A tall, white flagpole stands against a clear blue sky. The American flag is flying from the top of the pole, its red and white stripes and blue field with white stars clearly visible. The flag is slightly tattered and waves in the breeze. In the bottom right corner, the tops of green trees are visible against the sky.

On this Independence Day weekend, remember the struggle of those who came before us and who established a country where all could pursue life, liberty, and happiness. That struggle is still a real one for many people. Do all that you can to live the values of our founding fathers so that all, truly, may be free.

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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Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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.

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

Parish Office Staff

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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 of our convenient Saturday office hours.

Pastoral Ministries

Environment & Art Helen Jaworski 836-8610
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Hospitality/Greeters Chris Shearman 923-1419
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St. Vincent de Paul Terry Oprinovich 836-8610
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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.

2020-2021 Pastoral Council Members

Thomas Alexander Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson
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Katie Kordeck Eric Miller
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Formation/Education Allen Blocher

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Stewardship Paul Liszewski

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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President Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
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School Reception & Office Associate Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
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School Admissions Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307
Business Manager Mike Gutchewsky; Ext. 2339

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862

Boy Scouts Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109

Career Networking Group Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335

..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597

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carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net

Cub Scouts Duane Schwemlein - Stmcubpack542@gmail.com

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Gabriel Project Marilyn Glennon 801-6586

Garden Club Paul Mazerik 644-8409

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Knights of Columbus Ralph Konkoly (219)588-4559

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Respect Life Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739

Senior Citizens Marion Case (219)743-3543

Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Venture Crew Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

Weis Center

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Phone 836-2660

Celebrants

Saturday, July 11
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas

Sunday, July 12
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron



Baptisms

Teddy James
 Son of Adam David and Mary Elizabeth White

Rest in Peace

Kathryn B. Dobos • Marie Lillian Reichett



“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”
 MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure.

However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Parish Office/Chapel Hours

The Parish Office & Chapel are open as follows:
Monday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Praying For Our Parishioners

May We Pray For You?

Our parish synod group, Faith Reignited, and the Circle of Prayer ministry are teamed up to offer prayers for our parishioners.

Our ministry members will, for the time-being, be praying at home and would love to pray for your needs, too! Email your prayer requests to: STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 5 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Joseph Dubeck (Ann.) by Jack & Carol Waters
 10:00 am Isaac Christian Larsen by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
 12:00 pm Intention of Miskovich Family by Jim & Ann Miskovich

MONDAY, July 6 — St. Maria Goretti

6:30 am Jean LaPeer by Donna & Karin
 8:30 am James W. Strain by Susan Strain

TUESDAY, July 7

6:30 am Alice Wohler by St. Thomas More Respect Life
 8:30 am Constancia L. Odicta (Ann.) by Serrano Family

WEDNESDAY, July 8

6:30 am Thomas Mercier by Michael Mercier & Family
 8:30 am Alice K. Wohler by Serrano Family

THURSDAY, July 9

6:30 am Ed Czarowski by Dannis & Olczak Families
 9:00 am Nicholas Brunetti by Linda & Michael Rescan

FRIDAY, July 10

6:30 am Richter Family by Micki Richter
 8:30 am Teresa O'Brien by Jim & Pat Landowski

SATURDAY, July 11 — St. Benedict

8:30 am Ed Hreha (Ann.) by Children
 5:30 pm Helen Krull by Family

SUNDAY, July 12 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Michael Bubala by St. Thomas More Handbell Choir
 10:00 am John G. Nelson, Jr. by Helene Nelson
 12:00 pm Martha Muta by Julie Quasny

Guide To Attending Weekend Masses

- The CDC suggests that you monitor the following: Do you have a fever, cough, sore throat or headaches? Are you short of breath? If you experience any of these, please stay home.
- Wear face masks while in the church.
- Continue to leave immediately after Mass so that we can disinfect/sanitize the church for the next Mass.
- Continue to receive Communion in the hand.

Bulletin Articles

The bulletin is available online via our parish website. Limited copies are available in the Chapel lobby and to those attending Mass. Please submit all articles 2 weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

All activities at St. Thomas More Church & School are cancelled until further notice.

Sunday & Daily Masses will continue to be live-streamed, as per the schedule below.

Live-Stream Mass Schedule:
Monday-Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Saturday at 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Watch Masses through Facebook or via our parish website:
www.stm-church.com (or on YouTube).

We deeply care about the health and well-being of our parishioners and all who attend functions at our parish and school.

Our first priority is to keep everyone safe.

We are adhering strictly to the advice of health professionals on both the national and local levels and our Diocese, for directives in this ever-changing situation.

We appreciate your understanding and compliance.

Pray for the sick of our parish...

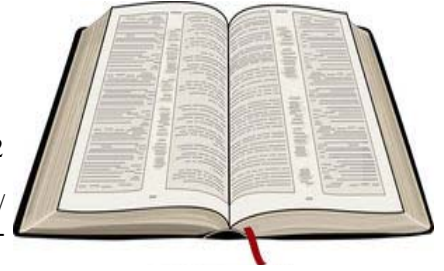
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Raymond Vanderbok
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Readings for Week of July 5

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that

we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey. There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced! ©LPi

WE MUST FOCUS

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." ~ Aristotle

One of the things that has always amazed me is the lack of ability so many of us have to see the light in a darkened place. It seems as if once our eyes adjust to total darkness, they do all that they can to lock on to the dark, perhaps because the light can be blinding and hurt.

You would think that we would look for the light and go toward it. But, as I said, if we stay in the dark too long, we tend to acclimate to it and begin to do all that we can to preserve it.

Personally, I cannot stand the dark. When we have too many dark days in a row, I begin to feel really blue. I look for the sun and celebrate the light when it arrives. Others, though, have no problem staying in the dark. There is no way that I could live in Alaska. Six months of "night" would be way too much for me.

When we are in the dark, we need to look for the light and, when we find it, we must go toward the light. It can lead us and guide us out of the darkness that consumes us. We have been in the dark, in many ways, these past few months in regard to the pandemic. People have suffered greatly because of it. Many have died because of it. Still others are looking for a way out of it but all we can do is wait.

Waiting can bring a certain darkness of its own into our lives. When we wait for something that doesn't appear to be coming, we can become down and give up hope. We should do all that is in our power not to give up hope but look, instead, to the Lord for help and guidance.

Our faith can help us in times like this. Our faith can keep us from falling too far into a dark abyss of doubt and fear. Our faith can keep the light kindled within us. Our faith can provide all that we need to navigate these times. Lean on that faith. Do not neglect it.

Faith, while a great gift from God, often takes practice, lots of it. If we continue praying as we should and living the life of a believer, we will find our faith flourishing and that, in turn, will provide us with the ability that we need to key in on the Light of Christ. Let Him illumine the darkness that might be in your heart and soul so that you might see Him more clearly and be able to follow Him more closely this day.

FAITH ACTION: Don't let the negativity that might be filling our world to engulf you. Rather, look toward the light of Christ and follow Him as faithfully as possible. He will guide us through the darkness of these days if we just follow Him. *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:

- July 5: Msgr. George J. Moorman (1979)
- July 6: Deacon Joseph J. Sobek (2004)
- July 8: Rev. Leonard J. Lukaszewski (2003)
- July 9: Rev. Raymond G. Derrick (1963)
- Msgr. John C. Witte (2006)

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Independence Day, or the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states.

Independence Day is commonly associated with a whole host of public events. Spectacles such as fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies all helped to celebrate the day last year.

This year was radically different as the pandemic has made it difficult, if not impossible, for many public events. Social distancing is required and that often prohibits large gatherings for fireworks, parades, and the like. Most all of the communities around us have chosen to forgo those events this year, though some have postponed them for later in the fall.

It's too bad we can't declare our independence from viruses, isn't it? The reality is that we are still very much susceptible to many illnesses that abound in our world.

On this Independence Day weekend, remember the struggle of those who came before us and who established a country where all could pursue life, liberty, and happiness. That struggle is still a real one for many people. Do all that you can to live the values of our founding fathers so that all, truly, may be free.

Happy Independence Day!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Q. What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?
A. The Americans licked the British.

Q. How come there's no Knock Knock joke about America?
A. Because freedom rings.

Q. Who was the biggest jokester in Washington's army?
A. Laughayette

Q. What's the difference between a duck and George Washington?
A. One has a bill on his face and the other has his face on a bill.





Religious Education

Register Now for Fall 2020

Religious Education Classes

We are currently accepting Religious Education registrations for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year! Register in the Parish Office now and be sure to sign-up early to ensure your preferred class day. Baptismal certificate is required at registration for new students and payment in full at registration time is required.

We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Stewardship Thoughts



Prayer from Pope Francis

"Lord Jesus, You traveled a hard and lonely road with Mary and Joseph. As a child, they carried You to a foreign land to escape the wrath of Herod. Lord, may we see You present in the migrants and refugees who knock at the doors of our nation. Open our ears to hear the cry of the poor, the weak, the weary and wounded, the children and newborns and tiny babies still in the womb! Open our hearts! Give us hearts like Your Sacred Heart-large, and warm and welcoming. Lord, even if we cannot welcome everyone, help us to welcome someone-even one child, one family in need. Holy Family, help us to pray and work for justice and mercy in a broken world." *Amen*

If you are not part of a Ministry at St. Thomas More Church, please consider joining and sharing with others.

Parish Nursery

Due to the recent health crisis, the parish Nursery will not reopen in September, as originally planned, and will remain closed until further notice. If interested in volunteering once the Nursery resumes, please contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079.

Altar & Rosary Bazaar

The 35th annual Altar & Rosary Bazaar, originally scheduled for November 7 will not take place this year. We can't wait to see you all next year! For more info, contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Automated Contributions

You Can Mail, Make Online or Automated Payments

During this current health crisis, as we alter our normal activities, please know that we are praying for you and your family to remain safe and healthy and we're working hard to foster a healthy parish community.

While we continue to keep you apprised of changing situations, our staff continues to work. Our teachers & students have completed a full school year via eLearning and office work, paying bills and keeping up with correspondence all continues, as much of our staff works "behind the scenes". In addition, our phenomenal custodial staff has been busy disinfecting the church and school. Because we are still maintaining and paying staff, keeping up with building security, and maintaining & cooling our facilities, our expenses remain constant.

If you have the means to make your continued offering contributions to St. Thomas More, you may do so by mailing or dropping off your contribution at the Parish Office, donating online via our parish website or utilize our Automated Contribution program (below).

Mail or Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Drop-off at the Parish Office (remains open with limited hours) or mail your contribution: 8501 Calumet Munster, IN 46321.

Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through the St. Thomas More Church website by using PayPal/debit/credit card: <http://www.stm-church.com/> Please find the "Donate" button in the "Virtual Offering" section.

Set-Up Automated Payment:

Complete only if interested in this service or if you already use auto pay and need to change your banking information. To have your Sunday contributions withdrawn directly from your financial institution, please complete the form below. Withdrawals will be made on *either* the 5th or the 20th of each month (please check the appropriate box below). At this time, only your Sunday contribution will be withdrawn automatically. You will continue to receive your offering envelopes in the mail to contribute to special collections such as CSA, Monthly Green Envelopes & Holy Days, which will *not* be withdrawn automatically.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize St. Thomas More Church to initiate debit entries to my/our checking account indicated on my attached voided check. I/we authorize such banking institution to honor such debit entries on my/our account. I/we understand this authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Thomas More has received written notification from me/us. I agree to give 14 days written notice of any changes to, or discontinuation of, this program.

I/We hereby authorize St. Thomas More to debit my/our account in the amount of \$ _____ /month from my/our checking account (**attach a voided check**) on the (select one):
____ 5th of each month or ____ 20th of each month.

Name _____

Address _____

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Signed _____

Signed _____

Return this form, along with a voided check to:

St. Thomas More Church

Attn: Mike Gutchewsky • 8501 Calumet Ave • Munster, IN 46321

For more information, please contact Noreen Bickel at (219) 836-8610, #2330 or nbickel@stm-church.com



St. Thomas More School

Thank You Generous Donors!

In these unprecedented times, the generosity and good will of others has been one of the many bright spots to emerge from a sea of challenges. Here, at St. Thomas More School, we have witnessed that generosity firsthand, as the recipients of support and kindness for our school and our students through your kind prayers and charitable contributions.

The STM COVID-19 Fund

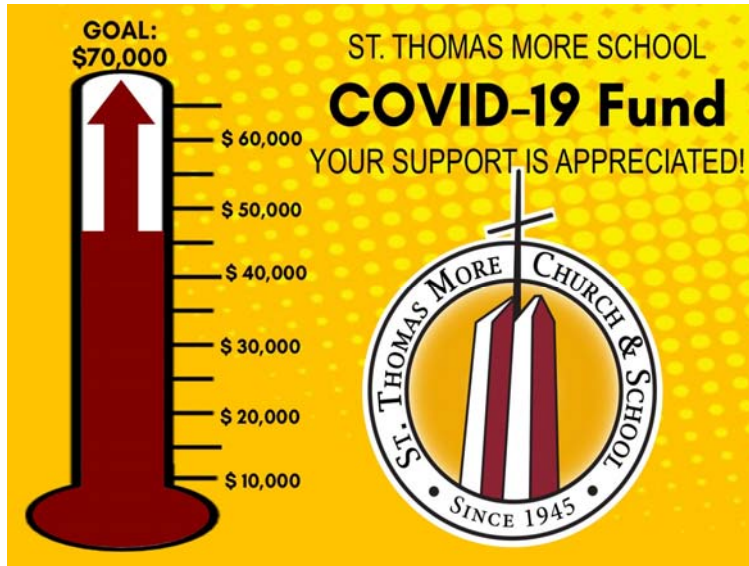
has been a big success, thanks to you!

In the wake of canceled fundraisers and lost revenue needed to support our school, you, our big-hearted parishioners, school parents, alumni and friends of St. Thomas More School, have come through for us!

We are extremely grateful to all who have contributed.

Our school community is strong and, with your help, we will continue to bring a stellar education, rich in faith, service and opportunity to the young people of Northwest Indiana and surrounding communities for another 70+ years to come.

Thank you to all who contributed.
Your support means the world to us!



St. Thomas More School



Fall 2020 Register today!

A-Rated School

School Starts August 18th

Apply Now!
stm-school.com
Final Days!

T.R.I.P. is Back!

Purchase gift cards now!

STM Families: Start earning tuition credits!

All T.R.I.P. orders should be submitted to the Parish Office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday processing days and pick-up the following Wednesday after 3:00 p.m.

Next Summer Processing Date:

Submit: Monday, July 20 by 9:00 a.m.

Pick-Up: Wednesday, July 22 after 3:00 p.m.

August dates to be announced.

Please remember to include your printed or handwritten family order form along with payment (if not using Presto Pay) in family envelope.

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Questions? Email: stmstrip@gmail.com.

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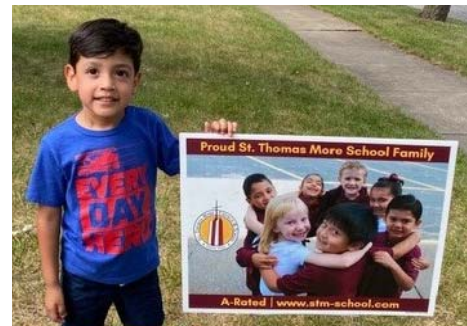
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Look for Our School Families!



You'll find STMS yard signs and our great students all around town.



MINISTRY spotlight

St. Thomas More is blessed with an abundance of people who share their time and talent with those in our parish and community. With over 50 parish ministries, there is something to fit your interests and availability. We encourage you to get involved when restrictions are lifted. You'll receive much more than you give.

Meals for the Homeless Shelter

Join our parishioners as we prepare an evening meal in the STM kitchen for 50 to 60 people at the Hammond Homeless Shelter. Cooking is done on the 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Wednesday and 5th Wednesday (when it occurs) of each month. Cooking begins at 3:00 p.m. to be delivered to the shelter by 6:00 p.m. Join us!



Positions at St. Thomas More Part-Time Accountant

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for a part-time accountant (may lead to a full-time position in the future). Responsibilities: tuition billing, collections, accounts, payable & purchasing. Must embrace technology and have at least **5 years of experience in an accounting position.**

Custodial Supervisor

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for a highly motivated, hard-working, friendly team player for this position. The successful candidate must be able to work and as needed, delegate & supervise the custodial staff. Also responsible for budgeting, purchasing and must have the ability to prioritize work. **Qualifications include:** Minimum 5 years' experience as a custodian including three years supervisory experience. High School Diploma or equivalent required. Must be a practicing Catholic.

For a detailed job description: www.stm-church.com and click on Employment Opportunities.
Send cover letter and resume to: jobopenings@stm-church.com.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please keep all in our community in your prayers. We have many additional families in need of food and assistance during this health crisis. The need is great & your help is truly appreciated.

Please be as generous as possible.



Please check the expiration dates before donating items (we cannot accept past-date items).

To learn more about SVDP please call Terry at (219) 836-8610.

Items Needed for Our Pantry:

Peanut Butter • Jelly	Pork & Beans
Cake Mixes • Frosting	Mac & Cheese
Jell-O	Cereal • Canned Fruit
Pancake Mix • Syrup	Toothbrushes • Tooth Paste
Pasta/Noodles • Pasta Sauce	Dish Soap
Rice • Boxed Potatoes	Laundry Detergent
Meal Helpers	Shampoo
Canned Meat/Fish	Toilet Paper

PelliPlay: New from Rockopelli

Apply Now for Free Guitar Lessons

Students in Grades 6-10 from low income families may be eligible for free guitar lessons through Rockopelli's new program, PelliPlay. This new 10-week guitar educational program offers free music instruction and an instrument to young people from low income households across NWI, beginning in September 2020 with lessons held in Griffith, IN. Students who pass the class will get to keep their guitar for a lifetime of music, at no cost! Free application & participation.

PelliPlay is now looking for applicants!

Apply online: www.rockopellifest.org/pelliplay



PelliPlay is organized by Rockopelli, Inc., a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in NWI that supports the local community through benefit music festivals and other events.

Questions? Contact Joel at jvratatajack@rockopellifest.org. Visit rockopellifest.org and Rockopelli social media for updates.
9th Annual Rockopelli Benefit Music Festival!

Virtual Camp at Camp Lawrence

Camp Lawrence will be holding a Virtual Camp this summer for children ranging from 7-14 years old.

The Virtual Camp will consist of links to prerecorded activities to which campers can follow along. There will also be 3 or more live events that campers can join in on through Zoom, hosted by the Camp Lawrence staff.

To receive a registration form, send your email address to nwicyo@comcast.net or call the CYO Office at (219) 736-8931 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m -3:00 p.m. Check out the Camp Lawrence Facebook page for more info.