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St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church
8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor………………………Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 312
myadron@stm-church.com
Associate Pastor………………Reverend Jordan C. Fetcko; Ext. 314
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Senior Deacon……………………Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Deacons ………………………………David Kapala, KHS
…………………………………………………Joseph Stodola, KHS
…………………………………………………Daniel Zurawski, KHS
Director of Finance ………………..Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Pastoral Care Coordinator……Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 313
Director of Music …………………Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education ………Emily Hackett; Ext. 332
Director of Development ………….Amanda Herbst; Ext. 342

Parish Office Staff

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Environment & Art…………………………… 836-8610
Eucharistic Ministers ……………………..Deacon Dan Zurawski 742-6005
Hospitality/Greeters ……………………..Chris Shearman 923-1419
Lectors …………………………………………..William McDunn 922-9459
Nursery …………………………………………………….Kaaren A. Mushara 836-5079
St. Vincent de Paul ………………………………..Michael Martineelli 836-8610
Vocations Committee …………..Mary Kochis 322-7262

2016-2017 Pastoral Council Members

Joe Dubczak, Chairperson …………………….Deborah Jarvis
Wendy Jasinski ………………………………Nancy Klawitter
Jim Landowski ……………………………..Paul Liszewski
Joe O’Brien ……………………………………..Kurt Popovich
Jim Secciar …………………………………….Dwight Reed
Cheryl Staniszewski …………………………Cindy Thompson

St. Thomas More School
Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday–Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Web Site………………………………………….www.stm-school.com
School Phone ……………………..836-9151 School Fax ……………………..836-0982
President ………………………….Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Principal ………………………………Jay Harker; Ext. 328
Assistant Principal ………………..Cynthia Block; Ext. 328
School Administrative Assistant ………..Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
School Reception & Office Associate ………Sandra Steele; Ext. 329
Home & School Association ………..Kris Miller; (312) 909-8156
Parish & School Offices Associate ……..Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 311
School Admissions ………….Pam Pasyk; Ext. 309

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

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. 332
Grades K through 8 — Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education ……………………………Allen Blocher
Parish Life ………………………………………..Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice ………………………….Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship ……………………………..Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship ………………………………………….Noreen Bickel

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society …………..Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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 …………………………………………Kevin Ranos Kevin.ranos@sbcglobal.net
Finance …………………………………………..Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project ………………………………..Marilyn Glennon 836-8610
Garden Club ………………………………………….Paul Mazerek 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth ……………………Bermadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ………………………………………….Renee Whelan 796-6809
Holy Name Society ………………………………..836-8610
Knights of Columbus …………………..W. Frank Lewandowski (708)466-7039
Oblates ………………………………………..Denise Gard 836-9115
Respect Life ………………………………………..Leslie Demule (219)741-3739
Senior Citizens ………………………………..Herb Clevy 670-2982
The Travelers Club …………………….Lois Quinn 836-7902
Ushers Club ……………………………………….Jim Marmalejo 836-1463
Venture Crew …………………………………….Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning
### Celebrants

**Saturday, February 11**  
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  

**Sunday, February 12**  
6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron  
10:00 a.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko  
12:00 Noon Fr. Jordan Fetcko

### Servers

**SATURDAY, February 11**  
8:30 am D. & K. O’Shea  
5:30 pm G. & I. Scalzo, D. Urbaniak, E. & T. Zabrecky  
MC ~ Ricky

**SUNDAY, February 12**  
6:30 am J. M. & S. Fugger  
8:00 am D. Smith, E. Sopko, K. Yaeger, T. Walsh, J. Cipowski/MC ~ Matt. N.  
10:00 am S. O’Rourke, J. Olivencia, C. & P. Olsen, C. Osmulski/ MC ~ Xavian  
12:00 pm N. Brough, C. & J. Diaz/ MC ~ Tim

### 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.

### Bulletin Deadlines

All bulletin articles must be submitted via email at least two (2) weeks in advance. Thank you for your assistance.

### Sacrificial Offerings

**January 29, 2017**

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*Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!*
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the light of the world.” Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be “the salt of the earth” and like a lamp on a lamppost that “gives light to all in the house.” Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is “the light of the world” (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that “your light must shine before others,” he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that “loses its taste” or light that is hidden “under a bushel basket”? It’s important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

Vocations Committee

It is said that the need for vocations in the United States is great. We have 3,500 parishes without a residential priest. Add Canada and the number rises to 5,200.

Without priests, there is no Eucharist. The number of sisters is down to what it was 100 years ago!

Let’s all take stock, pray and improve the situation.

Nursery Schedule

The parish Nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, located off the narthex (main entrance) of the church.

Sunday, February 12
Ann Harkenrider • Kaaren Mashura
Allison Rusnak

Sunday, February 19
Jennifer Boswell • Susie Kinsella

Sunday, February 26
Jennifer Anderson • Kim Cipowski
DO NOT HIDE

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5:13-16)

The world in which we live has become a very frightening place. We read accounts about Christians in many places of our world being threatened, harmed, and even killed. Many people think that it is not very safe to be a Christian. Some things never change. It was like that in the very early days of the Church as well.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus was reminding His people that they had to be busy about doing the works of the Kingdom. He was reminding them that they had been given a rich array of gifts in order to accomplish the tasks that were needed. Some of His followers, Jesus well knew, would not use their gifts. They would hoard them or hide them. The gifts — and those people — would be useless.

It is only when the gifts of God are utilized that others can see the Kingdom flourishing in their midst. It is only when the gifts of God are seen in use by others that they get the encouragement that they need to use their gifts as well.

We have to be busy about doing the works of the Lord. We must be that shining lamp in the darkness. We must be that salt for the earth. We must be the very witnesses that others need in order to feel encouraged enough to live the life of a Christian as well.

That choice cannot be made for us. We need to decide for ourselves whether we really mean it when we say that we are Christian. If we mean it, we have to do more than pay it lip service. We have to get busy and do it.

FAITH ACTION: Do something for another person today so that you can put your faith into action in a positive, meaningful way.

VERY GRATEFUL

The biggest ministry of our parish would have to be the running of our parish school. A lot of time, energy, people-power, and finances go into our school. For that, I thank you for helping us maintain St. Thomas More School.

Throughout the years, many of our graduates have gone on to excel in high school and college. There have been quite a few who have been salutatorians or valedictorians in high school or college. That is a testament to the academic preparation that they received here.

Many of our students have also gone on to live exemplary lives of faith, dedicated their lives to service professions and/or volunteering a great amount of time to charitable causes.

That groundwork that is laid in our school is quite solid and helps our graduates to achieve.

As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, I take this opportunity once more to thank all of our administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents for what they do to make and keep our school so successful.

God bless you all!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During the Super Bowl, there was another football game of note between the big animals and the small animals. The big animals were crushing small animals and at half-time, the coach made a passionate speech to rally the little animals.

At the start of the second half the big animals had the ball. The first play, the elephant got stopped for no gain. The second play, the rhino was stopped for no gain. On third down, the hippo was thrown for a 5 yard loss.

The defense huddled around the coach and he asked excitedly, “Who stopped the elephant?”

“I did,” said the centipede.

“Who stopped the rhino?”

“Uh, that was me too,” said the centipede.

“And how about the hippo? Who hit him for a 5 yard loss?”

“Well, that was me as well,” said the centipede.

“So where were you during the first half?” demanded the coach.

“Well,” said the centipede, “I was having my ankles taped.”

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:

February 5: Rev. Vincent E. Eckert (1978)
February 6: Deacon Alexander Saims (2008)
February 8: Msgr. Frederick J. Westendorf (1963)
Rev. Robert E. Emmons (1965)
Religious Education

February Schedule

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Mrs. Magley’s Wednesday evening 7th grade Religious Formation class wrote letters to Pope Francis and they were pleased to receive a response. Watch upcoming bulletins for a copy of that response letter.

Diocesan Catechetical Conference

Looking for an opportunity to go away with the Lord and learn about your Catholic Faith? Join us at the Diocesan Catechetical Conference on

Saturday March 25, 2017
from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
St. Patrick Church in Chesterton!
Keynote Speakers: Bishop Hying & Bob Rice.
Cost is $25 per person. Visit the Diocesan webpage to register today: www.dcgary.org/conference.

Lectors for the Week

Saturday, February 11
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Rob & Dorothy Mangus

Saturday, February 11
6:30 pm Mass
Cal Bellamy & Richard Gard

Sunday, February 12
6:30 am Mass
Loretta Krawczyk & Angela Kvasnica

Sunday, February 12
8:00 am Mass
John Kovach & Sue Wilson

Sunday, February 12
10:00 am Mass
Irma Hernandez & Maryanne Topor

Sunday, February 12
12:00 Noon Mass
Bernadine Barrett & Marilyn Pajor

Senior Citizen News

All senior members of our parish are invited to join. Meetings are held twice a month at the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet in Munster at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted). In addition, we meet monthly for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Saturday, February 18th
Pizza Party
12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.

Wednesday, March 1st
Business Meeting
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

Saturday, March 18th
Pot Luck Luncheon
12:00 Noon — 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Help Planting Possibilities

Planting Possibilities, in conjunction with Campagna Academy, is in search of (appropriate) magazines with glossy pages for a collage/decoupage project. If you have magazines that you don’t need, recycle them with us by dropping them off in the designated box by the Parish Office.

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join us for our next meeting

Monday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.
In the Solar Room.
We will begin with the Rosary and follow with a brief meeting, discussion and planning for our March Fish Fry and conclude with refreshments. We hope to see you there.

Holy Name Fish Fry
Friday March 10th in the St. Thomas More Gym

Oblates of St. Benedict

Saturday, February 11th
10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon
in the STM Conference Room
All are welcome: bring the kids, your family & your neighbors!
Continue Studying the Psalms-Royal Kingdom.

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Friday March 10th in the St. Thomas More Gym

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Feel the Love
at St. Thomas More School

Valentine’s Day Party
All children, ages 2 to 5, and their parents are
taxied to a fun morning of “lovely” activities.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day early with
a snack, crafts and games.

Sunday, February 12th
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Weis Center (next to the Munster Library)
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
Free • Fun • You’ll “Love” It!

Please RSVP to Marcie no later than Friday, February 10th
to: mburzynski@stm school.com or (219) 836-2660.

Not planning to attend St. Thomas More School?
Doesn’t matter! This is a community event, so join us!

Catholic Schools Week 2017
Celebrating Vocations

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated each year by approximately 8,000 Catholic schools across the United States. The week, themed “Catholic Schools—Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service” highlights the advantages of a faith-based Catholic education and offers open houses, special masses, service projects and activities for families, parishioners and the community.

On Monday, January 30th, St. Thomas More School celebrated Vocations with a special question and answer session for 5th-8th grade students and classroom visits for the 1st to 4th grade students. Our thanks to Fr. Mike, Fr. Jordan and Deacons Dave Kapala, Joe Stodola and Napoleon Tabion for giving our students an opportunity to learn more about the call to serve God and His people.
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
February 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Elevator Pitch
3 Steps ...“3 Minutes”

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.

St. Vincent de Paul
St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society deeply appreciates the generosity of our parishioners and STM organizations. They graciously provide food and funds year-round to help our neighbors in need.

This year at Thanksgiving and Christmas we distributed a total of 155 baskets to families with 130 children collectively. Baskets included turkey or ham and all the trimmings. In addition, we are thankful to the families of STMS, Gifts of Love & Warmth ministry & the Boy Scouts for their assistance in donating toys, scarves, hats and mittens and hours of service.

What we need most now is new members to become Vincentians.
We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Parish Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.
We need people to handle “utility” calls (can be done from home). We need people to help with “food” calls and we need teams to deliver food to homes in Munster and South Hammond.

Please consider joining and becoming a Vincentian now.
To find out more about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Mike Martinelli, President at (219) 836-8610.

Ultra-Sound Tech Needed
The Women's Care Center, a pregnancy resource center operated by Catholic Charities at 7127 Indianapolis Blvd. in Hammond needs a Ultra Sound Technician (or qualified nurse) for ultrasounds of pregnant clients. Part-time or full time.
Email resume, salary & position request to: wccnwi@gmail.com.

Ethnic Bake Sale
The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 81 is having an ethnic bake sale on Saturday, February 18th, beginning at 2pm until sold out. At the St. John the Baptist Winter Festival in Whiting. Homemade bread, nut roll, roshky, nut cups, cakes, cookies and more will be available. Senior Day at 2:00 p.m., come early for the best selection. Proceeds benefit St. John School.

SPRED Meeting
We continue to find families with a child, adolescent, young adult, or adult with developmental or intellectual challenges, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or learning disabilities. SPRED is a unique program unlike any you have come to know. It is not a teaching program but one is which we come to know God through our ordinary life experience as well as through our senses. We need 8 adult volunteers and invite you to our next meeting on: Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at: St. Mary Parish, 525 N. Broadway in Griffith.