Friends of the Poor Walk/Run
Get your walking shoes out!!
Jesus walked many steps for us on earth teaching us his ways. One of them included helping others. Let us all walk beside him in this annual event.
The annual walk raises monetary funds that will directly support those served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish. Walkers are encouraged to make a personal donation and collect pledges from supporters.
One may also make a donation if they are unable to walk.
The walk will be held at Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point
**September 24, 2016**
Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.
Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.
You may pre-register. Forms to do this are in the Parish Office or you may sign up the weekend of September 10 and 11 after all the Masses.
To learn more about the event you may go online to the website, www.fopwalk.org. A picnic is served after the walk.

Senior Citizen News
The St. Thomas More Senior Citizen group will soon begin activities for the upcoming year.
All senior members of our parish are invited to join this cheerful and energetic group of people.
Meetings are held twice a month at the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster at 1:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).
In addition, we meet monthly for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please consider joining us...you’ll be glad you did!

**September Meeting Dates:**
**Wednesday, September 7th**
Business Meeting
Guest Speakers: Representatives from Park Place Senior Living in St. John, IN.

**Thursday, September 22nd**
Social Gathering
Reminder: $10 yearly dues should be submitted at this meeting.

**Wednesday, October 5th**
Business Meeting
Guest Speakers: STM Ministries Update
Watch the bulletin for more information coming soon.
We have a great year planned for our STM Seniors!

Florida Seniors News
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**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, September 15, 2016**
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

**Handling a Job Fair**
- Research companies beforehand
- Prepare your “Elevator Pitch”
- Bring plenty of resumes
- Have a good handshake

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.
“Diaper the Diocese”
Diaper Drive
August -September 2016
Help infants throughout the Gary Diocese by donating.

Planting Possibility Events
Mum Sale at Sarkey’s Florist
8944 Erie Street in Highland
Saturday, September 17th
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Beautiful florist-grade mums in all colors and sizes, including patio pots. Also featuring select garden vegetables and heirloom tomatoes grown by our Planting Possibilities students at Campagna Academy.

Golf for Possibilities Golf Charity Golf Outing
Scherwood Golf Course in Schererville
Saturday, September 10th
7:00 a.m. buffet breakfast followed by shotgun start. Noon buffet lunch featuring silent auction, door prizes & awards $120 per golfer (individual and foursome signup information) at plantingpossibilities.org/golf or register online at golf4possibilities.eventbrite.com.

Marriage Date Night
Saturday, October 1st from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. (CDT)
Don Quijote Restaurant •119 E Lincolnway in Valparaiso.
You and your spouse are invited to spend time together, share a meal, listen to a talk and enjoy fellowship with other Catholic married couples. Contact Sean Martin, Diocese of Gary at smartin@dcgary.org or 219-769-9292 for info or to register.

Andean High School
An educational environment you can believe in!
Andean Open House
Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library
5959 Broadway • Merrillville, IN 46410
Parents and students are welcome to come early and attend the Freshmen Football game at 5:00 p.m. or the Freshmen/JV Volleyball game at 5:30 p.m.
Join us afterwards for our theater coffeehouse performance or watch our Varsity Volleyball team play at 7:00pm.
Questions? (219) 887-5959 or communications@andreanhs.com

Bishop Noll News
BNI All-Alumni Mass
All Bishop Noll alumni are invited to the Alumni Mass Together Sunday, September 18th at 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Grace Church • 3205 Highway Avenue in Highland
Alums from Bishop Noll & Catholic Central are invited, whether or not they are celebrating reunions this year.
The BNI Choir, directed by David Herr, will sing during Mass.

Reach for the Stars Raffle
Grand Prize: $20,000 • 2nd Prize: $5,000 • 3rd Prize: $2,000 4th to 7th Prizes: $500. Donation is only $10 (Parish Office).

Blue Army of Fatima
“I come here from Heaven, I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. If people do as I ask, many souls will be converted and there will be peace.”

Of all the Marian apparitions, none so captivated the world than at Fatima. As we begin the Centennial, all are invited to the Blue Army of Fatima Hour of Prayer:
Every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Honoring Our Lady of Fatima & Praying for Our Country
Tuesday, September 13th - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Pierogi Sales
Pierogis from St. Josaphat Ukranian Catholic Church are back! Call your order in by Wednesday, September 7th and pick up on Friday, September 9th (leave the quantity and flavor you’d like on the answering machine). (219) 838-9811. See you soon!

Wounded Healers
Heal with Wounded Healers Grief Support. Separate group sessions for those grieving the death of a spouse, parent/sibling/friend, child/grandchild or loss due to suicide. Advanced groups: “Parents Moving Forward” & “Coming Back” groups are also offered for those who wish to continue their grief healing. Sessions are 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. James (Kennedy & 45th) in Highland. The fall session has already begun with meetings as follows:
- September 7
- September 21
- October 5
- October 19
- November 2 (speaker)
Contact us at (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers.com.

Polish-American Cultural Society of NWI
Portage Chapter
Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving Street in Portage. The Portage meeting will feature guest speakers Ed and Karen Seykowski, who recently served as English teachers to youth in Poland through the Global Volunteers program.

Michigan City Chapter
Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 21st 5:00 p.m. in the St. Mary School Building, 321 W. 11th Street in Michigan City. Public is invited; for more info, call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369.

St. James the Less Events
St. James Book Club
The St. James the Less Book Club will be sharing thoughts on the book “Beautiful Mercy” which focuses on the 7 corporal and 7 spiritual works of mercy. Meetings are every Thursday from October 6th to October 27th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Attend an Orientation Session on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for book club participants at a cost of $3. For more info: Phyllis Steiner at (219)934-0967.

First Responders Breakfast
The K of C from St. James the Less Parish is hosting a First Responders Breakfast on September 11th from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The breakfast cost will be a free-will donation and is open to the public. For info contact Dan Mills at (219) 801-5250 or dmills1126@att.net.

Polish Heritage Festival
Sunday, September 11th at the Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City, IN with main celebrant Bishop Hying for the Polish-English Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Symphony Garden. Noon to 5:00 p.m.: food from Polish churches & bakeries, polka music & dancing by area bands/groups, raffles, beer garden & more. Admission is $5 (children under 12 free) www.facebook.com/PolishHeritageFestivalMC

Events at The Shrine
Golf Classic
Join us for the annual Shrine Golf Classic on September 12th for a day of golf, food & friends! Golf Classic hotline: (219) 616-1760.

Fontanini Signing
The Shrine of Christ’s Passion will be a site for a House of Fontanini Signing Event. Fontanini, now operated by the family’s 4th generation, operates from the village of Bagni di Lucca in Italy where it originated in 1908. A family member will be at the Shrine on December 8. Times to be announced.

Benefit Jazz Concert
The St. Maria Goretti Jazz Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2016, at Casa Maria Banquet Hall, 500 Northgate Drive, Dyer, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Reservations are required. Tickets are $40 per person and include live music by Jim Markiewicz & Smooth Groove, wine tasting, hors d’oeuvres, and dessert. Full cash bar available. Please call (219) 865-5482 to make reservations. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry.

Travel to St. Frances Cabrini with St. Matthias
St. Matthias will be hosting an outing to St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Allen Park, MI to attend the Passion and Purpose Conference with Matthew Kelly, Catholic author. Trip package includes bus transportation, hotel (double occupancy), dinner, breakfast, snacks and the conference. Bus leaves Friday, October 7th and returns Saturday, October 8th. For info or reservations, contact Jackie Gentry at (219) 663-4281 or jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.

Unite & Fight Cancer Walk & 5K Run
Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the Munster High football field. Noon registration with a 1:00 walk/run start. Kid’s 100 yard dash at 12:50 p.m. Get your team now. (219) 836-3349 for info.

Crafters Needed
Crafters needed for St. Stephen the Martyr 2016 Craft Fair to be held at Our Lady of Consolation Church on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 to 4:00. Please contact (219) 980-9348 for info.

Assistance Needed at Sharing Meadows
Sharing Meadows is recruiting counselors, cooks, and nurses for our fall Mini-Camps. Camp Sharing Meadows is a weekend mini-camp for developmentally challenged (other-abled) adults who participate in communal camp activities with their counselors and each other, all while growing in their relationship with God.

Mini Camp Dates: September 9-11 • October 14-16
November 11-13 • December 9-11.
Spend just one weekend with us. You won’t regret it. camp@sharefoundation.org or call (219) 778-2585.

“In truth I tell you, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” Matthew 25:45