God comes to us in a variety of ways.

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..... Daniel Zurawski, KHS
Deacons .....David Kapala, KHS
.....Joseph Stodola, KHS
Director of Finance ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Pastoral Care Coordinator.....Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 315
Director of Music.....Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 332

Parish Office Staff

St. Thomas More Parish Website: **www.stm-church.com**

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

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Thomas Alexander..... Diane DeSoto
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Kurt Popovich.....Jim Secviar, Co-Chairperson
Dwight Reed ..... Cheryl Staniszewski

St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade

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

Website .....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
School Parent Association……..Shannon Pischner; (219) 306-7551
Parish & School Offices Associate ..... Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 311
School Admissions .....Pam Pasyk; Ext. 309
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Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K

8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321

Phone 836-2660
Fax 836-2655

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 .....Rosemary Strimbu; 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 .....Paul Liszewski

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society .....Cindy Keilman 923-9862
Boy Scouts ..... PJ Caraher (219) 838-2943
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 Mazerik 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts.....Renee Whelan 796-6809
Holy Name Society 836-8610
Knights of Columbus ..... Jim Landowski (708) 204-4690
Oblates……...Denise Gard (219)201-4103
Respect Life .....Leslie Dernulc (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

Celebrants

Saturday, January 20
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, January 21
6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

SATURDAY, January 20
8:30 am J. & M. Blanford
5:30 pm A. Kleszynski, T. Pappas, P. Schwemlein
MC ~ Jacob C.

SUNDAY, January 21
6:30 am D. Urbaniak, D. & K. O'Shea
8:00 am M. Slivka, G. & L. Buksa/ MC ~ Mary B.
10:00 am C. & P. Olsen, I. Caddick/ MC ~ Joey
12:00 pm J. Korwek, C. & D. O'Brien/ MC ~ Alyssa

Pastoral Care Ministry

If your family member is a hospitalized or homebound STM parishioner, arrange a Communion visit by contacting Deacon Dave Kapala: (219) 836-8610, # 315 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

Sacrificial Offerings

December 24, 2017

Adult	**$ 21,404.00**
Loose	**$ 3,268.00**
Automated	**$ 2,221.00**
Children	**$ 221.24**
TOTAL	**$ 27,114.24**

December 25, 2017
Christmas

Adult	**$ 50,538.00**
Loose	**$ 2,701.00**
Automated	**$ 0**
Children	**$ 145.00**
TOTAL	**$ 53,384.00**

growing OUR FAITH THROUGH Generosity

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!
Our thanks to all who visited during the Christmas season!

December 31, 2017

Adult	**$ 25,278.00**
Loose	**$ 2,438.00**
Automated	**$ 2,221.00**
Children	**$ 120.35**
TOTAL	**$ 30,057.35**

January 7, 2018

Adult	**$ 18,349.00**
Loose	**$ 2,842.00**
Automated	**$ 0**
Children	**$ 111.50**
TOTAL	**$ 21,302.50**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 14 — *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Dorothy Dubeck by STM St. Vincent de Paul
10:00 am Carol Nowak (Ann.) by Family
12:00 pm Charles Stevens by Wife & Family

MONDAY, January 15
6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
8:30 am Michael Jores (Ann.) by Serrano Family

TUESDAY, January 16
6:30 am Joseph Kowalski (Ann.) by Wife Mary & Family
8:30 am Lydia Skorupa by Jim & Jean Schreiner
10:00 am Monica Day by STM Altar & Rosary Society
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, January 17 — *St. Anthony*
6:30 am Deceased Members of Jugovic Family by Family
8:30 am Sydney Welsh Jr. (Ann.) by Marilyn Rippey

THURSDAY, January 18
6:30 am Walter V. Bracich (Ann.) by Angela & Walter Bracich
9:00 am Floyd Culp (Ann.) by Daughter Pat Lennon

FRIDAY, January 19
6:30 am Catherine Kroczek (Ann.) by Son & Family
8:30 am Dorothy Giannini (Ann.) by Husband and Family

SATURDAY, January 20 — *St. Sebastian*
8:30 am Maryon Dupree (Ann.) by Gus & Kathy Georgelas
5:30 pm Joseph Forystek (Ann.) by Family

SUNDAY, January 21 — *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Dr. K.D. You (Ann.) by J. Slivka Family
10:00 am Tanny Marczak (Ann.) by Slough Family
12:00 pm Robert Pieters by Martin & Diane Pieters

Rest in Peace

Kymberly Tompkins • William Halfacre
Mary Bossi • John Hajduk

Vocations Committee

What golden opportunities we have in our parish to increase the number to the priesthood!
Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Tuesday in the Chapel for several hours to pray.
At least six people usually come to pray for vocations. Perhaps you are not aware that there are over 3,000 registered at our parish. Please consider joining us; we need you!

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ! Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven. None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Mary Anhalt
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Janet Cattanach
Jack Chevigny
Jacqueline Morrow Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Eleuterio Del Real
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Patrick Doran
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hesek
Becky Hill
Mary Jo Humpfer
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingbretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Robert Kalka
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Paul Kostalik
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
Matt Meneghetti, Sr.
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Genevieve Mrvan
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk
Don Noworyta
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Marty Pavovic
Nadine Pelagalli
Johanna Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Ron Plewniak
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
David Rossin
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Ruth Siorek
Nick Skinner
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanich
James Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Mark Wein
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczynski
Josephine Zagrocki
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, January 15

5:30 pm	Handbell Practice (until 6:45 pm) ~ Church
6:30 pm	Marian Rosary ~ Chapel
7:00 pm	Schola ~ Church
7:00 pm	Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm	Peace & Social Justice ~ Conference Room

TUESDAY, January 16

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, January 17

9:30 am	Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm	Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)
5:00 pm	RCIC ~ Conference Room

THURSDAY, January 18

4:30 pm	Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)
6:15 pm	Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
6:45 pm	All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:00 pm	Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center

FRIDAY, January 19

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

SATURDAY, January 20

6:30 pm	***Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest***

SUNDAY, January 21

1:00 pm	Family Formation Session (until 2:30pm) ~ Gym

Readings for Week of January 14

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

CSA Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts
for your CSA 2017 contributions
can be requested at
http://www.dcgary.org/csa.htm
or by calling
Maria in the CSA Office at
219-769-9292 x 291.

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD

"The practice of discernment is a part of higher consciousness. Discernment is not just a step up from judgment. In life's curriculum, it is the opposite of judgment. Through judgment a person reveals what he needs to confront and learn. Through discernment, one reveals what he has mastered." ~ Glenda Green

Today's scriptures speak to us about discernment. They contain some of my favorite bible stories. The first reading is about Samuel and his teacher Eli. Samuel was dedicated to God and was in the temple learning from his master, Eli. Eli had been well versed in the ways of the Lord; but, for a long time, God had not been speaking to His people.

When Samuel began to hear the call of God in His sleep, he went to Eli, thinking that his teacher was calling him. Eli merely sent him back to bed, that is, until Eli realized that it was God who was calling the youth. So, he instructed Samuel, the next time he would hear the voice, to say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel did just that and began a close relationship with God.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the call of some of the first Apostles. John the Baptist pointed at Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Two of John's disciples left John in order to follow Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the brother of Simon. Andrew brought his brother to Jesus and Jesus said that Simon would be called Peter. They left all that they had to follow Jesus.

Learning what to do, what voice to listen to, what command to follow takes a great amount of discernment. The more we pray and reflect, the better we will be able to discern the voice of God when He speaks to us. And He does speak to us. It is not often direct, as it was in the case of Samuel. Most often, it is through the words and actions of those around us.

If we are open to all the possibilities of God, we will not miss Him when He speaks to us. We need to make a conscious decision to keep our eyes, minds, and hearts open for the Lord. Then, as Samuel did, we need to invite Him to speak to us. And, as Samuel, Andrew, and Simon Peter, we need to accept His invitation to follow, no matter where He may lead.

FAITH ACTION: Make time to sit in silence today, keeping yourself open to hear the Lord call to you, knowing that it may come in a variety of ways.

Fr. Mike

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:

January 14:	Rev. George J. Naudzius (1963)
	Msgr. Alvin J. Jasinski (1969)
January 16:	Deacon Joseph Kwitko (2004)
January 19:	Rev. Ignatius C. Vichuras (1984)
January 20:	Deacon Joseph Wilczynski (2004)
	Rev. Tony Valtierra (2007)

SITTING AND LISTENING TO THE LORD

Many times, we get so busy in our lives that we miss all sorts of things. Our relatives and friends mention things to us but we, in our busy state, often forget about them. We need to slow down if we are to be able to listen to what they are saying and attend to their needs.

If we have to slow down so that we can understand our relatives and friends better, the same holds for our relationship with our God. We have become so busy that we run the risk of not being able to hear God when He calls to us. That was the lesson of Samuel in today's first reading.

We have a solution to that problem: Eucharistic Adoration. Did you know that we have adoration every Tuesday in the chapel? The Eucharist is exposed after the 8:30 a.m. all school Mass and remains on the altar until 6:30 p.m.

Come to the chapel some Tuesday, sit in silence, adore the Lord in the Real Presence of the Eucharist, and make time for Him to speak to you in your heart.

How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes?

You do see Him. You touch Him. You eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment.

~ St. John Chrysostom

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The priest was standing at the door as he always did to shake hands and greet his parishioners.

As he was doing so, he saw someone who rarely attended and, grabbing him by the hand, pulled him aside to have a quick talk with him.

The priest said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

The erstwhile parishioner responded, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father."

At that, the priest questioned, "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

To which the parishioner replied, "You don't see me because I'm in the secret service."

Religious Education

January

17/18	Class
21	**Family Formation Session**
	1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Gym
24/25	Class
31	Class

February

1	Class
7/8	Class
14/15	**No Class — Ash Wednesday**
21/22	Class
28	Class

March

1	Class
3	**First Penance — *10:00 a.m. in the Church***
7/8	Class
11	**Family Formation Session**
	1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Gym
14/15	Class
21/22	Class
23	**Confirmation Practice — 5:30 p.m.**
24	**Confirmation — 10:30 a.m.**
28/29	**No Class — Spring Break**

April

4/5	Class
11/12	Class
18/19	Class
25/26	Last Class (except 3rd Grade First Communicants)

May

2/3	**Communion Practice**
	Both classes must attend on both nights.
5	**First Holy Communion — 10:00 a.m.**

Virtus Training at STM

Join our next Virtus training at STM in the Solar Room

Saturday, January 27, 2018 — 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

We ask all parishioners to take part in our safe environment program and know that the more people involved, the better this works.

Please come to training, even if you are not required to do so to keep God's children and His Church safe.

The Virtus Program deals with the awareness and prevention of the sexual abuse of children.

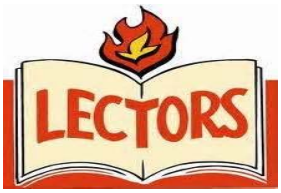
Due to the content of the program, absolutely no children are permitted to attend the training.

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

To reserve your spot, please email Laura Brockway at ljbrockway1@gmail.com . Please arrive promptly.

Please enter through the gymnasium doors under the carport.

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Saturday, January 20
5:30 pm Mass
Ruth Banas &
Richard Gard

Sunday, January 21
6:30 am Mass
Jayne Gardner & Micki Richter

8:00 am Mass
Judy Buksa & Linda Stefanich

10:00 am Mass
Christine Greenberg & Jim Hus

12:00 Noon Mass
Leonard & Valerie Czapkowicz

Saturday, January 20
5:30 pm Mass
Chapel: Chuck & Chris
Shearman

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Mary Silvasi

10:00 am Mass
Main: Andrea Mazerik
Chapel: Pischner Family
Choir: Dwight Reed

Religious Formation/Education Commission

All meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Our next meeting:

Monday, January 22nd

Scheduled Meeting Dates in 2018:

January 22, 2018	April 16, 2018	September 17, 2018
February 19, 2018	May 21, 2018	October 15, 2018
March 19, 2018	August 20, 2018	November 19, 2018

No December Meeting • Summer Break: June & July

Nursery Schedule

The Nursery is now open during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Brides Room (off the narthex).

Open to children age infant to 5 years old.

Register your child/ren on Sunday morning before Mass.

Sunday, January 21

Kaaren Mashura • Ann Harkenrider • Allison Rusnak

Sunday, January 28

Lisa Jorsch • Mary Karl • Daniel Pastor

Only Three Weeks Until EagleFest!

Friday, February 2nd

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

STMS Gym

There's something for kids of all ages!

Games • Food • Great Prizes Raffles and More!

Everyone in the community is invited, so bring your friends, relatives and the grandkids. Purchase wristbands/tickets in advance at https://eaglefest2018.eventbrite.com or at the door. Watch future bulletins for all the details, 'cause you won't want to miss it!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

We are grateful to our St. Thomas More parish family for their generous donations to help our school. You can help STMS by donating!

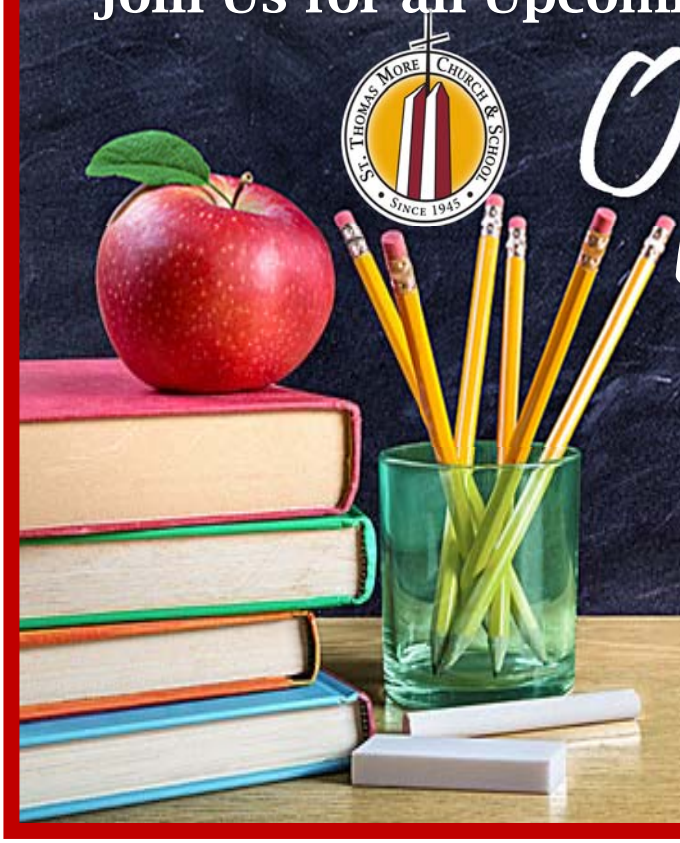
Adult or Children's Items Requested for the Raffle:

Unopened Toys	Concert Tickets	**Gift Cards:**
Games	Vacation Destinations	*Restaurants, Massages,*
Electronics *(large or small)*	Hotel Vouchers	*Hair /Spa Services*
Jewelry	Coupons for Free	*Game Centers,*
Sporting Event Tickets	Services of Any Kind	*Craft or Retail Stores*

For information or to donate, please contact Renee at Whelanliuna41@att.net. We thank you in advance for your support. Any donation, large or small, helps!

Join Us for an Upcoming St. Thomas More School

Open House



Meet our phenomenal staff, current parents and students and tour our facilities.
Discover all that St. Thomas More School has to offer your family.
Invite relatives and friends who are interested in an outstanding Catholic education for their children, too.

Sunday, January 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon or

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Grades K to 8:
Main School Building
8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster
(*adjacent to the Church*)

COME ONE! COME ALL!

St. Thomas More Gym

FRIDAY, FEB 02

5-9 PM

Fun for all Ages!

2018 EagleFEST

Step Right Up!

Enjoy a night of Games, Food, Laughter, and Prizes!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

For more information or to purchase wristbands: https://eaglefest2018.eventbrite.com

Senior Citizens

All meetings are at 1:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) at the Kish Community Room • 10000 Calumet Avenue • Munster. Join us for our monthly luncheons, too.

Upcoming Meetings:
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Business Meeting & Social Gathering Combined

Monthly Luncheon

Everyone is welcome at the next
Monday Monthly Luncheon
Monday, January 29, 2018 — 11:00 a.m.
Round the Clock Restaurant
9010 Indianapolis Boulevard in Highland
No reservation needed.
Join us for good food and great fun and bask in the warmth of friendship during this cold winter weather.

Wednesday, February 7th
Business Meeting
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

Saturday, February 17th
Pizza Party
12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Wednesday, March 7th
Business Meeting
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

Saturday, March 17th
Happy St. Patrick's Day
Pot Luck Luncheon
12:00 Noon — 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Sunday, March 25th
Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Mass & Breakfast
Honoring Our Deceased Members
Breakfast to follow. Reservations required.

Wednesday, April 11th
Business Meeting
Election of Officers for the 2018/19 Year

Wednesday, April 25th
Social Gathering

Wednesday, May 2nd
Spring Luncheon and Installation of New Officers
12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Reservations Required • Location to be Announced

Wednesday, May 16th
Social Gathering

Wednesday, July 16th
Seniors Picnic
12:00 Noon — 4:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Watch the parish bulletin for details regarding all scheduled events.

STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are found through Networking
15% Found Want Ads
4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes

Thursday, January 18, 2018
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 .pm.
Chandra Gary

Using Pictures to Map Your Future

Design Your Future
Realize Your Potential
Begin To Dream Again

Where: STM Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster
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.

Gabriel Project

The members of the Gabriel Project Ministry wish to thank everyone who took a bank, donated money or bought a candy bar when we held the second fund raiser for our group a few Sundays ago.

We truly appreciate all of you and want you to know your gifts will be well used helping our moms in need.

Our next meeting:
Wednesday, January 24th
in the Teachers' Lounge at 7:00 p.m..
We hope to see everyone there, as we begin a new year with our moms. We look forward to welcoming anyone interested in learning more about our ministry, too.

Position Available at STM

Building Maintenance

Responsibilities: Maintenance & repair of the St. Thomas More church & school buildings and ground. Experience in electrical, plumbing, construction & HVAC. Part-time.
Requirements: Reliable transportation & valid driver's license. Must be able to lift 50 lbs.

To apply for this position, please send resume to jobopenings@stm-church.com or in person at:
St. Thomas More • 8501 Calumet • Munster, IN 46321

Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, are invited to participate in this year's STM Msgr. Weis Council of the Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Contest

Saturday, January 20th

6:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Gym

This event is ***free*** to all participants.

For more information, please contact Gregg Blocher at (219) 902-1171.

Circle of Prayer

The Circle of Prayer ministry needs more members to respond to our many prayer requests.

A phone call or email from a member and private prayer is all that is required.

If interested in joining or for more information, please call Mary Jo Humpfer at (219) 836-5002.

Volunteers Needed

Play Bingo at Med-Inn in Munster

Volunteers are needed to play bingo with the residents on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:15 a.m. to Noon.

Pray the Rosary

Pray with members of Hartsfield Village in Munster on the last Monday of the month.

To volunteer in either area, call Mary Jo at (219) 836-5002.

St. Vincent de Paul

The coldest months of the year are upon us and we want to insure that all in our area, young and old, have enough food. Please consider donating to the SVDP Pantry.

To learn more about the SVDP Society at St. Thomas More, or to become a volunteer, please contact SVDP President Mike Martinelli at (219) 836-8610.

We would love your help to further our mission to help others!

Our Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter • Jelly • Crackers • Soup • Mac & Cheese
Tuna • Canned Meats • Canned Fruit
Laundry Soap • Shampoo
Adult & Children's Tooth Brushes & Toothpaste

Items Most Needed:

Toilet Paper
Bar Soap

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles at least two (2) weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Pancake Breakfast

It's that time of year again and time to warm-up on a cold Sunday morning with a delicious stack of hot pancakes and all the accompaniments!

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Ushers Club, the Pancake Breakfast will take place on

Sunday, January 28, 2018

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
in the STM Gym.

Enjoy pancakes, sausage and juice, coffee or milk.

Cost: Free Will Offering

Come before or after Sunday Mass.

And don't forget to invite friends and neighbors to visit St. Thomas More School during the annual Open House, taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

School tours are offered for prospective families.

Join Our Flock!

The Pastoral Center for the Diocese of Gary has launched a Flocknote account.

Flocknote is a way for you to connect directly with the diocese through text messages or emails.

When you sign up, you'll receive links to video messages from Bishop Hying, notifications about upcoming events and much more.

There are two ways to join:

You can visit www.flocknote.com/DioceseofGary and follow the sign-up steps ***or*** you can text the word "GARY" to the phone number "84576", which will take you to the sign-up page.

You don't have to download an app.

You don't have to pay to join.

(Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply.

View privacy policy & conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt.)

Translator Needed

Can you speak other languages and would like to share that skill with others? Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to assist our counseling clients with translation. The Translator Volunteer Program is designed to provide services to a wider population of clientele who might not be fluent in English. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or learning more about our program, contact Catholic Charities ASAP: (219) 844-4883.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don't miss the upcoming marriage enrichment weekend at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL

February 2-4, 2018.

The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community.

For more information and to apply, go to wwme-chicagoland.org

For information, please call WWME at (630) 577-0778 or email us at applications@wwmechicagoland.org

Right to Life

Oratory Contest Preparation

The annual Pro-life Oratory Contest for middle and high school students will take place this spring. We are also looking to expand our reach and ask that you contact us if you'd like Lake County Right to Life to contact your school (please provide the name and all contact information of the English/Speech teacher).

To download contest forms and applications, visit our website.

2018 Banquet Date Set

Mark your calendar for the 2018 Fundraiser/Banquet! Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville. More details to come.

Moms & Tots Resale Shop

Our new "baby" (a resale shop) is located at 110 W. Main St. in Griffith (a 501(c)(3), non-profit business). We will offer new or nearly-new, pristine clothing and accessories for women, infants and children up to size 5 (funds or clothing donations needed).

Lake County Right to Life: (219) 838-1138 or www.lakecortl.org

P.O. Box 267 • Griffith, IN 46349

Life Christ, Share Christ Seminar

Our thanks to all who attended the Live Christ, Share Christ seminar hosted at by St. Thomas More and St. James the Less on Saturday, January 13th.

All Catholics were invited to this inspiring seminar, designed to enliven active Catholics and renew those who have lapsed in their faith, giving all a fresh start on living a truly spirit-filled life.

What's Next?

Organizers are in the process of reviewing and summarizing the outcome of this rewarding seminar.

Please watch upcoming bulletins for a recap and for more information about the LCSC program.

Live Share Christ

It is hoped that through the Live Christ, Share Christ (LCSC) program, the Church will be able to mainstream Catholic lay evangelization that will work for renewal and revival in the Catholic Church.

Events in the Area...

Pierogi Sales

Pierogi sales at St. Josaphat Church at Ridge & White Oak Avenue in Munster have resumed for 2018.
To order these delicious pierogi, place order by Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and pick-up on Friday between Noon and 3:00 p.m. at the church. Leave your name & quantity/flavor on answering machine at (219) 838-9811.
Potato, kraut, cheese or prune. $9/dozen or $5/half.
Volunteers are needed to help on Thursday and/or Friday mornings between 8:00 a.m. & Noon. Call the church for info.

Wounded Healers

If someone you love has died and you are grieving, then plan to attend the next session of Wounded Healers. Begin your healing process by sharing your burden with others and start to move forward in a positive way. Separate groups for those grieving the loss of a spouse or partner, child or grandchild, parent, sibling or friend. Beginner and advanced groups. Also groups for those grieving the loss of a loved one due to suicide.
All meetings are held on Wednesday nights at St. James the Less, Highland from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Upcoming meetings:

January 17 • February 7 • February 21
March 7 • March 21(with a speaker).
To learn more, contact Wounded Healers at (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.

LOSS Meetings

LOSS (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) offers monthly meetings at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway in Merrillville on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Support for adults grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Trained facilitators will help you through the process in a safe, non-judgmental, non-denominational environment. (312) 655-7284 or Mary at (219) 241-2732.

Spred Ministry

The new year has begun. Parishes are looking into the Spred program for their friends with intellectual and developmental challenges, as well as learning disabilities. Join Monica, Elizabeth, and Rosemarie for a Spred Information Gathering for parents and men and women interested in becoming a volunteer on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary parish on N. Broad Street in Griffith. Come for the information, ask questions and listen to others who have experience with this ministry. Spred is unlike any religious education program you know.....it is a faith development program specifically created for those we work to serve.

De Colores!

Cursillista families and friends are invited to join the Cursillo Community as we memorialize our dearly departed brothers and sisters-in Christ at a ***Mass of Remembrance*** on Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church in Crown Point (Winfield). Bishop Donald Hying will preside. Free-will memorial donations to support the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Gary will be accepted.
Please send memorial names to: mass@cursillogary.nwiweb.com for inclusion in the Memorial Program.
Bring a dish to share for the Potluck Dinner that will follow the Mass.
Visit our website (address listed above) for more information.

Paczki Ball Dinner / Dance

Knights of Columbus Council 8082 – Dyer is hosting their 8th Annual Paczki Ball Dinner/Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. at Casa Maria Hall (on the grounds of St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer, IN).
Cash bar and family style Polish dinner followed by dancing featuring Jimmy Kilian Polka Band. Ticket cost is $30 per person. For tickets or information, contact Bob Block (219) 671-0287 or email: gov8990@aol.com.

All-You-Can-Eat Soup Supper

All Saints Church, 570 Sibley Street in Hammond, is holding an All-You-Can-Eat Soup Supper on Saturday, January 27 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the school hall. Cost is only $10/person and includes soup, salad, fresh baked bread, crackers, pop or coffee and dessert. Carry-out is available for an additional fee.
Call the church office at (219) 932-02024 for more information.

Knights of Columbus– Highland

St. Pope John Paul II Council 16008 Events
Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance: We are pre-selling tickets for our St. Valentines Day Dinner-Dance on February 17, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - Midnight at St. James the Less.
Tickets are $40 per person and are sold in advance ONLY.
Includes dinner, open bar, dessert and DJ.
If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dan Mill @ 219-801-5250 or Robert Mikuly @ 219-776-8773.