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Lv 19:2

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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
jfetcko@stm-church.com
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........................................... Joseph Stodola, 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
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Parish Office Staff

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Vocations Committee ...................... Mary Kochis 322-7262

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Joe Dubczak, Chairperson ................. Deborah Jarvis
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Joe O’Brien .................................... Kurt Popovich
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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
President ........................................ Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
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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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Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K 8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321
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Fax ............................................... 836-2655

Sacramental Information
Confessions ...........................................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
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@sbglobal.net
Finance ........................................... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project ................................. Marilyn Glennon 836-8610
Garden Club ...................................... Paul Mazerek 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth ..................... Bernadine 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 Cleve 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.
SUNDAY, February 19 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Jerome Baker (Ann.) by Gus & Kathy Georgelas
10:00 am Joseph Kapala (Ann.) by Kapala Family
12:00 pm Geraldine Lesko by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Zepinski & Family

MONDAY, February 20
6:30 am Irene French by Judy & Julius Ballanco
8:30 am Raymond Holloway by Bob, Jackie & Olivia Webb

TUESDAY, February 21 — St. Peter Damian
6:30 am Leroy Gauger (Ann.) by Virginia & Robert Gauger
8:30 am Patrick Quinn (Ann.) by Wife Lois
10:00 am Albert Bowne by STM Holy Name Society
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 1)

WEDNESDAY, February 22 — Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
6:30 am Charles Mullany by Family
8:30 am Joseph Bertram by Arthur Giannini

THURSDAY, February 23 — St. Polycarp
6:30 am Mary Ellen McGinley by Jim & Mona Callahan
9:00 am Greg Drobac (Ann.) by Helen Drobac

FRIDAY, February 24
6:30 am Harry Kender by Jim & Arlene Kender
8:30 am Robert Hatfield (Ann.) by Wife & Grandchildren

SATURDAY, February 25
8:30 am Carol Carollo by Jim, Laura & Diane Branchini
5:30 pm Intention of Tamara Gregory & Children by Ronald & Charlotte Conn

SUNDAY, February 26 — Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Genevieve Liszewski (Ann.) by Family
10:00 am Jack DeBoer (Ann.) by Wife Patricia
12:00 pm Jack DeBoer (Ann.) by Wife Patricia

Readings for Week of February 19

SUNDAY:   Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
MONDAY:   Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
TUESDAY:  Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
WEDNESDAY: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19
THURSDAY: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
FRIDAY:   Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12
SATURDAY: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

Sacrificial Offerings
February 12, 2017

Adult  $ 21,609.00
Children $ 2,202.00
Loose   $ 110.84
TOTAL   $ 23,921.84

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

Pastoral Care Ministry
The Pastoral Care Ministry is composed of caring lay ministers whose primary function is to distribute the Eucharist to parishioners. To arrange for a Pastoral Care visit for a hospitalized or homebound family member, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 313 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

Bulletin Deadlines
Throughout the year bulletin deadlines alter with holiday and vacation schedules. To be sure that your information is included in the appropriate issues, please submit all bulletin articles via email at least two (2) weeks in advance. Thank you.
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

These instructions don’t come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us.

But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that—although it may not change the heart of our “enemies”—will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Mary Anhalt
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Linda Braun
Stephanie Burney
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Irene Detterm
Ann DeVoy
Mary Pat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D’Orazio
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
John Ford
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Gray
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Charles Helms
Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Mary Jo Humphfer
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Inghretson
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Janrose
Stanley Jayjack
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Kriozmanic
Isabella Lappo
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Jo Lisiiniewicz
Edward Liskiiewicz
Staley Liskiiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandl Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
David Moll
Elissa Moll
Genevieve Mrvan
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowacyzk
Clare O’Brien
Valerie O’Donnell
Danny Ogren
Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Mary Favoic
Johanna Petruc
Angelo Petruangaro
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilone
Ron Plewniak
Sylvester Porrass
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Shirley Romanyak
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Sciff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Ruth Siorek
Nick Skinner
Lyla Skonupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Barbara Szpyczak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubiano
Tony Vanden Heuel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanch
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczynski
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, February 19
Blue & Gold Dinner in the Gym at 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, February 20
5:45 pm Handbell Practice (until 7:00 pm) ~ Church
6:30 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, February 21
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, February 22
9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Teachers’ Lounge
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul ~ Conference Room
7:15 pm Handbell Practice (until 8:30 pm) ~ Church

THURSDAY, February 23
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, February 24
9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room

SATURDAY, February 25
9:00 am Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room

SUNDAY, February 26
St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection at All Masses

Vocations Committee

Being Called from the community!

Has anyone in our parish encouraged you to consider becoming a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Who do you think would make a good priest of religious?

Have you ever checked it out with any of the parishioners you know?

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 19
Jennifer Boswell
Susie Kinsella

Sunday, February 26
Jennifer Anderson
Kim Cipowski

To volunteer in the Nursery, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.
BE LIKE THE LORD

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy. You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

(Lv 19:1-2,17-18)

Today’s first reading is very timely. It seems that we live in a day and age where forgiveness has gone out of the window. No one appears to be willing to forgive. Instead, many people harbor grudges. Those grudges, if left to fester long enough, develop into full blown hatred.

God did not create us to hate. He created us to participate in His love. He challenged us to look out for the good of others. He wanted us to live in peace.

We know that did not work out. If you read the Bible, you can find reference after reference about wars and insurrections, about evils being visited upon enemies, about tragedies being revenged, and about a whole host of ill will toward others. Just because we read about it does not mean that we have to perpetuate it.

For, in each of those cases, God spoke through the prophets and challenged the people to live in peace. In the New Testament, God spoke to us, not through the prophets, but through His own Son. Jesus had the same message: love, forgive, cherish, nurture.

What has gone so terribly wrong, then, that our world seems to have turned itself upside down? Why is there so much hate in the world? Why do so many not care about the needs of others? Why do we embrace unrest rather than peace?

Is it too late for us? Has so much sin entered the world that we cannot turn around and go back to the Lord? I do not believe that. I believe that there is still hope, that there is still love, that there is still mercy, and that there are still people who have faith and believe in those virtues as well.

As a people of faith, we have to set the example for the world around us. If we want peace, we will have to live as peacemakers. If we want forgiveness, we will have to be quick to forgive. If we want mercy, we must show mercy to all.

To do any of that properly, we must look deep within, for we must love people as ourselves. If we do not love ourselves, how can we love others? See yourself as God sees you: a wonderful work of creation, a person of beauty, grace, and love.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who have wronged you and ask God to give you the grace needed to forgive them.

PRESIDENTS DAY

Tomorrow, Monday, February 20th, our school and school office will be closed as our administration, faculty, and students observe Presidents’ Day.

Established in 1885 in recognition of our first president, George Washington — and then later focusing on Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln — Presidents’ Day has morphed into a holiday whereby we recognize all of our Presidents and what they have done for and meant to our country.

As presidents come and go, people have often been quite vocal and/or critical about our leaders. We put a lot on them because they represent our futures, all that we hope to become.

In the final analysis, we have always been a nation who looks to the future. On Presidents’ Day, we remember those in our past who have helped shape our country and we look forward to what is yet to be. As Irving Berlin wrote in 1918, “God bless America, land that I love!”

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Little Presidential Humor

Why did George Washington have trouble sleeping? Because he couldn’t lie

What do you call George Washington’s false teeth? Presidentures

What would you get if you crossed the first US president with an animated character? George Washington

Why did they call Lincoln Honest Abe? Because that’s what it said on all his campaign buttons

Why did Abe Lincoln grow a beard? He wanted to look like that guy on the five-dollar bill

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:

Religious Education

February Schedule
22/23  Class

March Schedule
1/2  No Class— Ash Wednesday
8/9  Class
11  Sacrament of First Penance
   9:30 a.m. in the Church
15/16 Class
22/23 Class
29/30 No Class — Spring Break

April Schedule
5/6  Class
7  Confirmation Practice
   6:00 p.m. in the Church
8  Confirmation 10:30 a.m. in the Church
   All STM 8th Grade Students
12/13 No Class — Holy Week
19/20 Class
26/27 Last Class (except 3rd Grade students)

March Schedule
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Lectors for the Week
Sunday, February 26
6:30 am Mass
Virgil Ramirez & Micki Richter
8:00 am Mass
Dan Buksa & Richard Lasky
10:00 am Mass
Jim Hus & Hope Terzo
12:00 Noon Mass
Julie Blanford & Keesha Hardaway

Saturday, February 25
5:30 pm Mass
Ruth Banas & Jay Gianotti

Sunday, February 26
6:30 am Mass
Chapel: Carla Covelli
8:00 am Mass
Main: James & Nancy Kaczka
   Chapel: Mary Silvasi
   Choir: Christie & Katie Kordeck
10:00 am Mass
Main: Diane Ayala
   Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha
12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Diane Gralewski
   Chapel: Susan Anglin
   Choir: Pat Batchelder

Become a Secular Franciscan
Do you want to follow the Gospel in the path of St. Francis of Assisi? Interested in becoming a Secular Franciscan? Come to Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan Call Out and hear from Secular Franciscans about living the gospel way of life, our community and serving the poor. We are men & women, living in the world as married or single Catholics, who gather to share our faith, serve the poor & pray. Join us

Saturday, February 25th
10:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s in Griffith
or
Saturday, March 11th
10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph’s in Dyer.

Hear the calling to serve the poor. PAX ET BONUM.
Learn more by calling Joy McCullough, OFS at 219.838.4104.

Thank You
from Sojourner Truth House
Our deepest thanks to the parishioners of St. Thomas More for assisting in our “Soles in Step” Collection. We collected 1062 bags, 26,550 pairs and 25,408 pounds of shoes. Because of your help, we raised $10,163 for homeless and at-risk women and children. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Join the Knights of Columbus
Friday, March 3rd -- 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
in the St. Thomas More Gym.

Menu:
Battered Cod (2 pieces)—$10 • Baked Cod (2 pieces)—$10
Shrimp—$10 • Child Portion Dinners—$5
All Dinners include:
French Fries • Bread & Butter • Coffee • Condiments
Serve-Yourself-Sides: Cole Slaw, Salads, 3-Bean Salad & Beets
Pop, Desserts, Beer & Wine will be available.

************* 50/50 Raffle *************

Proceeds support scholarships for STMS graduates attending Catholic high schools, SVDP Thanksgiving turkeys, local Seminarians, Gabriel Project, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, Planting Possibilities, Campagna Academy and more.
Students Headed to State Science Olympiad

St. Thomas More School is Successful at Regional Competition

The Science Olympiad Regional Competition was held on Saturday, February 11th at Purdue University Northwest, hosting 15 area schools to compete in 21 different scientific disciplines. Approximately 35 St. Thomas More School students took part and many will be headed to the state competition next month at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

In preparation for the competition, our students work 3 to 4 days per week after school and dedicate many more hours at home studying, building and perfecting their specific projects.

The Science Olympiad teams are under the direction of 7th/8th grade science teacher, Katrina Keilman, and a host of enthusiastic and devoted parent volunteers. We are thankful to all of these adult mentors for their help and guidance in preparing these young scientific minds for their competitions and the world of science beyond grade school.

The knowledge of these students is truly impressive! Good luck at State!
Join us for a St. Thomas More School

Open House

This Week:
Tuesday, February 21st
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Student Ambassadors
Art Club
Band
Boy Scouts

Choir
Chess Club
4-H
Girl Scouts
Girls-on-the-Run

Leadership Committee
Lectors
Media Club
Musical Productions
National Junior Honor Society

Rainbows
Safety Patrol
Science Olympiad
Spelling Bee
Student Council
...and more!

Weis Center
(Preschool & Pre-K):
8635 Calumet Avenue
(next to Munster Library)

Main School Building
(Grades K to 8):
8435 Calumet Avenue
Munster

For more information or to schedule a
personal tour at another time, please contact
Pam Pasyk:
(219) 836-9151, ext. 309 or
ppasyk@stm-school.com
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.

Save the Date!
Holy Name Fish Fry on Friday March 10th
in the St. Thomas More Gym

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St. Vincent de Paul

We at St. Vincent de Paul are thankful to the families of our
parish and school, 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.

Our SVDP Pantry

needs the following:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Mac & Cheese
Tuna
Soup
Crackers
Canned Fruit
Canned Meats
Toilet Paper
Laundry Soap
Shampoo for Men & Women
Adult Tooth Brushes
Adult Toothpaste
Children’s Tooth Brushes
Children’s Toothpaste

We especially need new members!
The more people in our ministry, the more good we can do to
serve those in need. Come to our next meeting and see what
we’re all about. You’ll be glad that you did!

Send Us Your Anniversary Info

Celebrate your love and share the joy of your marriage
with our parish community!
Email your wedding photo, anniversary date and the year
and location of your wedding
(and anything else you’d like to share) to:
Pam Pasyk at pasiswa@stm-school.com.
Watch the parish/school Facebook page on your
anniversary for it to appear.

Why not celebrate the success of your marriage and your special
bond of Holy Matrimony with your fellow parishioners?
Whether it’s been one or 65+ years, we want to hear from you!
A strong marriage is something to be celebrated!

St. Patrick’s Day Party

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Fun St. Pat’s Day activities and a light dinner for children age 5
to 6 (who will be entering kindergarten in the fall).
Open to the entire community.
Watch the bulletin for more details coming soon.

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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.

Gabriel Project Ministry
Please Help!

Again we are coming to our fellow parishioners for your aid. We are helping a pregnant mom who is in desperate need of a bed. She can use a full or queen size only, as space is limited. Right now she is sleeping on an air mattress. If you or anyone you know is trying to get rid of a bed, please get in touch with me. She needs linens as well, but we could purchase those if necessary. We would be most grateful for any help you can give us. Please call: Marilyn Glennon at (219)515-2901. God's blessings to you!

Calling All STMS Alumni

St. Thomas More School is in the process of locating and updating its alumni records. Don’t miss out on new and upcoming events and reunions. If we have not heard from you in the past year, we may not have accurate information. We’d love to hear from you.

Update info for friends & relatives!
Please do not assume that we have your information! Contact Amanda Herbst at (219) 836-9151, # 342 or aherbst@stm-school.com
Thanks for your help. We’d love to hear from you!

Follow Us on Facebook!
There is always something exciting happening around here! Find out what takes place every day at St. Thomas More Church & School, so be sure to “like” us and follow us on Facebook.

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12:00 Noon — 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
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Ultra-Sound Tech Needed
The Women's Care Center, a Catholic Charities pregnancy resource center at 7127 Indianapolis Blvd. in Hammond needs 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.

Respect Life Corner

Lake County Right to Life Oratory Contest
Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring its annual Oratory Contest for all high school and junior high students. Contestants must be a Lake County, IN resident and essays should be written about one of the following topics:
Abortion • Infanticide • Euthanasia
Embryonic Stem Cell Research
Oratory Contest will take place at the Griffith-Calumet Public Library, 1215 E. 45th Avenue in Griffith on Saturday, April 15th — 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications for the contest can be obtained from Lake County Right to Life at office@lakecortl.org and should be submitted no later than March 17, 2017. Prizes are as follows:
High School Junior or Senior:
First Place — $250 to Student ($200 to Teacher or Coach)
Second Place — $150 to Student
High School Freshman or Sophomore:
First Place — $150 to Student
Junior High School Grades 6 to 8:
First Place — $150 to Student
For more information, please contact Luci Sadlowski at (219) 743-4360 or email: lsadlowski@lakecortl.org.

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.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
Save the date now for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception to be held on Saturday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, IN. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years of marriage are invited to take part. More information will follow.

Share Foundation Luncheon
The annual Share Foundation Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the Halls of St. George in Schererville.
Tickets are $35 per person and feature the following:
Delicious Meal • Door Prizes • Gift Baskets • Cash Raffle
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Wounded Healers
Sessions are available for those grieving the loss of a loved one (spouse or significant other, parent, sibling or friend, child or grandchild) including separate sessions for those dealing with loss due to suicide and a teen support group. Sessions are as follows: March 1 & 15 (with speaker)
For more info: 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.

New Volunteer Training at The Shrine
Volunteer training on February 22 at 6:00 p.m. at The Shrine. Each day volunteers at The Shrine help to bring Jesus Christ into a world that needs Him so desperately! Serve as a tour guide, manage sales at the Gift Shoppe, welcome guests or choose to be an Adopt-a-Station volunteer. Please consider joining our team by calling (219) 365-6010 to sign-up for training.

St. James Lenten Book Club
Do you know what starts on March 1? Lent! Join the St. James the Less Book Club as we read and share our thoughts about the book, The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering. We will meet every Thursday from March 2 to March 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come and sign up for the club on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. and receive a copy of the book at that time. Contact Phyllis Steiner at (219) 934-0967.

Bereavement Sessions
Thursday Evenings —February 23rd - April 6th
Following the loss of a loved one, a person may experience many different emotions. Trained Bereavement Ministers of St. Michael Ministry of Consolation & Hope are hosting educational and support group sessions on grief that include sharing and prayer. The seven sessions will begin on February 23rd and meet through April 6th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the SW meeting room of St. Patrick Hall. St. Michael, 1 Wilhelm Street in Schererville. Call Janice at (219) 322-4505, ext. 241 to register or for info.

St. Matthias Events

St. Matthias is located at 101 West Burrell Drive in Crown Point, IN and is hosting several upcoming events. (219) 663-2201.

Carnivale Weekend
Join St. Matthias for their Carnivale Weekend on February 24 & 25. Friday night features “A Night at the Races” from 6:00-10:00 p.m. with filmed horse races, Blackjack, special raffle, open bar, hot dogs, nachos and a potato bar. Saturday’s event is “Vegas Night Experience” from 5:00-11:00 p.m. featuring Bishop Hying spinning the Big Wheel, Vegas Night games, Blackjack, poker, bingo, special raffles, live auction, Grand Raffle, 4 buffets and an Open Bar. Tickets for each event are $10/night advance purchase or 15/night at the door. A weekend ticket is $20 advance or $25 at the door. For more info call the parish or email: jackiemgentry@yahoo.com. All proceeds benefit Catholic Education Programs at St. Matthias.

Soup and Salad Dinner
The St. Stephen, Martyr Men’s Club is having an AYCE Soup & Salad Dinner on Saturday, March 11th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall at 5920 Waite Street in Merrillville. The cost is $8 for adults, $4 for children (12 & under) and includes dessert & coffee. There will be a cash bar.