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

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

Parish Office Staff

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Thomas Alexander ..... Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson
Carolyn Cenko ..... Leslie Dernulc
Diane DeSoto ..... Tim Jevyak, Chairperson
Jim Kaspar ..... Christi Kordeck
Katie Kordeck ..... Eric Miller
Joe Peters ..... Daniel Straka

St. Thomas More School

Preschool 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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Phone 836-2660

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 of our convenient 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
Administrative Assistant ..... Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236
Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education ..... Allen Blocher
Parish Life ..... Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship ..... Paul Liszewski

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society ..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862
Boy Scouts ..... Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109
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..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597
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carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
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Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project…….. Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809
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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

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

Celebrants

Saturday, November 7
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

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

Servers

Monday, November 2 — ***Liturgy of Remembrance***
6:00 p.m. MC ~ Jacob C. & Ty

Saturday, November 7
5:30 p.m. K. & K. Cano /MC ~ Mary

Sunday, November 8
6:30 a.m. A. Korfiatis
8:00 a.m. A. Alvarez, D. Kenning/MC ~ Gavin
10:00 a.m. M. & R. Andrzejewski/MC ~ Vanessa
12:00 p.m. J. & E. Korwek/MC ~ Jacob B.

Wedding Banns

Bann I: ***Jacob Johnson & Karly Taylor***

Rest in Peace

Dennis Trelinski • David Steven Rozmanich

Bulletin Articles

Please submit all bulletin articles via email to bulletin@stm-church.com.at least 2 weeks in advance.

Sacrificial Offerings

Our parish needs and appreciates your continued contributions.

Mail Contributions: 8501 Calumet Ave • Munster, IN 46321

Donate Online: Contribute securely online via PayPal, debit/ credit card via our parish website by clicking "Donate Now."

Automated Contributions:
Instructions are on the website.

October 25, 2020

Adult	**$ 14,264.00**
Loose	**$ 3,704.30**
Automated	**$ 4,405.00**
Children	**$ 0.00**
TOTAL	**$ 22,373.30**

growing OUR FAITH THROUGH Generosity

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 1 — ***Feast of All Saints***
6:30 am Deceased members of Alikapala & Tabion Families by Tabion Families
8:00 am Richard Wilson by Wife, Mary & Family
10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
12:00 pm Anne Wisniewski by Family

MONDAY, November 2 — ***All Souls Day***
6:30 am Stella Mary O'Donnell (Anniv.) by Family
8:30 am Vincent Grober (Anniv.) by Wife, Margaret

TUESDAY, November 3 — ***St. Martin de Porres***
6:30 am Leonard Jarczyk by Family
8:30 am Daniel Mach by Michele Mach & Family

WEDNESDAY, November 4 — ***St. Charles Borromeo***
6:30 am Asuncion F. Serrano (Anniv) by Serrano Family
8:30 am Edwin Wolak by Michael Wolak

THURSDAY, November 5
6:30 am Rose Krizmanic by Family
9:00 am Michael Kwiatkowski (Anniv.) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

FRIDAY, November 6 — ***First Friday***
6:30 am Deceased members of Pagorek Family by Tony & Kathleen Pagorek
8:30 am Rose Marie Arent by Family

SATURDAY, November 7 — **First Saturday**
8:30 am Vincent Grober (Anniv.) by Wife Margaret
5:30 pm Cecilia Guziar (Anniv.) by Ann Nowak & Family

SUNDAY, November 8
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Luz Natseway by Slivka Family
10:00 am Evelyn S. McDunn by Mr. & Mrs. William K. McDunn
12:00 pm Steve Posilovich by Rescan Family

Breaking Open the Word

We are in need of someone to assist with "Breaking Open the Word" with our RCIA participants during the10:00 Sunday Mass.

As part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process, participants leave Mass after the homily to gather and discuss, in detail, the readings in preparation for their Baptism and full membership in the church in the spring.

If you feel the Lord's invitation to share your faith in a more straightforward way, this is the ministry for you!
Please call the Parish Office and ask for Fr. Declan or email dmcnicholas@stm-church.com.

Live-Streamed Masses

Watch daily Mass at St. Thomas More, live-streamed every day:

Monday-Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday at 9:00 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).

Attending Weekend Masses

St. Thomas More is now offering a full Mass schedule. Before attending church, the CDC recommends checking to insure you do not have a fever, cough, sore throat, headache or are short of breath. If you have any of these symptoms, please stay home.

- Wear a face mask 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.

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pete Bambic
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow Christian
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Doris Dabrowski
Sarah Dalton
Alex Eiland
Karen Esposito
Sherlon Evans
Martha Fetzko
James Fletcher
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Rich Gagliani
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Joan Glinski
Margaret Good
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
Christine Greenberg
James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Rosemarie Havran
Amy Hayes
Dick Hemingway
Marie Henke
Bertha Birdy Hernandez
Irma Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hesek
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Charlotte Hunt
Shirley Huskey
Betty Ingbretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Kevin Karl
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatte
Gregory P. Koscielski
Edward Kritzer
Crystal Kurek
Ed Lebryk
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Menclewicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Genevieve Mrvan
Donna Nichols
Jim Nolan
Maria Novak
Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Judith Peterson
Johanna Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Rae Puntillo
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
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
David Trotman
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Courtney Warner
Mark Wein
Ruth Williams
Annette Wisniewski
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Josephine Zagrocki
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Readings for Week of November 1

Sunday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Feast of All Saints

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identity folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly. These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single- minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them. All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us. Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone.

Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.©LPi

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me."
MATTHEW 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

MERRILLVILLE – The Diocese of Gary, along with the other four dioceses in the State of Indiana, is extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice. The full joint statement released today is as follows:

"While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond 1 November 2020 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation."

Most Rev. Robert J. McClory, Bishop of Gary, stated that he is pleased with the very good work that local parishes have done to practice social distancing and employ safety protocols, allowing the faithful to return to public Mass.

"I'm grateful that all our parishes are open for public worship and committed to keeping our churches safe for gathering," explained Bishop McClory. "Over the last six months, our parishes have followed safety protocols recommended by public health officials and designed for the public celebration of Mass, including face coverings, social distancing, and enhanced sanitizing. I commend our pastors, pastoral staff and volunteers who have gone to great lengths to assure the safety of the faithful as they worship in our churches.

"I encourage those who have not returned to Mass recently, to contact their local parish to ask questions and learn how well the various safety protocols have been working over these last six months."

Bishop McClory explained that in the climate of the pandemic, each person must prayerfully consider his or her individual situation and that the continued dispensation is a helpful measure since some of the faithful may still find it difficult to fulfill the obligation during this time.

"Being dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not mean people should stay away from church or fail to keep holy the Lord's Day. Those who are not able to attend Sunday Mass in person should consider how they will honor the Lord's Day," the bishop encouraged. "It is the Catholic tradition that Sunday is also kept holy by refraining from work, increasing our love of the Lord and extending charity to others through prayer and service."

The bishop invites the faithful to join their parish community for Sunday Mass, in person, or spiritually, noting that most parishes offer livestream coverage of Sunday Mass (*for a listing:* www.dcgary.org).

Bishop McClory emphasized that he and local pastors continue to hold Northwest Indiana in prayer, offering to pray for any specific request through the diocesan website (www.dcgary.org) or by email pray@dcgary.org.

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:

November 5: Msgr. Timothy F. Doody (2004)
November 7: Msgr. Joseph J. Viater (1996)

AIR EXCHANGE IN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

One of the things that some people worry about as the weather turns cold is the exchange of air in our enclosed buildings. We have heard that COVID-19 can spread more in spaces that do not exchange air well.

I want to assure you that, because of our recent capital improvement project, we have more than the required air flow and fresh air flow going through our worship spaces as well as our classrooms and other areas of our school and parish buildings. We are very fortunate that we addressed those issues a few years ago when we had the HVAC system totally replaced.

You can rest assured that you are coming into a safe space when you come to Mass. The church is sanitized between each Mass, the air flow is good, and if you are wearing your masks — and wearing them the way they are designed to be worn: over your mouth **and** nose — you should be fine.

Those who are immunocompromised and feel unsafe have a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.

ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

Election Day is this Tuesday. Some have already availed themselves of the opportunity to vote early. Whether you voted early or you vote on Election Day, **you most definitely should vote**.

> "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. All believers are called to faithful citizenship, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. This dual calling of faith and citizenship is at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic in the United States." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship***

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What if Dr. Seuss did Technical Writing?

If your cursor finds a menu item
followed by a dash,
And the double-clicking icon
puts your window in the trash,
And your data is corrupted
'cause the index doesn't hash,
Then your situation's hopeless,
and your system's gonna crash!

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

The Religious Education Program is holding classes remotely for the first semester of the school year and will re-evaluate the situation with hopes of resuming in-person classes in 2021.
For questions about our Religious Education program, contact Director Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Stewardship Thoughts

God's Providence & Stewardship

The following are good reminders from Matthew Kelly's book, "*The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*":

- "Do you trust God will provide for you? Intellectually and theologically it is easy to say yes, but practically, we prefer not to have to rely on God."
- "When we place our wants before our neighbor's needs we abandon our post as stewards."

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

St. Vincent De Paul Society

"The children are our future!"

If this is true, the children of St. Thomas More School's actions indicate we have a lot to look forward to!
Each month, St. Thomas More School holds a food drive to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society in feeding the less fortunate. What a fine example of doing as Christ taught us—to feed the hungry!
We would like to thank the students, their parents and their teachers for their generous support!

Items Needed for Our Pantry:

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

Please check the expiration dates before donating. To learn more about SVDP please call Terry at (219) 836-8610.

Altar Linens: Launderer Needed

St. Thomas More parish is in need of a launderer for altar linens: simple, flat ironing required only two times per year. If you can help, please call the Parish Office.

BE A PARTNER IN CHRIST'S WORK

2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GARY

Follow-up calls will begin soon!

Have You Made Your Contribution to CSA?

It's Not Too Late to be Partner in Christ's Work by Supporting CSA 2020!

The programs, services and ministries supported by CSA serve the needs of others in the Diocese of Gary and throughout the Universal Church. For your convenience, the Catholic Services Appeal accepts credit card payments. For details on how gifts are used, or to make a gift online: https://dcgary.org/csa.
Or complete the form below & mail to the Diocese or drop-off at St. Thomas More.

Catholic Services Appeal serves Lake, Porter, LaPorte &Starke Counties by providing funds these important ministries & programs:

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Marriage & Family Ministry
Pro-Life Initiatives
Safe Environment Program
Priestly On-Going Formation
Priest Pension Program
Religious Retirement Support
Haiti Partnership Initiatives
Catholic Education Assistance
Evangelization Projects
Faith Formation Programs
Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Intercultural Ministries
Seminarian Education
Lay Ecclesial Ministry
Diaconate Formation
Communication & Technology

PLEDGE FORM

Mail or make a gift online, visit www.dcgary.org/csa

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City _____

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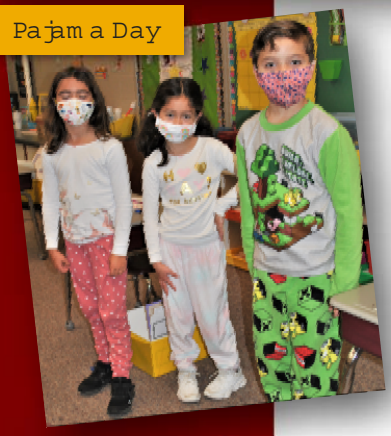
St. Thomas More School

Pajama Day

Mismatch Day



Pajama Day

Mismatch Day

St. Thomas More School dedicated last week to healthy living as the school participated in Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign, is the largest and oldest drug-abuse prevention campaign in the United States. By educating young people about the health and safety dangers of drug use, we work to discourage the use of these harmful substances.

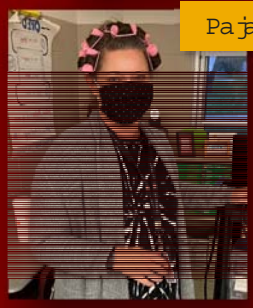
To make these important lessons more fun for students, STMS highlighted each day with a special theme. Students and staff embraced the week's events in a big way. Themes included:

"Wake Up Drug Free and Follow Your Dreams" Pajama Day
"Think of All You Can Be When You Stay Drug Free" Career Day
"Staying Healthy & Drug Use Don't Match" Mismatch Day
"You Have the Power to Say No to Drugs" Super Hero Day
"Team Up Against Drugs" Sports Team Day
"Drugs are Scary" Halloween Costume Day

In addition to the week's activities, students participated in the local Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest, coordinated by Munster Police Officer, James Ghrist.

We are thankful to all who organized and participated in Red Ribbon Week 2020, as we work to keep our students safe, healthy and free from drug and alcohol use, now and throughout their lifetimes.

The week proved to be a great way to drive home this meaningful and important message while providing a bit of levity and brief diversion from school work.



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ACT Service Project Needs You!

The St. Thomas More ACT (Active Catholic Teens) group is working on a service project to assemble care packages for the residents of St. Anthony Nursing Home and they need your help!

Donations will be accepted until November 13th
in the Parish Office or in box labeled "ACT" in back of church.
Packages will be assembled by ACT at next meeting: November 15
Weis Center • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Donations Requested:

Hand Sanitizer
Toiletries
Sudoku Books
Lanyards

Crosswords Puzzles
Candy/Snacks
(individually wrapped)
Face Masks

Empty Shoeboxes
Small Religious Items
(Rosary, prayer cards)
Monetary Donations

Thank you so much, in advance, for your support and prayers!

Automated Contributions

We pray for the safety & good health of you and your family during this pandemic.
Our staff is working hard to maintain facilities, serve our parishioners, keep up with our school/parish technological needs and teach our students, all thanks to your generous contributions.

If you can, please make your continued offering contributions to St. Thomas More to support our parish!

Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution: Drop-off at Parish Office or mail: 8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321.

Make a Payment Online:
Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card: http://www.stm-church.com/. Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering" section.

Set-Up Automated Payment:
Instruction/forms on parish website: http://www.stm-church.com/
Questions? Contact Mike Gutchewsky: (219) 836-9151, ext. 2339 or mgutchewsky@stm-church.com or
Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330 nbickel@stm-church.com

STM Career Networking Group

Wednesday, November 11, 2020
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 pm

Differentiate Yourself in This Competitive Market

No matter where you are in your career or job search, this session will help you differentiate yourself as a candidate in this competitive market. Learn how to leverage job search sites.

Presented by: ***Kaitlyn Garney***
Account Executive for Glassdoor—Chicago
Glassdoor is the 2nd Largest Job Board in the U.S.

Please wear a mask & observe social distancing practices!

Where: STM Weis Center • 8635 Calumet • Munster
When: The 2nd Wednesday of Every Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!
For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections. Have your cover letter, resume or thank you critiqued.

Andrean High School Events

Zoom Niner Night
Andrean High School invites families to join Zoom Niner Night Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Talk with students, parents & faculty. Complete pre-registration at andreanhs.org/rsvp/ and a link will be sent to you prior to the event.

Schedule Your Shadow Day Now!
Contact Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos, at 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or jnohos@andreanhs.com to schedule your visit today! Questions? Give Jim Nohos a call.

Apply Today!
Andrean invites you to apply online now: andreanhs.org/apply.

Entrance Exam:
Saturday, November 21, 2020, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Positions at St. Thomas More

Evening Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
STM Parish is looking for a part-time evening & Saturday (occasional daytime) receptionist. Responsibilities: welcoming visitors/callers, providing admin-related office services to staff / parishioners. Must have proficient computer skills & at least 3 years' experience as receptionist/admin assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must; experience with Parish Data Systems & QuickBooks, a plus. Send cover letter & resume (email below).

Part-Time Custodian
Responsibilities: cleaning offices & restrooms and event set-ups for church & school. Must have cleaning experience (commercial setting), able various types of floor machines, read & follow directions, and have reliable transportation w/ valid driver's license. Evenings/some weekends.

To apply: jobopenings@stm-school.com or in person at the STM Parish Office: 8501 Calumet • Munster, IN 46321

Events in the Area...

Walking with Purpose:
A Modern Woman's Guide to the Bible
Join us & discover the relevance of Old & New Testament filled with wisdom for our daily challenges. Learn how to manage life's pace & pressure while living with calm & steadiness. Register by November 7. Classes start November 8. 22-lesson study with 2 class times to choose from. To register: www.dcgary.org or call 219-769-9292 ex 259 or follow direct link:
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehcxutct3dad5a88&llr=auyfgkvab&showPage=true

Food & Clothing Giveaway
November 21 from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Lucy Perz, STM parishioner, is once again organizing a food & clothing giveaway for those in need. Drop non-perishable food & gently used clothing at 1925 Fisher Street in Munster or call (219) 838-6602 or (219) 381-4670 to arrange pick-up.
The need is great this year; please help if you can.

Christmas Open House at The Shrine
The Shrine of Christ's Passion Gift Shoppe Christmas Open House: Friday, October 30 to Sunday, November 8. Daily from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Begin your Christmas shopping & find great deals ($20 Shrine Gift Card with qualifying $100 purchase). Door prizes, Fontanini Nativity Raffle and big savings!