



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

God's mercy, love, and forgiveness are ours if we ask for it. As we continue our Easter celebration, let us do all that we can to live as an Easter people, a people immersed in the reality of God in this world and in the hope of the world yet to come.

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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Pre-School through 8th Grade

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

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

Celebrants

Saturday, April 29

8:00 p.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko

Sunday, April 30

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

Servers

SATURDAY, April 29

8:30 am A. & L. Forszt
 5:30 pm M. Caraher, S. Donovan, A. Kleszynski,
 G. & I. Scalzo/ MC ~ Nick

SUNDAY, April 30

6:30 am M. & S. McDunn, E. Miller
 8:00 am G. Kenning, B. Peters, M. Slivka, K. Yaeger,
 D. Smith/ MC ~ Matt N.
 10:00 am A. Klaich, S. O'Rourke, J. Olivencia,
 B. & M. Andrzejewski/ MC ~ Xavian
 12:00 pm E. Korwek, C. & D. O'Brien/ MC ~ Tim

Rest in Peace

Robert Boyle • Mary Manchak
 Grace Sokolinski

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

A reminder that all bulletin articles should be submitted to: bulletin@stm-church.com at least two (2) weeks in advance.

Special Collection

Every diocese in the United States has been asked to take up a special, one-time collection to pay for the completion of the *Trinity Dome at the Basilica* of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

This project will finish our nation's patronal church which began nearly a century ago. This loose collection will be taken up at all

Masses on the weekend of May 6/7.

Please be generous if you are able.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 23 — Divine Mercy Sunday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Michael & Mickey Lipay by Family
 10:00 am Frederick Ozanom by STM St. Vincent de Paul Members
 12:00 pm Joseph Neverauskas by Neverauskas Family

MONDAY, April 24

6:30 am Eugene Walczak (Ann.) by Jim & Arlene Kender
 8:30 am Norman Banas by Wife Ruth & Family

TUESDAY, April 25 — St. Mark, Evangelist

6:30 am Joan Kress by Elaine Fechalos
 8:30 am Walter Bolalek by Family
 10:00 am Elizabeth McDonough by STM Altar & Rosary (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 2)

WEDNESDAY, April 26

6:30 am Thomas Hicks (Ann.) by Gus & Kathy Georgelas
 8:30 am Santa Agnello (Ann.) by Pietro & Rosa Merlo

THURSDAY, April 27

6:30 am Monica Day by Cynthia Badten
 9:00 am Richard Kupsik by DeGeorge Family

FRIDAY, April 28

6:30 am Bill Kvasnica Sr. by Theresa Prus
 8:30 am Marcia Etter (Ann.) by Husband & Family

SATURDAY, April 29 — St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 am Ruth Steele by Don & Carolyn McGill
 5:30 pm Theodore Leask (Ann.) by Wife Lorraine & Family

SUNDAY, April 30 — Third Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am John Rokosz by Wife Alice
 10:00 am Josefina Bagadiiong (Ann.) by Aquino Family
 12:00 pm Geraldine Lesko by Joseph Zambala

Mother's Day Mass

The 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 14th will be a special Mass to honor all mothers, living and deceased. You can have a special mother, grandmother, godmother, or anyone who has been like a mother to you, remembered at this Mass. Names of those remembered will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin.



Mother's Day cards (\$4.00 each) are available in the Parish Office. Please submit the name/s of those

special women who are dear to you, with your payment, **no later than Wednesday, May 3rd to appear in the bulletin.** St. Thomas More School children can order cards through school.

Divine Mercy Sunday

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

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 Blazeovich
Laverne Blumka
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D'Orazio
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
Dorothy Fleck
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi

Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Mary Jo Humpfer
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingbretson
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Krizmanic
Isabella Lappo
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Brady Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
David Moll
Elissa Moll
Genevieve Mrvan
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren

Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Marty Pavovic
Johanna Petruich
Angelo Petrunaro
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Ron Plewniak
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Shirley Romanyak
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Ruth Siorek
Nick Skinner
Lydia Skorupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Barbara Szypczak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbnich
James Wachel
Adele Wall
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczyński
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, April 23

8:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary/Holy Name Society
Communion Mass & Breakfast

MONDAY, April 24

5:45 pm Handbell Practice (until 7:00 p.m.) ~ Church
6:30 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, April 25

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, April 26

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (last class except 3rd Grade)
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Teachers' Lounge
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul ~ Conference Room
7:15 pm Handbell Practice (until 8:15) ~ Conference Room

THURSDAY, April 27

4:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (last class except 3rd Grade)
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, April 28

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

SATURDAY, April 29

9:00 am Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room

SUNDAY, April 30

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection at All Masses

Religious Formation & Education

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening with

Fr. Ed Shea, OFM

Topic: "God of Light and of the Living:
Reflection on Eucharist"

Music accompaniment provided by
local pianist.

Wednesday, April 26th

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.



Readings for Week of April 23

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/
Lk 24:13-35

DIVINE MERCY

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

~ St. John Chrysostom

I remember a priest speaking, many years ago, about the need to pick ourselves up after we have fallen in sin. He said he was convinced that God did not count the number of times that we had fallen when He judged us at the end of our lives.

He was convinced that God counted the number of times that we got back up again and if the number of times we got up was one more than the number of times that we had fallen, we would have it made.

I think there is a lot of truth to that and St. John Chrysostom would seem to agree as well. "Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave." The reality is that Jesus did not come to condemn us but to save us.

Why would He have gone through the agony of His life and death if He was going to let us all go to eternal condemnation? No. He did all that so we could live forever with Him. This is what we celebrate on this octave day of Easter, which St. Pope John Paul II declared as Divine Mercy Sunday in the year 2000.

Today's gospel recounts one of the resurrection accounts when Jesus breathed on the Apostles and bestowed upon them the authority to forgive sins. God is so merciful that He wants us to be able to find forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Upon that we can depend.

So many people stay away from confession. Yet, it is in that sacrament that we meet the loving mercy of God. Not only do we find forgiveness, we also receive grace. What a "bargain". When we could go somewhere and receive grace to help us face our world, we should jump at the chance rather than keep away from it.

God's mercy, love, and forgiveness are ours if we ask for it. As we continue our Easter celebration, let us do all that we can to live as an Easter people, a people immersed in the reality of God in this world and in the hope of the world yet to come.

FAITH ACTION: God freely forgives our failings if we ask Him to do so. Are we just as free in forgiving others? If there is anyone on your "list" whom you have not forgiven, try to do so today.

F. J. Mike

THE 2017 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The annual Catholic Services Appeal is upon us once again. The Appeal helps to fund many things in the diocese as well as around the world, Catholic Charities, Camp Lawrence, School Tuition Assistance, and several Second Collections that are not taken up just to name a few.

Anything over and above the goal is returned to the parish 100%. Any overage we receive will be applied to our Capital Renovation project. Our parish goal is \$120,158. I hope that I can count on your generosity.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MASS

On the Solemnity of Pentecost, June 4th, the Diocese of Gary will host a special Mass at the Genesis Center in Gary for the closing of the Synod which takes place that weekend. All the faithful of the diocese are invited to attend.

Because parking at the Genesis Center is extremely limited — most of the parking garage is not available — many parishes, ours included, will be chartering buses to take those interested.

The Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. Immediately after the Mass, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the Genesis Center to Holy Angels Cathedral. They anticipate the procession arriving to the Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. After arrival, Benediction will take place and the crowd will then be dismissed. They anticipate departure from the Cathedral around 6:00 p.m. Shuttle buses will be available for those who cannot walk to the Cathedral.

If you wish to attend that afternoon, contact the parish office to sign up. We will accept riders on a first-come, first-served basis until the bus is filled.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter lunch at his grandmother's house. When Ernie received his plate he started eating immediately. "Ernie, wait until we say grace," his father stated.

"I don't have to," Ernie replied.

"Of course you do, Ernest," his mother said. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Ernie replied, "but this is Grandma's house. She knows how to cook."



PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

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

- April 23: Deacon T. Vincent Neely
- April 25: Rev. Joseph P. Casey (1983)
- April 26: Rev. Luke Brickel (1976)
- April 27: Rev. John A. Costello (1972)
Rev. Aloysius J. Nondorf (2012)
- April 29: Msgr. Casimir Bickauskas (1957)





Religious Education

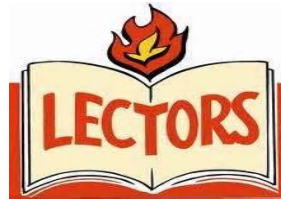
April Schedule

26/27 Last Class (except 3rd Grade students)

May Schedule

3/4 Communion Practice — *All 3rd Grade students must attend both days*
6 *First Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Mass*

Lectors for the Week



Sunday, April 30

6:30 am Mass
Jim Hus & Angela Kvasnica
8:00 am Mass
Judy Buksa & Paul Liszewski

10:00 am Mass

James Landowski & Maryanne Topor

12:00 Noon Mass

Cal Bellamy & Keesha Hardaway

Saturday, April 29

5:30 pm Mass
Julie Blanford & Joe Dubczak

Virtus Training

The next Virtus training is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29th—10:30 a.m. in the Solar Room**

As part of our diocesan Synod, we are trying to get all parishioners into our safe environment program. The more people involved, the better this works. Please come to training, even if you are not required to do so. We all need to do our part to keep God's children and His Church safe. The Virtus Program deals with the awareness and prevention of the sexual abuse of children. ***Due to the content of the program, absolutely no children are permitted to attend the training.***

Anyone 18 years or older must be Virtus trained to volunteer or work in the school or in the parish.

The training should last approximately 3 hours.

Please email Laura Brockway at ljbrockway1@gmail.com to reserve your seat for Virtus training and to assure we have enough materials for everyone. Please arrive promptly. Please enter through the gymnasium doors under the carport.



Sunday, April 23

6:30 am Mass
Chapel: Carla Covelli

8:00 am Mass

Main: Dennis & Lucy Perz
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Christie & Katie Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Pastor Family
Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Diane Gralowski
Choir: Pat Batchelder

Saturday, April 29

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway

Vocations Committee

Wouldn't it be great if we could have three holy priests in each of our parishes? Nothing would be greater!

Senior Citizen News

All senior members of our parish are invited to join us twice a month at the Kish Community Room at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted).

Monthly Luncheon

All members and guests are invited to join us on **Monday, April 24 at 11:00 a.m.** Sheffield's Restaurant in Dyer, IN. No reservations required. See you there!

Wednesday, May 3rd

Spring Luncheon & Installation of New Officers

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery
Cost is \$20/person (payment deadline is April 26th).

St. Vincent de Paul

We need you to become a Vincentian.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Parish Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

People are needed to handle "utility" calls (from home), help with "food" calls & to deliver food in Munster & South Hammond. Learn more about from

SVDP President, Mike Martinelli by calling (219) 836-8610.

Find joy in helping others!

The SVDP Pantry needs:

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



STM Travelers Club

The trip to see *South Pacific* at the Fireside Inn in Fort Atkinson, WI on April 27th has been **cancelled**. We are very disappointed, too, but not enough people made early reservations to let us meet the deadline for our trip. This was a trip that we all looked forward for a performance so full of beautiful music and dancing. Those who have paid for their reservations may pick up their reservation money at the STM Parish Office. There will be future trips, so just watch the bulletin for all the details and we hope to have you join us then. We send you good wishes for a beautiful and happy springtime...enjoy the gorgeous flowers!

Your Travel Club Organizers... *Lois, Pat and Mary*



St. Thomas More School



St. Thomas More School Eagle Dash

5K Run & 1 Mile Walk
Join your friends, family, neighbors & fellow parishioners!

Sunday, May 21st

1:00 p.m.

1:15 p.m. Fun Walk

Race Location: Wicker Memorial Park
8554 Indianapolis Boulevard in Highland (located near intersection of Ridge Road/Indianapolis Blvd.)

Course Description:
Scenic, paved course enclosed within the park. Walkers have a separate course.

No Dogs Allowed

Strollers Allowed on walking course only.

Race Day:

Race will be timed by T & H Timing and results will be available online at www.thtiming.com

Awards:

1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers awarded medals for each grade, Pre-K to 8th grade (both male & female).
1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers awarded medals in each of the following age divisions (both male & female):
15-19 • 20-24 • 25-29 • 30-34 • 35-39 • 40-44 • 45-49 • 50-54 • 55-59 • 60-64 • 65-69 • 70+

Packet Pick-Up: Race Day-11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Pick-up available on Saturday, May 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the STMS Weis Center, located at 8635 Calumet Avenue in Munster (next to Munster Library)

Payment: Checks should be made out to **St. Thomas More School** and dropped off or mailed to 8435 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

Online Registration: Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Highland/STMEagleDash5K>



Eagle Dash Entry Form

Must be returned by May 5, 2017 for guaranteed t-shirt.

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

T-Shirt Size

Adult (circle one): S M L XL XXL NO SHIRT

Youth (circle one): S M L XL NO SHIRT

Registration Category

- _____ \$20 Pre-Registered Runner
- _____ \$25 Late or Same-Day Runner
- _____ \$15 Pre-Registered Runner (without shirt)
- _____ \$15 Pre-Registered Walker
- _____ \$10 Pre-Registered Walker (without shirt)
- _____ \$20 Same Day Walker
- _____ \$ Free STMS Teachers Only

Waiver Must Be Signed to Participate

I acknowledge that participating in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I attest and verify I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of this event and my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor. I agree to abide by any decisions of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the event. I assume all risks associated with this event, including traffic concerns. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, my heirs, successors and assigns, waive and release the North Township Trustee's Office, Wicker Memorial Park, St. Thomas More Church, St. Thomas More School, Diocese of Gary and all employees, officers, directors, volunteers, sponsors and or beneficiaries of the St. Thomas More "Eagle Dash" 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk, their representatives and successors from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in this event, even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver.

I also grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to any photographs and other records of this event for legitimate purposes.

Signature (Signature of Parent or Guardian if under age 18)

Date

SPRINGFEST 2017

St. Thomas More School sends its biggest thank you to all who helped make SpringFest 2017 another big success!

We are very appreciative of all who gave of their time, talent and treasure by volunteering, donating and attending.

We thank you all!

We hope you had as much fun at our event as we had sponsoring it! See you next year!



Our dedicated SpringFest Committee:

Kristen Ball
Katie Bouton
Carolina Burns
Amy Castillo
Gina Cipowski
Carla Covelli
Jenn Feeney
Julie Goodwin
Susie Kinsella
Jennifer Lehrener
LeeAnn Mellon
Grace Menclawicz
Jane Mrvan
Andrea Nygaard
Carly Olczak
Mayra Perkins
Tanya Power
Jennifer Smola
Aubrey Velasquez
Renee Whelan

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Program

Information Session

Bishop Donald J. Hying will be hosting an information session for those interested in learning more about the Diocese of Gary's Lay Ecclesial Ministry (LEM) Formation Program. The LEM Program is a four-year program that prepares lay women and men to serve as ecclesial ministers within their parishes, as well as throughout the diocese. Ecclesial ministers are defined as lay women and men who have been prepared professionally for specific roles of service and leadership in and for the Church. The LEM program is also a prerequisite for those men discerning their call to the permanent diaconate. Courses for the class of 2021 will begin September 2017 and the application process is open now. Bishop Donald J. Hying and Michael Wick, Chief of Staff will be present at the informational session to answer your questions.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 — 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center
9292 Broadway • Merrillville, IN 46410

For further information on the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Program, contact Deacon Phil Muvich at 769-9292 or by email: plmuvich@frontier.com.

Catholic Services Appeal

This weekend, the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) begins in our parish and our diocese:

Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23.

Programs supported by CSA meet the larger needs of Catholics & others in our diocese & throughout the universal Church. Our campaign theme, "Go Make Disciples!" comes from the Gospel of Matthew and reminds us that through our baptism we are called to share our gifts and blessings to continue the ministry Jesus started.

Your sacrificial gift does make a difference!

Please support the work of the many offices and ministries throughout our diocese: vocations, education, formation, social outreach, lay leadership training, youth ministry, as well as national collections. Please be as generous as God has been to you. Each gift, regardless of size, is important to the CSA's success!

Please support the 2017 CSA Campaign!

Building Strong Catholic Families

Parents matter *a lot* for faith in the family. Learn more about "***Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth,***" an initiative to help parishes and schools better engage families in the life of the Church. Parents are invited to a ***free session*** that will explore the challenges and blessings of Catholic parenting

Friday, April 28 from 6:30 –8:30 p.m.

at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. John.

Parish leaders are invited to bring a team to attend both the Friday parent session and training/in-service Saturday morning, April 29 to examine effective family ministry strategies. Parents/parish leaders can visit strongcatholicfamiliesdg.org to RSVP.

Please RSVP on or before April 21. Kevin Driscoll at (219) 769-9292, x229.

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"The Big Event" Fundraiser

Friday, April 28th — 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

BNI Fieldhouse • 1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond.

Enjoy great food from Q-BBQ in Schererville, drinks, dancing, raffles, live auction and more.



This celebration benefits the

Principal's Scholarship Fund.

Tickets: \$60 per person. Must be 21 or older.

For event & raffle tickets: Juli Sandoval at (219) 932-9058

or jsandoval@bishopnoll.org. or visit:

<https://bishopnoll.org/support-bni/the-big-event-2017>online.

Wounded Healers

The Spring Session begins at St. James Church in Highland on ***Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.***

to help 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:

April 26 • May 10 • May 24 • June 2 • June 21 • July 5

Information: (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.