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*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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**St. Thomas More School**

**Pre-School through 8th Grade**

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

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School Phone..... 836-9151 School Fax..... 836-0982  
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School Administrative Assistant..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328  
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School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 309  
Director of Development..... Karen Leluga; Ext. 307

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**8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321**

Phone ..... 836-2660  
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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  
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

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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](mailto:Kevin.ranos@sbcglobal.net)  
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Girl Scouts..... Renee Whelan 796-6809  
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Knights of Columbus ..... Jim Landowski (708) 204-4690  
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Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739  
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The Travelers Club..... Lois Quinn 836-7902  
Ushers Club..... Jim Marmalejo 836-1463  
Venture Crew..... Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

## Celebrants

**Saturday, March 24**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, March 25**

6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

10:00 a.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko

12:00 Noon Fr. Jordan Fetcko

## Servers

**FRIDAY, March 23 — Stations of the Cross**

7:00 p.m. D. Smith, E. & T. Zabrecky

**SATURDAY, March 24**

8:30 am G. & L. Buksa

**10:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation**

Volunteer Altar Servers (in Sacristy 9:15 am)

MC ~ Scott & Will

5:30 pm D. Urbaniak, A. & L. Forszt/MC ~ Ricky

**SUNDAY, March 25 — Palm Sunday**

6:30 am C. & D. O'Brien, A. Korfiatis/MC ~ Nick

8:00 am J. Cipowski, E. Gossman, J. Sajn/MC ~ Scott

10:00 am J. Rock, D. & V. James/MC ~ Will

12:00 pm D. & K. O'Shea, F. Bernarte/MC ~ Jacob B.

## Rest in Peace

*Martin Collins*

## 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](mailto:dkapala@stm-church.com).

## Sacrificial Offerings

**March 11, 2018**



Adult	\$ 21,595.00
Loose	\$ 2,233.00
Automated	\$ 2,915.00
Children	\$ 131.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,874.13</b>

**Special Collection**  
Catholic Relief Services  
\$ 9,273.00

*Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!*

## Blood Drive Today

**Today! Sunday, March 18, 2018**

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Gym  
Come before or after Mass and help save lives today by giving much-needed blood.  
Walk-ins welcome with valid I.D.



## Bulletin Deadlines

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

# MASS INTENTIONS



**SUNDAY, March 18 — Fifth Sunday of Lent**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Elaine Caco by Husband Steve and Family

10:00 am John Jurkash (Ann.) by Jurkash Family

12:00 pm Dorothy Dubeck (Ann.) by Carol & Jack Waters

**MONDAY, March 19 — St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**

6:30 am Joyce E. Murdoch by Melissa Reardon

8:30 am Chet Milen by Family

**TUESDAY, March 20**

6:30 am David Jabaay by Peter Reardon

8:30 am Gary Garcia (Ann.) by Serrano Family

10:00 am Godwin Uwidia by STM Holy Name Society  
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

**WEDNESDAY, March 21**

6:30 am Harry & Margaret Kender by Jim & Arlene Kender

8:30 am Lydia Skorupa by Debra Bieker & Les Mills

**THURSDAY, March 22**

6:30 am Sarah Lampa by Dave & Gloria Dolak

9:00 am William Figler (Ann.) by William M. Figler

**FRIDAY, March 23**

6:30 am Bert Woess by Bert Woess & Eileen Van Kavelaar

8:30 am Konstanty Pieczykolan (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wajszczak

**SATURDAY, March 24**

8:30 am Joseph Yadron (Ann.) by Family

10:30 am Intention of Confirmands and their Families

5:30 pm Lillian Jaworski (Ann.) by Family

**SUNDAY, March 25**

***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Deceased Members of the STM Senior Citizens

10:00 am Edith Murphy by Murphy Family

12:00 pm James Szymanski (Ann.) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun.

The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel. But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

*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 Billeo  
Michael Blazeovich  
Laverne Blumka  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
Stephany Burney  
Kathleen Burns  
Paul Burns  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Thomas Cak  
Al Carollo  
Janet Cattanaach  
Jack Chevigny  
Jacqueline Morrow  
Christian  
Willie Colby  
Vincent Corsello  
Mike Curtain  
Eleuterio Del Real  
Irene Dettmer  
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 Heseck  
Becky Hill  
Mary Jo Humpfer  
Charlotte Hunt  
Betty Ingbretson  
Joseph S. Iwan  
Steve Izzo  
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  
Kris Lisikiewicz  
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  
Genevieve Mrvan  
Donna Nichols  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien

Donna O'Connor  
Valerie O'Donnell  
Kevin O'Neill  
Danny Ogren  
James Pancheri  
Marty Pavovic  
Johanna Petruich  
Andrew Pieczyrak  
Elizabeth Pilones  
Ron Plewniak  
Sylvester Porras  
Dennis Powell  
Ronald Prus  
Patricia Rayburn  
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  
Georgina Suto  
Florence Stevens  
Rose Theis  
Gerardo Trevino  
Kathie Trugian  
Anthony Ubuan  
Tony Vanden Heuvel  
Raymond Vanderbok  
Julia Vrbanich  
James Wachel  
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
Mark Wein  
Stephanie Wisniewski  
Don Woszczyński  
Josephine Zagrocki  
Cecilia Ziegler  
Cody Ziemkowski

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY, March 18

*Blood Drive from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Gym*

### MONDAY, March 19

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

### TUESDAY, March 20

7:00 pm *Penance Service ~ Church*  
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel  
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel  
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel  
6:30 pm Diocesan Synod Meeting ~ Our Lady of Grace  
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

### WEDNESDAY, March 21

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room  
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)  
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Conference Room  
7:00 pm Taizé Evening Prayer ~ Church

### THURSDAY, March 22

9:30 am Mary's Way of the Cross ~ Church  
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)  
6:15 pm Scripture Study ~ Conference Room  
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

### FRIDAY, March 23

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room  
2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross ~ Church  
5:30 pm *Confirmation Practice ~ Church*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ Church

### SATURDAY, March 24

*10:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation ~ Church*

### SUNDAY, March 25

*St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive at All Masses*

## Readings for Week of March 18

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**KNOW THE DETAILS**

**“Detail exists for only one reason, to uphold the narrative reality of the story being told.”**

~ Joe Rohde

Today's quote was taken from one of my favorite people. Joe Rohde might not be known by a lot of people. However, if you are in to Disney like I am in to Disney, you will recognize the name of one of the Walt Disney Imagineers. Joe has been instrumental in bringing many aspects of the parks to life. Most recently, he was the driving creative force behind Pandora in Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Detail, to Joe, is everything. If you have ever gone to The Animal Kingdom and went to Harambe Village to do the safari, you will see their original theme work. Joe made sure that Disney brought people over from Africa just to thatch the roofs of the buildings so that the "village" would be as authentic as possible. Detail is everything. And, as Joe Rohde states, detail is what drives and upholds the narrative reality. Without detail, the story ceases to exist.

So it is with our faith. Detail is so very important.

Some people, sadly, live on the fringes of the details of our faith narrative. They barely know the stories of our faith. They may just know certain prayers, sometimes not even enough to follow along in Church. Their minimal knowledge of the details of the faith contribute to their drifting away because the story of Jesus Christ just does not make sense to them. It does not hold their interest. They are too busy paying attention to the details of the world.

We are deep into the season of Lent. This holy season is rich in detail, yet many may not even know it. They may barely comprehend the rules and regulations of Lent (fasting and abstinence) but not really understand why we do what we do. Stations of the Cross and other devotions might be totally foreign to them.

If the faith is going to have any meaning to us at all, we need to know the details of it. Dig into the faith. Read as much as you can. Watch inspirational movies. Read inspirational books. Go to Lenten services and participate. Ask questions along the way if you are unfamiliar with what we do or why we do it.

The more details you can come to know, the more clearly Jesus Christ will come into focus. He is waiting for you — in all the details.

**FAITH ACTION:** If there are aspects of your faith about which you know are unclear, do all that you can to learn about them so that you may know the Lord as completely as possible.

*In. 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:

- March 19: Rev. Milan F. Bach (1995)
- March 22: Rev. George C. Muresan (1996)
- March 24: Rev. Peter A. Biegel (1960)

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

There are several penance services remaining for Lent. Remember, Easter is getting closer. Try to avail yourselves of the opportunity to go to confession in order to prepare yourselves spiritually. (All times are at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.)

**March 19**

- St. Matthias, Crown Point (6:00 p.m.)
- Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville
- Our Lady of Grace, Highland

**March 20**

- St. Thomas More, Munster
- (School confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass and evening service at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to come at either time.)**
- St. Mary, Crown Point
- St. Michael, Schererville

**March 21**

- St. Joseph, Dyer

**March 22**

- St. Mary, Griffith
- St. Edward, Lowell
- St. Andrew the Apostle, Merrillville

**March 23**

- Ss. Peter & Paul, Merrillville (1:00 p.m.)

**March 26**

- St. James, Highland

**March 28**

- Holy Name, Cedar Lake

**PRAYERS, PLEASE**

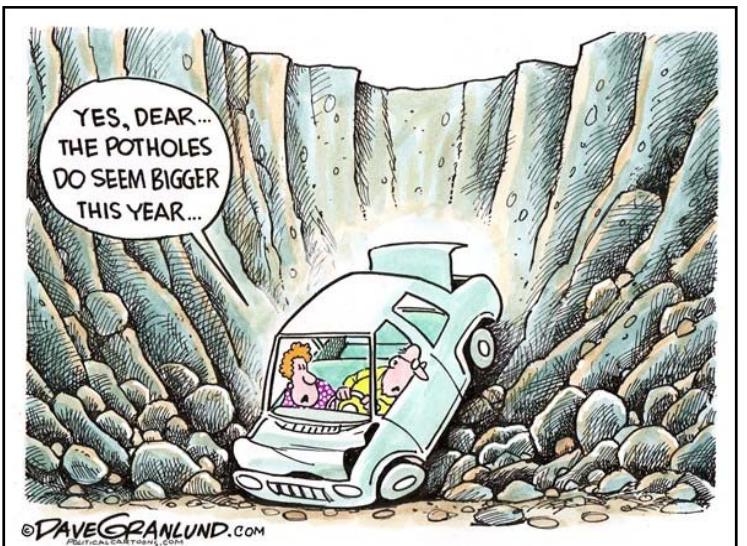
**Please pray for our eighth grade parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Saturday, March 24th at 10:30 a.m. Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your graces upon your daughters and sons!**

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

The teacher called on her student and said, "Ellen, give me a sentence starting with 'I'."

Ellen began to reply, "I is..." But the teacher interrupted and said, "No, Ellen. Always say 'I am.'"

At which, Ellen responded, "All right. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."





# Religious Education

## March

- 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.**

## Vocations Committee

There is nothing anonymous about the experience, humor, wisdom and common sense approach to vocations.

*What is your calling?*

## Mary's Way of the Cross

*Thursday, March 22 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.*



Make your Lenten journey special this year by joining this weekly reflection.

Journey with Mary on her "Way of the Cross" as she embodies Christ's vocation to be a disciple of unwavering faith and trusting surrender.

Relive the journey to Calvary, with Mary's assistance, as she teaches us to take up our own cross and follow Jesus in a spirit of limitless love and undying hope. Let us walk Jesus' last steps with his mother; Let our faith deepen and allow Jesus to rise once more in our lives!

*Everyone is invited; make the most of this Lenten season.*

## Help Wanted at St. Thomas More

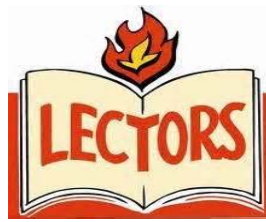
### Temporary Parish Office Receptionist

A person is needed to work in the parish office when the current staff are on vacation or sick.

This person would be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the church office and must have some post high school training, as well as prior receptionist/secretarial experience. Must also be proficient in Microsoft Office, self-directed with ability to prioritize and multi-task, have good hearing, sight and ability to lift 10 lbs.

Confidentiality and enjoy working with people are a must. Please email your resume to [jobopenings@stm-church.com](mailto:jobopenings@stm-church.com).

## Lectors & Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, March 25**

**6:30 am Mass**  
Jayne Gardner & Loretta Krawczyk

**8:00 am Mass**  
Diane DeSoto & Linda Stefanich

**10:00 am Mass**  
Christine Greenberg & Maryanne Topor

**12:00 Noon Mass**  
Teresa Brazzale & Jim Hus

**Saturday, March 24**

**5:30 pm Mass**  
Bill McDunn & Louise Younkens



**Sunday, March 25**

**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: Bev & Rick Lasky  
Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha

**Saturday, March 24**

**5:30 pm Mass**  
Main: Dagmar Reay  
Chapel:  
Dick & Nancy Hemingway  
Choir:  
Tom & Louisa Jurich

**12:00 Noon Mass**  
Main: Diane Gralewski  
Choir: Pat Batchelder

## Parish Directories Are Here!

If you had your photo taken for the St. Thomas More Parish Directory, then your new book is waiting for you. Please stop by the Parish Office anytime during normal business hours to receive your copy of our new directory. Hours are Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Save the Date!

### Parish Appreciation Dinner

All parishioners involved in parish ministries are invited to attend our annual Appreciation Dinner

### *In the Mood...for a Celebration*

Featuring an evening of big band music, dinner and dancing. Swing dance lessons, given by a professional dancer.

**Saturday, April 7.**

Watch next week's bulletin for a reservation form and be sure to RSVP no later than April 2, 2018.





# St. Thomas More School

## Collaborating for Success



St. Thomas More School 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students recently teamed up to design children's hospital gowns for a Michael's Crafts design contest.

The winning design, as chosen by Michael's, will be made into gowns for pediatric hospitals all over the country and our students hope that their designs will make it to the final round of selection.

Projects like this offer our students the unique experience of collaborating with others to find a common solution and we couldn't be prouder of the outcome. We wish them luck!

## St. Thomas More School



By purchasing a raffle ticket, you will help promote academic programs, enrichment activities and classroom upgrades.

Tickets: \$20 each available in School or Parish Office.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$5,000 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$3,000**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$1,000 • 10 Prizes: \$100**

Winners will be drawn at the Parish Appreciation Dinner, April 7, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. (*winners need not be present*).

## Register Now!

*If you are considering a St. Thomas More School education for your child, then don't delay!*

**Registration will be accepted until classes are filled.**

At St. Thomas More School, your child will not only receive an outstanding educational experience, spiritual development and a host of extra-curricular activities that allow each child to blossom, but you'll find a safe and loving environment where students are encouraged to be kind, caring and respectful to others.



**Our preschool, pre-k and kindergarten classes are nearly full.**

To schedule a personal tour, or to request more information about our wonderful school, please contact Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151, #309 or [ppasyk@stm-school.com](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com).

## 2018/2019 Diocese of Gary

### Tuition Assistance Applications

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now open.

FACTS Management will continue to provide and process our tuition assistance applications.

The applications are only **online** at the Diocesan website: [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org).

You will find the application by clicking on the "Schools" tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled Tuition Assistance Application.

There are **no** paper applications.

The regular application period will **close on March 19, 2018.**

After that date, families must wait for initial awards to be distributed before the application will open again, sometime in June for late applications, appeals and new families.

Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary.

You may complete an application if you have children entering grades kindergarten through twelve. Pre-school students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

There is a \$27 fee per family to apply.

If you need help with the application, FACTS will have an email address, phone number, and chat line on the application website for customer service.

## Holy Name Society

Join us for our next regular meeting in the Solar Room

**Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Our discussion will include a re-cap of the Fish Fry & Raffle.

Pizza & refreshments to follow meeting.

Not sure you want to join?

Come to our next meeting and see what we're all about!

## Religious Formation/Education

Join us for the next

Religious Formation & Education Ministry meeting to take place on

**Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

in the Parish Conference Room.

Help us foster the growth of faith in our parish.

## Gabriel Project

Gabriel Project will hold its next meeting on

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

in the Teachers' Lounge.

Many people expressed an interest in what we do during the Ministry Fair weekend, which is wonderful!

If you are one of them, and you are considering being a part of our group, please join us at this meeting.

Hope to see all of our members there.

## Volunteer Now!

St. Thomas More presents Family Fun Days

**Festival 2018**

**Wednesday, June 20 to Sunday, June 24**

Many volunteers are needed to make our festival successful, safe, and fun. You can find more information on how to volunteer on the Festival webpage. Questions? Carol or Don Kopencak at (219) 922-6091.

To volunteer, follow the directions on the webpage and sign-up when and where you can volunteer: [www.stmfundays.weebly.com](http://www.stmfundays.weebly.com)



## Do "Good" With Your Tax Return

**Help Rockopelli! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!**

*Have your taxes prepared, and help others in our area.*

1. Get a referral form with Rockopelli's special code from the STM Parish Office. Take the referral form to a participating H&R Block or Block Advisors office and give it to your tax professional. To find the nearest office location, go to [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com) or [blockadvisors.com](http://blockadvisors.com).
2. If you're a new client, Rockopelli will receive \$20!
3. Receive exceptional tax preparation service while helping our amazing organization.

Or take a copy of this bulletin ad to your nearest H&R Block office and use the code #40010001095478.

## 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.

**Membership Dues are only \$10/annually.**

Please submit dues ASAP, if you haven't already.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> — Palm Sunday**

**8:00 a.m. Mass & Breakfast**

*Honoring Our Deceased Members*

Breakfast to follow in the Cafeteria.

Cost: \$5/person. Reservations required.

### Monthly Luncheon

Join us for our March Monthly Luncheon to be held

**Monday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.**

Les Café & Pancake House

2708 Highway Avenue in Downtown Highland

No reservations are needed and everyone is welcome to join us for good food and great conversation.

## Travelers Club

The St. Thomas More Travelers Club has been on hiatus during the winter months, but we'd like to "get moving" again.

***Do you have a favorite destination in our area?***

Maybe our group of cheerful Travelers would enjoy that place, too! We are looking for people who would like to get involved with the Travelers Club, present new ideas for fun places to travel that are within a 90 minute drive or would enjoy helping with the travel planning process.

If you are interested in being more involved with the Travelers, please contact Elaine Herrmann at (219) 924-1936.

## Events in the Area...

### Wounded Healers

There is help available if you are grieving a loved one or friend through Wounded Healers. Begin your healing process & move forward in a positive way. The last meeting of the winter session is **Wednesday, March 21 with a speaker**, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. James the Less in Highland. (219) 924-5577 or [www.woundedhealers-nwi.com](http://www.woundedhealers-nwi.com).

### Pierogi Sales

**Order early for Easter!**

Enjoy delicious pierogi from **St. Josaphat Church, Munster** (Ridge & White Oak). Call by Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and pick-up on Friday between Noon and 3:00 p.m. Leave name, quantity/flavor on machine: (219) 838-9811. Potato, kraut, cheese, prune. \$10/doz or \$5/half.

**St. Andrew Men's Club in Merrillville** is selling pierogi for Easter, too. Potato & cheese, potato & cheddar, potato, kraut, kraut & mushroom, kraut potato & bacon, cabbage, meat, meat & mushroom, cheese, cherry, strawberry, plum, blueberry.

Call (219) 769-8534 to order by March 28.

Pick-up on Saturday, March 31 from Noon to 6:00 p.m.