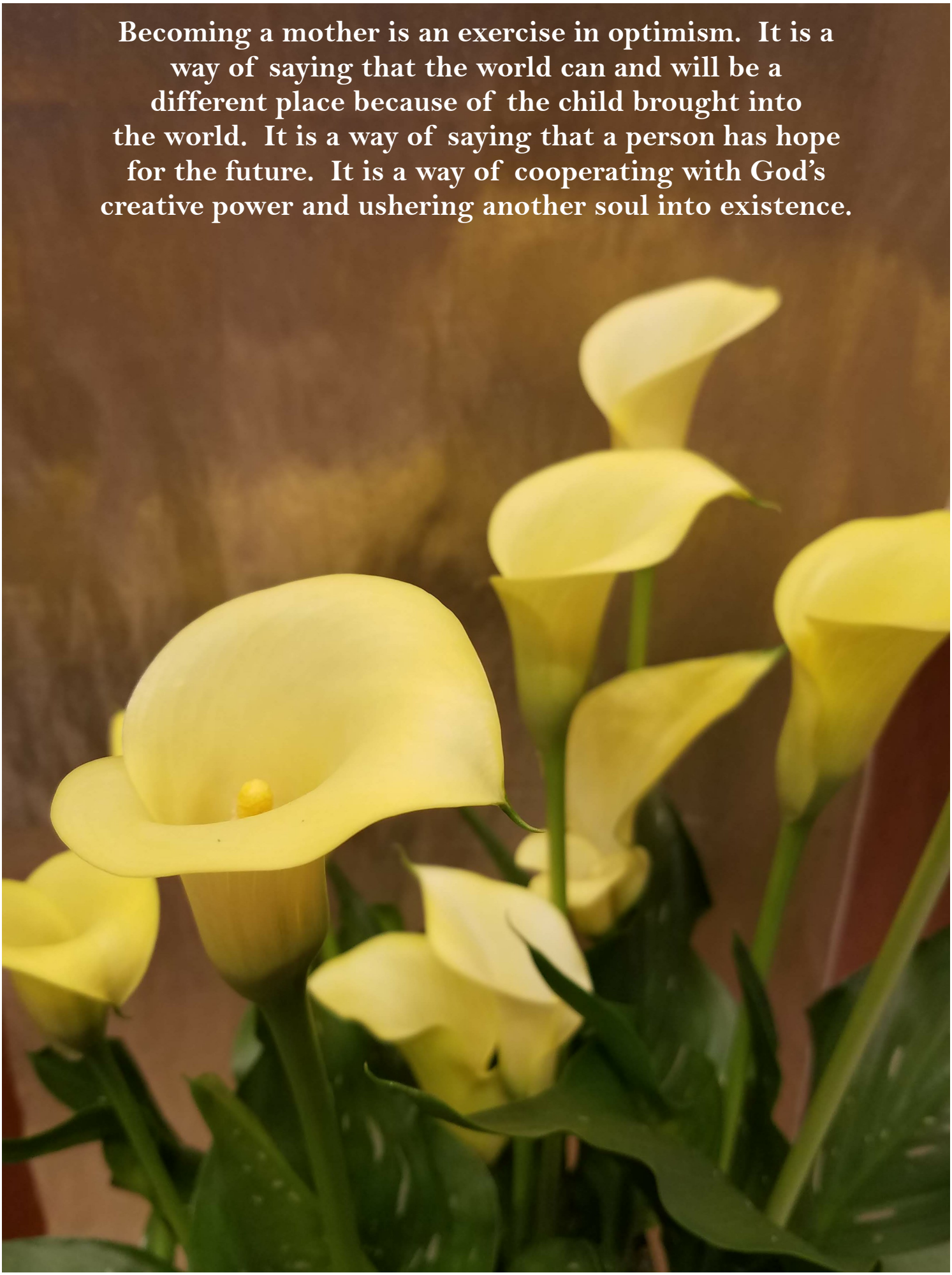
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St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church — 8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312
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..... Joseph Stodola, KHS
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Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2332

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

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Carolyn Cenko ..... Diane DeSoto
Deborah Jarvis ..... Tim Jevyak
Jim Kaspar ..... Christi Kordeck
Paul Liszewski ..... Eric Miller
Dwight Reed ..... Jim Secviar, Chairperson

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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. 2330
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Director of Development……Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307
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Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K

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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.
Stop in during the day, or take advantage or our convenient evening and Saturday office hours.

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. 2232
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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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Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke 322-6462
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Ushers Club ..... ….Jim Marmalejo 718-8704
Venture Crew……...Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

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

Celebrants

Saturday, May 18
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, May 19
6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
10:00 a.m. Fr. Andrew Corona
12:00 Noon Fr. Andrew Corona

Servers

SATURDAY, May 18
8:30 am A. Forszt, P. Olsen
5:30 pm P. Schwemlein, E. & T. Zabrecky/ MC ~ Nick

SUNDAY, May 19
6:30 am S. Szala, A. Korfiatis, B. Peters
8:00 am D. Kenning, D. Nahnsen, J. Sajn/ MC ~ Emma
10:00 am J. & M. Connelly, S. O'Rourke/ MC ~ Vanessa
12:00 pm F. Bernarte, J. & M. Blanford/MC ~ Mary

Rest in Peace

Mary Ann Szakacs • Marjorie Miller
Mary Peterson • Richard Lasky

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."
ACTS 13:52

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality.
We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts.
When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy.
A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

Sacrificial Offerings

growing OUR FAITH THROUGH Generosity

May 5, 2019

Adult	$ 22,808.00
Loose	$ 2,548.00
Automated	$ 3,280.00
Children	$ 116.51
TOTAL	**$ 28,752.51**

Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 12 — ***Fourth Sunday of Easter***
Happy Mothers' Day
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Helen Yadron by Family
10:00 am Living and Deceased Mothers
12:00 pm Charles Stevens by Wife & Family

MONDAY, May 13
6:30 am Anita Mullany by Family
8:30 am Andrew & Mary Chizmadia by Daughter Elizabeth Fenyes

TUESDAY, May 14 — ***St. Matthias***
6:30 am Louis Biedron by Wife & Family
8:30 am Don Bunting by Mother Mary Halpen
10:00 am Dorothy Kovach by STM Altar & Rosary Society
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

WEDNESDAY, May 15
6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
8:30 am Bert & Emily Woess by Bert Woess & Eileen Van Kavelaar

THURSDAY, May 16
6:30 am John Holmes by Holmes Family
9:00 am George Sinchak by Family

FRIDAY, May 17
6:30 am Cotaminda L. Serrano (Ann.) by Serrano Family
8:30 am Beatrice Francisco (Ann.) by Aquino Family

SATURDAY, May 18 — ***St. John I***
8:30 am Ronald Walczak by Jim & Arlene Kender
5:30 pm Lillian & Tadeusz Jaworski by Family

SUNDAY, May 19 — ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Joseph Adams by Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts of STM
10:00 am Anne Baranowski (Ann.) by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
12:00 pm Stephen & Eleanore Bolanowski by Suzanne & David Henson

Pastoral Care Ministry

If you or a family member is a hospitalized or homebound St. Thomas More parishioner, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at(219) 836-8610, # 315 or dkapala@stm-church.com to arrange a Communion visit

Early Bird Festival Raffle

Early Bird RAFFLE

The Early Bird Raffle will be pulled every Monday until the Festival.
Hurry and get your tickets turned-in to be part of next week's drawing!
May 6, 2019 Winner of $100:
Don Noworyta
Congratulations and good luck next week!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Arthur M. Branco
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Al Carollo
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Doris Dabrowski
Eleuterio Del Real
Irene Dettmer
Jeanine Doescher
Patrick Doran
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
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
Rosemarie Harran
Amy Hayes
Marie Henke
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hesek
Becky Hill
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
Jean Kibler
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatte
Paul Kostalik
Edward Kritzer
Crystal Kurek
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
Jim Nolan
Chet Nordyke
Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Kevin O'Neill
Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Johanna Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Ron Plewniak
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Phyllis Unkuri
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanich
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Mark Wein
Anne Wisniewski
Linda Wleklinski
Don Woszczynski
Josephine Zagrocki
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, May 12
Happy Mothers' Day

MONDAY, May 13
6:30 pm Marian Rosary ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Schola Choir Practice ~ Church
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

TUESDAY, May 14
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 Wrap-up Meeting
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, May 15
7:00 pm New Server Information Meeting ~ Solar Room

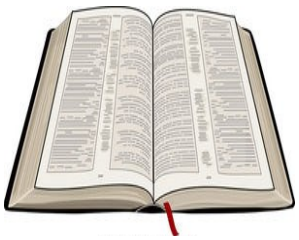
THURSDAY, May 16
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church
7:30 pm STMS Band Concert ~ Gym

FRIDAY, May 17
9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room
9:30 am STMS Band Concert ~ Gym

SUNDAY, May 19
Blood Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Gym

Readings for Week of May 12

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-[8]/ Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/P 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Altar Servers Needed

New Altar Server Information/Sign-up Meeting

Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation student, ***currently*** in the 4th grade or higher, who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to attend.

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Solar Room

A parent must accompany students to this meeting!

Questions? Contact Susan Burke at (219) 322-6462.

MOTHERHOOD

"Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It's huge and scary. It's an act of infinite optimism." ~ Gilda Radner

Today, we celebrate a glorious day, a sad day, a troubling day, a day filled with different emotions: Mother's Day. For some, it is a glorious day because they are celebrating their mothers. Their relationship with their mothers is good and wholesome. They have every reason in the world to look up to their mothers.

For others, it is a sad day because their mothers have gone before them in death. There might be a void in their lives because their mothers are no longer with them.

For still others, Mother's Day might be a troublesome reality because they do not get along with their mothers. Perhaps they do not live with their mothers or have any knowledge about their mothers. As others celebrate a special day, they are filled with a unique kind of pain that might be a mixture of grief and anger and envy.

Yes, Mother's Day is filled with all sorts of emotions. Yet, here we are, celebrating the day nonetheless. And we do so to recognize those women who took that big gamble to become mothers. It is not easy bringing a child into the world nor is it easy to guard and guide that child. The world is a scary place and many mothers live in perpetual worry about what may happen to their children, no matter their age.

Becoming a mother is an exercise in optimism. It is a way of saying that the world can and will be a different place because of the child brought into the world. It is a way of saying that a person has hope for the future. It is a way of cooperating with God's creative power and ushering another soul into existence.

Motherhood is a full time job. Moms should get "combat pay" for all the messes in life that come their way. Yet, most mothers that I know would do it all over again, no matter the pain or grief or worry because the joy in seeing a child excel, in seeing a child smile, in seeing a child move on in life is all the reward they desire.

To our many "mothers" out there — biological, foster, adoptive, step-mothers, godmothers, or mother-figures — our prayers and gratitude go out to you. And, to all the mothers out there who do not have good relationships with your own, prayers for healing come your way this day. Mary, our good mother in heaven, bless all of our mothers!

FAITH ACTION: Pray for all mothers, that they may feel God's love on their special day. 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:

May 12: Deacon Richard Duszynski (1995)
May 14: Msgr. Julian F. Doktor (1965)
May 15: Msgr. Clement M. Mlinarovich (1971)
May 17: Rev. Eric A. Schaff (1969)
May 18: Rev. Henry A. Smartz (1967)

MOTHERS THROUGH THE EYES OF OTHERS

- "Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love." ~ Stevie Wonder
- "The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father." ~ Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." ~ Rudyard Kipling
- "There is nothing in the world of art like the songs mother used to sing." ~ Billy Sunday
- "Motherhood is a choice you make everyday, to put someone else's happiness and well-being ahead of your own, to teach the hard lessons, to do the right thing even when you're not sure what the right thing is." ~ Donna Ball

SUMMER VACATION IS FAST APPROACHING

With student and family schedules any more, it is hard to tell when one thing ends and another begins. We will be at the end of the school year soon and, as we do, summer school, summer sports, and summer vacations will all be taking place.

Please make sure to plan time for God this summer. Try not to let school, sports, and vacation schedules replace your time to worship the Lord.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, sir," the new recruit replied.

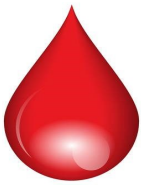
"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on, "because after you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

Survey & Raffle

Stewardship Commission Survey

You could win a chance for a
$100 Ciao Bella gift Card!

Watch upcoming bulletins for information regarding a new Stewardship Commission Survey coming soon.



Blood Drive at STM

Donate precious blood at St. Thomas More
Sunday, May 19
8:00 a.m. to Noon in the Gym
Come before or after Mass & help save lives.
Walk-ins welcome. Must present current I.D.

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society. Enjoy being part of a dedicated, spiritual group of men who serve the parish and community. Join us for our next meeting **Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room**. We will begin with the Rosary, followed by a business meeting, pizza and beverages. We will view a new Stephen Ray video.

Religious Formation & Education

Please join us for the next regular meeting of the St. Thomas More Religious Formation & Education ministry
Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Parish Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

Gabriel Project

This year's final meeting of the Gabriel Project Ministry will be **Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Teachers' Lounge.

Our next meeting won't take place until next fall. With that in mind, we hope as many members as possible can join us.
We have new mom news and locker news to relay. As always, please keep our moms and babies in your prayers.

Join the Marian Rosary

The Marian Rosary is seeking new members for our prayer group
Monday Nights: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel
Join us as we pray the Rosary, the Chaplet and offer prayers to Mary. Call Tom Mordaunt at (219) 922-6604 to learn more.

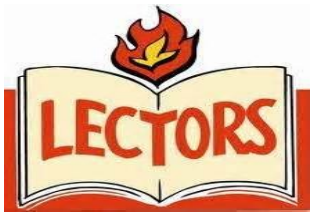
May Nursery Schedule

The Nursery is open in the narthex during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Nursery will be closed in June, July, & August.

Sunday, May 19
Jennifer Boswell • Allison Rusnak

Sunday, May 26
Memorial Weekend
Kaaren Mashura • Allison Rusnak
Aubrey Rivera

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Saturday, May 18
5:30 pm Mass
Joe Dubczak &
Rob Mangus

Sunday, May 19
6:30 am Mass
Jim Hus & Phil McIntosh

8:00 am Mass
Kristin Ball & Jim Kaspar

10:00 am Mass
Timothy Jevyak & Mike Skurka

12:00 Noon Mass
Cheryl Staniszewski &
Cheryl Suwardi

Saturday, May 18
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Chuck & Chris Shearman
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

Sunday, May 19

8:00 am Mass
Main: Joe & Cynthia Sindall
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Jack & Judy Mateja

10:00 am Mass
Main: Andrea Mazerik
Choir: Dwight & Mary Ann Reed

Senior Citizens

All senior citizens of our parish are invited to join us to hear informative speakers and have fun & enjoy the companionship of fellow parishioners. Meetings at 1:00 p.m. at the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet in Munster, unless noted.

The annual STM Seniors Spring Luncheon was held at the Jedi Restaurant on Wednesday, May 1st with 37 members in attendance.

New officers for the 2019/2020 year were introduced:
President — **Bob O'Donnell**
Vice-President — **Marion Case**
Treasurer — **Len Czapkowicz**
Secretary — **Felicia Makowski**

We are excited about our plans for the upcoming year, which will include some new speakers and events! We hope to see new members join us in the coming year!

Wednesday, May 15th

Bingo Bonanza

Monthly Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be held on
Monday, June 3 at 12:00 Noon
Gabe's Restaurant in Glenwood, IL
No reservation is needed; just come and enjoy the company of fellow seniors and a delicious lunch!

Wednesday, July 17th

Seniors Picnic

Location to be announced. Watch the bulletin for details.

Bulletin Articles

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

First Holy Communion

MAY YOUR FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATE YOUR LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.

AS YOU GROW IN THIS FRIENDSHIP MAY YOUR WORDS BE GENTLE AND YOUR TOUCH BE KIND.

MAY YOU FEEL LOVE IN YOUR HEART EACH & EVERY DAY.

MAY YOU ENJOY DISCOVERING GOD HIDDEN EVERYWHERE AND BE THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT HE PROVIDES.

AND MAY YOU CONTINUE TO FIND JOY AND PEACE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

Congratulations

TO THE CHILDREN OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF

First Holy Communion

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

Ethan Alonzo
Oliver Anderson
John Bellahcen
Gavin Bouton
Alison Braviere
Lily Braviere
Bryce Bravo
Nathan Bulatovich
Thomas Burns
William Caddick
Jesse Diaz
Ella Dilbeck
Kenneth Dorian
Isabella Dragos
Makenzie Durkin
Caiden Elliott
Olivia Ercoli
Ivan Estrada
Michael Fortener
Ezekiel Gelbolingo
Pete Godinez
Jack Gomez
Katie Harkenrider
Kevin Harretos
Rylee Holcomb
Elizabeth Irvin
Lily Jones
Christopher Kalwasinski
Rocco Krembs
Nicholas Kutkoski
Patrick Laschober
Luke Long
Olivia Mack
Angelina Maggio
Janelle Martinez
Lilly Mbaoma
Jacob Menclewicz
Freddie Mendoza
Mateo Morales
Joshua Ngchee
Liam O'Brien
Patrick O'Banion
Andrew Olczak
Chloe Ostrowski
Alec Peltzer
Analia Prado
Logan Quiroz
Emily Ramirez
Sofia Rodriguez
Ximena Rodriguez
Ethan Rozic
Alexandra Rucinski
Cali Rybicki
Rebecca Schlossberger
Nathaniel Sinclair
Reyna Smola
Bobbi Soto
Iris Tolnai
Jennifer Tong
Savannah Valent
Penelope Werner
Morgan Whelan
Anlan Wu
Briza Zamora

St. Thomas More School

Register Now for the Fall

Make a difference in the future of your child!

Register now for fall classes and join the positive culture of kindness at St. Thomas More School.

You'll find a curriculum of outstanding academics, the arts and an encouraging, empowering environment where every child feels encouraged and loved.

Schedule a tour to see our students and staff in action by contacting Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151, ext 2309 or ppasyk@stm-school.com.

Note: Limited Spots in Preschool & Pre-K

As of this bulletin printing, only 1-3 spots remain at each level, so please contact us today to secure a place for your child this fall.

What You'll Find at St. Thomas More School:

- State of Indiana & AdvancEd Accredited
- Small Class Sizes (18: 1 Ratio)
- Exceptional Academics
- Focus Whole Child: Spanish, Art, Music, Physical Education & Computer Offered Pre-K to Grade 8
- Sacramental Preparation
- 20+ Clubs & Organizations
- 5 Sports Offered (where everyone plays)

Spring Band Concert

Everyone is Invited

Looking for an enjoyable night out, filled with toe-tapping music and a great atmosphere? Then join the students of St. Thomas More School as they present their annual

Spring Band Concert

in the STMS Gym

Thursday, May 16- 7:30 p.m.

and

Friday, May 17- 9:30 a.m.

(note: please sign-in at the School Office if you are attending the Friday morning performance)

STMS & Amazon Smile

A Great Partnership!

May and June are such busy months and we know that you probably have a calendar packed with

Graduations • Showers • Weddings • Birthdays

And Amazon Smile has everything you need to fulfill all your gift-giving needs.

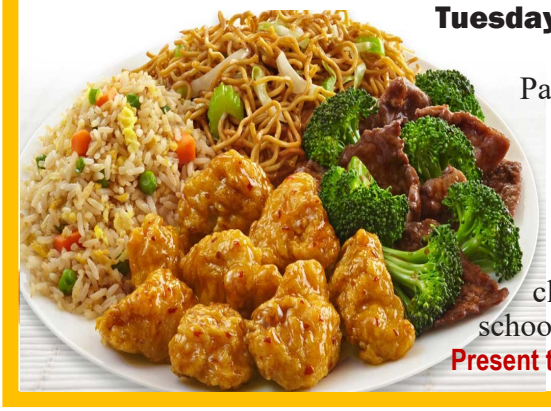
Simply elect St. Thomas More School as your designated charity when you order from Amazon Smile and .05% of your order will be donated to St. Thomas More School.

The students of STMS thank you for thinking of them and appreciate the funds raised from your purchase!

Another Dining for Dollars Event

Panda Express Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 21 — 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Grab a delicious meal at Panda Express in Highland, present this ad and St. Thomas More School will earn 20% of sales.

10329 Indianapolis Blvd.
Highland, IN

Funds raised will be used for classroom improvements, general school operations & technology upgrades.

Present this ad to support St. Thomas More School!

Positions Available

St. Thomas More School

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining a dedicated and faith-filled staff of hard-working professionals to continue the high standard of education offered at St. Thomas More School, please apply today!
The ideal candidate for each of the following positions must be a practicing Roman Catholic, be a highly motivated, collaborative team player. In addition, candidate must be enthusiastic, flexible and be able to think and problem solve on the spot with a positive and patient attitude that empowers students.
Positions are full-time 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (unless noted) with benefits. Find more comprehensive job descriptions on the STMS website (bottom of main page/click on Employment link).

Elementary Education Teacher
Strong Elementary educational experience preferred.

7th/8th Grade Science Teacher
Strong Middle School/Jr. High educational experience preferred.

Computer Teacher (K to 6)
Part-time position.

Music Teacher (Pre-K to 8)
Part-time position.

To apply for any of these open positions, please go jobopenings@stm-school.com.
Those applying must include: letter of interest, resume, copy of teacher's license & 3 letters of recommendation.

Custodial Help Needed

St. Thomas More is currently seeking part-time summer help to work in the custodial department.
Applicants must be able to lift and move heavy objects and perform general custodial tasks. If interested, please apply at **jobopenings@stm-school.com** or complete an application in person at the
St. Thomas More Parish Office,
8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN.

2019/2020 Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2019/2020 school year are open.
FACTS Management will continue to provide and process our tuition assistance applications.
The applications are ***online only*** at the Diocesan website: www.dcgary.org.
You can 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.
Applications should be completed ASAP!
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. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.
There is a $35 fee per family to apply.
If you need help, FACTS will have an email, phone number and chat line on the application website for customer service.

Angel Award

Nominate a Special
St. Thomas More School Teacher!
Note: Nominations due in the School Office by May 15.
The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary is pleased to announce the annual **Angel Award** process.
The **Angel Award**, named in honor of the Holy Angels, the patrons of the Diocese of Gary, will be given to recognize three outstanding, creative and innovative teachers in our Diocese. Nominations for this award may be submitted by students (past and present), parents, colleagues, principals, school committee members, pastors, parishioners—anyone whose life has been touched by an outstanding Catholic school teacher.

The winners will receive a monetary award, a scholarship award for classes at Calumet College of St. Joseph, a beautiful plaque, as well as public recognition.
Pick-up a Nomination Form from our school principal or online from the Diocesan website: www.dcgary.org (Schools/Office Resources). Call to learn more: (219) 769-9292, ext. 232.
Submit forms to the STMS School Office, att: Dr. Francis.

STMS T.R.I.P. News

Gift Cards Delivered to the Parish Office!
Everyone is encouraged to use this easy and convenient service provided by our school. Just sign-up, place your order for gift cards from a host of vendors and pick-up in the Parish Office.

Submit payment & printed receipt with order on processing days by 8:30 a.m.
Upcoming processing dates: May 13 • May 20
Learn more by emailing: stmstrip@gmail.com.

Golf Classic

Mark you calendar now for the 2nd Annual St. Thomas More School
Golf Classic
Monday, July 29, 2019
Briar Ridge Country Club
You won't want to miss this great school event, now entering its second year.
It's back and it'll better than ever!

Festival Children's Game Tent

We are seeking prize donations for the Children's Game Tent:
New or gently used small toys, pencils, plush animals, McDonald's Happy Meal toys and Beanie Babies. Please call Linda Harle at (219) 972-2466 if you can donate. Thanks for your help. All of the young visitors will be grateful for your contributions when they visit our tent.

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council

Nomination Ballot

Would you consider becoming a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and the Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process. The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council.

Discernment Sessions will be held on the following Tuesdays:

May 21 • May 28 • June 4

at 7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room.

On ***Pentecost Sunday, June 9th***, new Council members will be chosen at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age.

The nominees ***cannot*** be a full-time employee of the parish or school.

Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination.

Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

Nomination Deadline:

Today, Sunday, May 12, 2019

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the Red Ballot Boxes (located at each church entrance).

Wednesday to Sunday

JUNE 19 — JUNE 23

The weather may not indicate that summer and sunshine is around the corner, but it will be here before you know it!

And that means that the Parish Festival will be here soon, too!

The Festival Committee has been busy at work planning another safe and fun event for our parish and community but we need you.

We need your help to make it a success!

Did you know?

The Festival is our parish's largest fundraiser & it's success relies on volunteers, like you!

Volunteers Needed!

Many volunteers are needed to make our Festival successful, safe, and fun.

Can you help?

Find more information on how to volunteer on the Festival webpage. Follow the directions on the webpage and sign-up when and where needed.

To volunteer go to: www.stmfundays.weebly.com

or directly: www.tinyurl.com/stmfest19

Need more info? Please contact: Carol or Don at (219) 922-6091.

Our thanks to all who have come forward already, but we still need one more chairperson to complete our committee. Please consider joining our fun team!

Pull Tab Chairperson Needed, Too!

This important chair position needs to be filled ASAP! Clear, easy instructions and procedures are already in place and you'll have lots of support from the entire Committee to help you, so don't worry!

If you can help, please contact Festival General Chairperson, Ed Pilawski at (219)718-9952 or ed.pilawski@gmail.com.

What Does the Pull Tab Chairperson Do?

Coordinates volunteers to sell pull tabs during the Festival.

Let's Sort It Out!

Are you... Divorced? Civilly married?
Have a blended family? Do you have questions?

Strengthen & heal those who are marginalized due to marital status and support blended families separated from the Sacraments.
Answers by Fr. Brian Chadwick & Dr. Jean Nanos.

Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Giovanni's Restaurant in Munster
Please call (219) 923-2952 to register.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Because the need is constant in our community, our mission to help those less fortunate never ends. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thank all of our supporters for their generous donations and for the continued help offered both now and in the future. We appreciate our parish family for their assistance.
Thanks to all of you for your ongoing generous support in helping us to provide help to others!

Items in Need at the SVDP Food Pantry:

Pork & Beans
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Meal Helpers
Rice Helpers/Sides
Potato Helpers/Sides
Frosting
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Tuna
Canned Meats
Canned Fruit
Soup
Cereal
Toilet Paper
Dish Soap
Shampoo

To volunteer or learn more about the SVDP Society, please contact SVDP President Mike Martinelli at (219) 836-8610.

Our Thanks to a Great Team

Parish Appreciation Dinner Committee

A very special thanks to the energetic and creative planning committee for this year's Parish Appreciation Dinner who hosted yet another fabulous evening for our parishioners.

Committee:
Elaine Herrmann • Cathy Delgado • Joan Hoess
Christi Kordeck • Katie Kordeck • Rachel Lopez
Dominique Mercier • Cheryl Staniszewski

Knights of Columbus

Faith in Action

The Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Robert B. Weis Council invites all parishioners to join us in a communal Consecration to the Holy Family.

When Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he recognized the importance of the Family. Besides providing love, protection and financial aid, the family was the heart of a good spiritual foundation. He also knew that the ideal model of this family is found within the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
Help us to carry out Father McGivney's vision through our Faith in Action program which focuses on our Faith, Family, Community and Life.
By Consecrating ourselves to the Holy Family we ask for the intercession of Jesus, the Perfect Son, Mary the Perfect Mother, and Joseph the perfect role model for every Father.
We have sent a brochure home with each child enrolled in the Religious Education classes and St. Thomas More School. These brochures give an overview of this movement, and how to prepare for the Communal Consecration to the Holy Family.
The Consecration to the Holy Family will take place
Next Weekend — May 18 & 19 at All Masses.
Help strengthen families and revitalize our parish by having your family devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event, but rather an ongoing choice to be a beacon of God's love for others.
Please help us make this endeavor a success.

Other Knight's Events

Donut Sunday

Join us in the Cafeteria next weekend for coffee & donuts.

Sunday, May 19
After the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses

Tootsie Roll Drive

Watch for our St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus at area grocery stores, purchase a Tootsie Roll and help them make a difference in the lives of people with intellectual challenges.
Look for our Knights at
Jewel, Strack and Van Til & Ace Hardware.

Save the Date: Don't Miss It!

ROCKOPELLI

What is it?

Rockopelli is a free, all-ages Music Festival, started by young St. Thomas More parishioners to benefit local charities and it's a fun day for the entire family. You'll find great local bands, food trucks, children's activities, craft/vendor tents & a Beer Garden.

When is it?

Saturday, June 15 from 1:00-10:00 p.m.
Central Park in Griffith

St. Thomas More Fun Days

PRE-ORDER YOUR

June 19-23, 2019

MEGAPASS

UNLIMITED RIDES. ALL DAY. EVERY DAY.

ONLY

$50

When purchased during the pre-sale period.

Pre-sale ends on June 14, 2019 at 5:00pm!

June 19-23, 2019

Enjoy all the benefits of the MEGAPASS for just

$60

(Cash or Credit Card ONLY after pre-sale.)

Note: MegaPasses cannot be purchased at the Parish Office after June 14th

Buy online at stmfundays.com!

MEGAPASS Order Form

Passes available for pick up at the St. Thomas More Fun Days, June 19-23, 2019.

RIDER MUST BE PRESENT at time of pick-up with *either* their photo ID *or* the purchasing adult with photo ID.

MEGAPASSES are non-transferable, non-replaceable and non-refundable. CASH or CREDIT CARD ONLY after the pre-sale ends at 5:00pm on June 15, 2019.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Pass 1 for (Name of Rider) _____

Pass 2 for (Name of Rider) _____

Pass 3 for (Name of Rider) _____

Pass 4 for (Name of Rider) _____

_____ # of Additional Passes (Write names on back)

Make Checks Payable to: **St. Thomas More Festival**
MAIL TO: 8501 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
-OR- Drop off at the Parish Office

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Total # of Passes: _____

X _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____