The Baptism of the Lord
We remind ourselves that our Baptism washed away original sin,
made us children of God, and made us members of Christ's Church.

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.

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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

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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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School Parent Association……Heather Delgado; (312) 933-9208
School Admissions…….. Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
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Business Manager……Mike Gutchewsky; Ext. 2339

Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

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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Gabriel Project…….. Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
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Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: sbburke3@att.net
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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, January 16
5:30 p.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas

Sunday, January 17
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

Saturday, January 16
5:30 p.m. Q. Fehr, A. Hanson/MC ~ Nick

Sunday, January 17
8:00 a.m. K. Karl, M. Slivka/MC ~ Jacob C.
10:00 a.m. M. & R. Andrzejewski/MC ~ Vanessa
12:00 p.m. D. O'Brien, J. O'Shea

Rest in Peace

Donald Kopenec

Praying For Our Parishioners

Reignited & the Circle of Prayer ministries are teamed up to offer prayers for our parishioners from home.
Send your prayer requests via email to: STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com.
If you or a family member are in need of prayers, please reach out by emailing us.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 10 — *The Baptism of the Lord*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Maria Jugovich by Jan Zapapas
10:00 am Carol Nowak by Family
12:00 pm Linda Harle by Joseph and Carole Janusonis

MONDAY, January 11
6:30 am Helen Michalik (Anniv.) by Family
8:30 am Mary McNicholas by Sharon Holland

TUESDAY, January 12
6:30 am Robert Hawk, Sr. by Jim Pancheri
8:30 am For the Intention of Thomas G. Rebraca by Betty Joseph

WEDNESDAY, January 13 — *St. Hilary*
6:30 am Manuel Segoviano by Laura Tirado
8:30 am Donald Meyer by Beatrice & George Pluard

THURSDAY, January 14
6:30 am Dolores Sarwacinski by Dennis & Lucille Perz
9:00 am Irene Alice Krupa by Altar & Rosary Society

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

SATURDAY, January 16
8:30 am Marie Reichett by Anne, Nancy, Lyndsay & Ryan
5:30 pm Bridget Hennel by Sandra Steele

SUNDAY, January 17 — *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Amber Vanes by Mick Madura
10:00 am Edward Czarobski by Jose, Paula and Josh Serrano
12:00 pm Jack Mateja by Joseph and Carole Janusonis

Sacrificial Offerings

Our parish appreciates your continued contributions, as our need, particularly during this pandemic, is great.

Mail Contributions:
8501 Calumet Ave
Munster, IN 46321

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

Automated Contributions:
Instructions on website.

Thank you for your generous contribution of treasure to support our parish.

December 25, 2020
Merry Christmas

Adult	$ 43,828.00
Loose	$ 2,222.00
Automated	$ 4,542.50
Children	$ 0.00
TOTAL	**$ 50,592.50**

December 27, 2020

Adult	$ 11,627.50
Loose	$ 2,285.00
Automated	$ 4,542.50
Children	$ 0.00
TOTAL	**$ 18,455.00**

January 1, 2021
Mary, Mother of God

Adult	$ 7,361.00
Loose	$ 0,000.00
Automated	$ 0.00
Children	$ 0.00
TOTAL	**$ 7,361.00**

January 3, 2021

Adult	$ 8,027.00
Loose	$ 815.00
Automated	$ 3,655.80
Children	$ 0.00
TOTAL	**$ 12,497.80**

growing OUR FAITH THROUGH Generosity

Live-Streamed Masses

Watch the live-streamed daily Mass at St. Thomas More:

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.

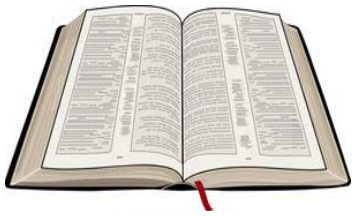
Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pete Bambic
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Michael Blazevich
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Dr. Arthur Branco
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
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
Bernadine Nemeth
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
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
Charles Svitko
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 January 10

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20



Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die. People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPi

THE POWER OF BAPTISM

"The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism." ~ St. Ambrose of Milan

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we do so, we bring to an end the Christmas Season and begin, tomorrow, Ordinary Time.

Time moves inexorably whether or not we are ready for it. I am sure that there were many people who were not ready for Christmas. Yet, it came nonetheless. Others will not be ready for upcoming holidays and other celebrations. That seems to be the way of the world. We rush and rush and seem to make little progress.

The Christmas Season was rich with story and tradition. We celebrated family — biological, parish, and other — when we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. We called to mind how we are to seek the Lord when we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Today, we remind ourselves that our Baptism washed away original sin, made us children of God, and made us members of Christ's Church.

As such, we are indebted to the Lord. God has been faithful throughout the ages and will always be faithful to His great promise. He will be our God at all times and we, for our part, are called to be His people. When we live as Christ, when we are kind and forgiving, when we practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we show that we desire to live for the Lord and, ultimately, with the Lord.

Our mission, then, as we move into Ordinary Time, is to live as faithful witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will be given reminders and opportunities to do so as we enter the Lenten Season. (Like it or not and ready or not, Lent begins this year on February 17 with Ash Wednesday.) Lent is a rich season as it gives us many opportunities to reflect upon the extremes the Lord was willing to endure to save His people.

We will be ready to enter that Holy Season if we nurture the peace and joy that is in our hearts from our celebration of Christmas. How wondrous that our Almighty God would take on our flesh in the Mystery of the Incarnation. What love. What devotion. What can we give Him in return?

FAITH ACTION: Reflect upon the Sacrament of Baptism and ask God to give you a deeper understanding of that great gift as well as the responsibilities that became yours at Baptism.

Fr. Mike

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

January 11: Rev. Ambrose E. Switzer (1967)
Rev. George A. Masley (1969)
January 12: Rev. Henry J. Ameling (1970)
Rev. Joseph A. Buczyna (1976)
January 14: Rev. George J. Naudzius (1963)
Msgr. Alvin J. Jasinski (1969)
Msgr. John F. Morales (2020)
January 16: Deacon Joseph Kwitko (2004)

GENTLE REMINDERS

Please accept these for what they are, gentle reminders of what needs to take place in order to come to church for Mass.

- Make sure that you are not running a fever and that you are feeling well.
- Enter through the front doors of the church by the bell tower.
- Wear a mask into the building and keep it on throughout Mass. [In order to wear a mask properly, both your **mouth and nose must be covered**.]
- Sit six feet from others who are not living in your immediate household.
- Do not shake hands at the sign of peace. A nod of the head or a wave of the hand will suffice.
- Receive Communion in the hands. If you insist on receiving Communion on the tongue, see the priest after Mass.
- Leave the church immediately after Mass so that our custodial staff can come in and sanitize the church for the next set of Masses.
- If you are uncomfortable coming to Mass given the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the bishops have dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass. You may watch the Mass livestreamed from our parish Facebook page or YouTube page.

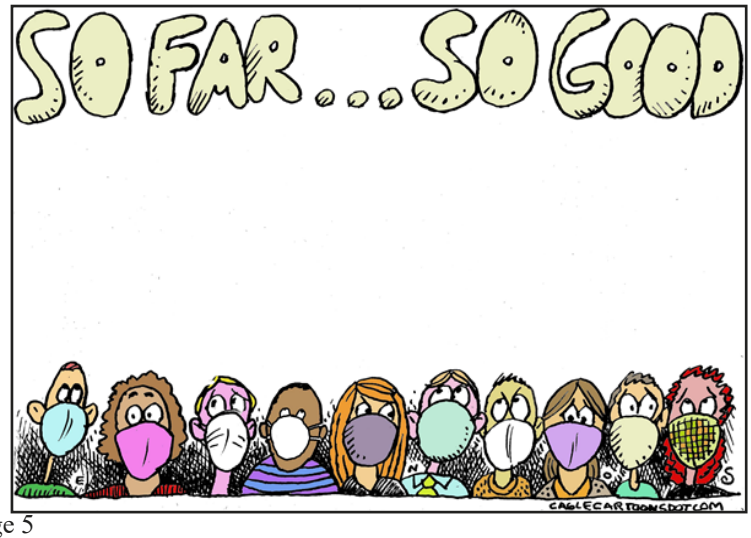
Please pray for an end to this pandemic. But, in the meantime, do everything that is required of us to keep one another safe: wear masks, social distance, refrain from unnecessary travel, quarantine yourself if exposed, and have patience both with yourself and others throughout this ordeal.

God bless you!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Q. How many TV evangelists does it take to change a light bulb?

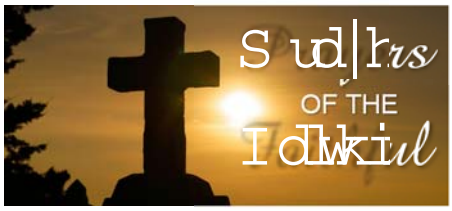
A. One. But, for the message of light to continue, send in your donation today. Volunteers are manning the phones and the first 300 people to call in a pledge will receive a burned out light bulb suitable for mounting that has been handled personally by the Reverend.



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

The Religious Education Program is holding classes remotely at this time. We will reassess the situation soon for the upcoming semester. For more information about Religious Education, please contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.



We Pray...
...that we work in collaboration with the Holy Spirit in discerning how God is calling us to use our gifts.

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

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

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society and new members are always welcome. Enjoy being part of a dedicated, spiritual group of men who serve the parish and community. Our next meeting:

Monday, January 18 • 7:00 p.m. • Weis Center

Our meeting will begin with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and a business meeting will follow. Meeting is subject to change due to Covid (please check with the Parish Office beforehand).

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The Need in Our Community is Great

It's a new year and people in our area continue to struggle with food & utilities as the pandemic rages on. Hope is on the way, but it will be many months before those in need see new jobs and a change in the economy. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is working hard to feed as many in need as possible and we need your help to keep food on the table for many area families. Thank you, as always, to those who support our mission.

Items Needed for Our Pantry:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cake Mixes
Frosting
Jell-O
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Noodles
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Rice
Boxed Potatoes
Meal Helpers
Pork & Beans
Canned Meat

Canned Fish
Mac & Cheese
Cereal
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Canned Fruit
Toothbrushes

Toothpaste
Dish Soap
Laundry
Detergent
Toilet Paper
Shampoo
Bar Soap

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

Apples for Students

Send Your Strack &VanTil Receipts to STMS!

Help STMS students earn valuable equipment and supplies with your grocery receipts! We're collecting receipts in the **Parish Office until March 31st.**

Please mark your envelope.

Dining for Dollars

Join Us for the Next STMS Fundraiser!

Enjoy a delicious meal and help the students of St. Thomas More School at the same time.

Monday, January 18, 2021
10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Panda Express
Highland, IN
Grab a takeout order for lunch or dinner.
For online orders enter code: **320170**

It's January and cold and it's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Treat your family to a yummy meal...no cooking required.

St. Thomas More School

Help Our Students by Supporting the
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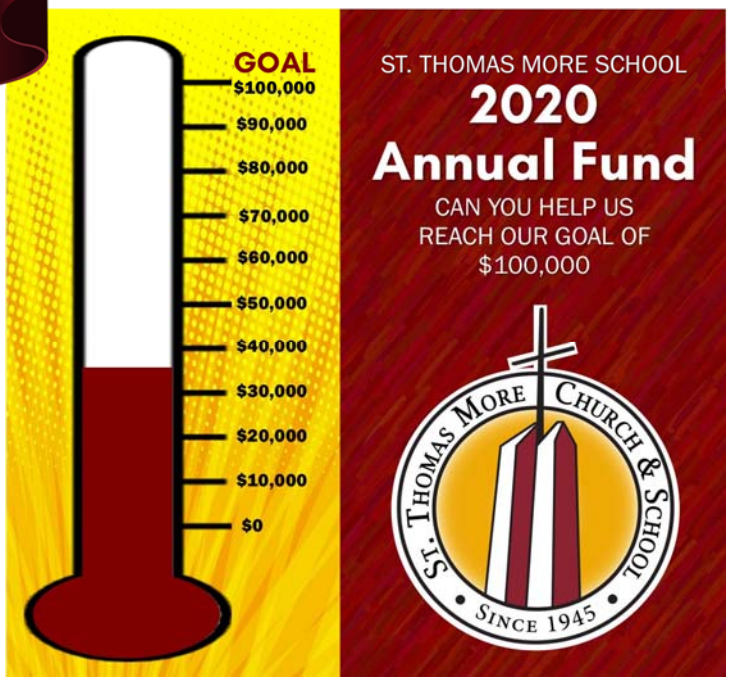

A Donation to St. Thomas More School's Annual Fund Helps Our Students Thrive

Thanks to the Annual Fund Drive, STMS students benefit from a continuum in their outstanding, A-Rated education, program enhancements and additional opportunities to both educational and extracurricular activities.
In addition to a strong educational foundation, STMS students personally benefit from school-wide faith-development, serving others and develop into young leaders through opportunities not found in other schools.
Our students, shining examples of good citizens, make our community a better place for today and tomorrow.

Remember, no gift is ever too small!

The St. Thomas More Annual Fund Drive is off to a great start! Let's keep the momentum going!

Your investment helps our students have a successful education built on faith, knowledge, service and leadership.
Thank you to the generous parishioners, school parents, alumni and friends of St. Thomas More School who have already contributed to the 2020 Annual Fund Drive. Current donations total $37,000.
Mail, drop your gift at the Parish Office or use this link: **https://tinyurl.com/y4gwvepu** to donate.
Our goal of $100,000 is fast approaching and we can't do it without you.

Tax Benefits of the CARES Act? Can it help you?

On March 27, 2020 the House and Senate passed the Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act.
There are three big changes that came out of the CARES Act that you should be aware of:

Cash Gifts

Individuals may deduct $300 above-the-line for gifts of cash to a public charity in 2020.
This charitable deduction enables a taxpayer who takes the standard deduction to also benefit from his or her charitable gifts.

100% Charitable Deduction Limit

For 2020, gifts of cash to charity (excluding donor advised funds and supporting organizations) are deductible to 100% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), up from 60%

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Waiver

The RMD is waived for IRA and other qualified retirement plans owners for the year 2020.
For donors who still wish to use IRA funds to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), the QCD is available up to $100,000 for individuals who are over age 70.5.

Please contact Karen Leluga, Director of Development with questions or for more information at kleluga@stm-school.com or 219-836-9151 ext. 2307.

STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking
15% Found Want Ads • 4% Create Their Job • 2% Blind Resumes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021
7:00 –8:30 p.m.

This will be a Zoom Meeting!
Please contact Donna Weidenfeller at donnaweidenfeller@gmail.com to receive an invitation.

Putting Your Best Foot Forward!

Resume, Interviewing and Job Site Tips & Tricks

Presented by: **Raquel Torres, SHRM-CP**
Organizational Development & Training Specialist
Franciscan Physician Network

If you know anyone who could benefit from this presentation, send their email address to: donnaweidenfeller@gmail.com.

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.

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 to work with 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

Bulletin Articles

Please be sure to submit articles via email to bulletin@stm-church.com at least 2 weeks in advance to insure that your information is printed in the appropriate bulletin.

Thank You Burns-Kish!

Our thanks to Burns-Kish Funeral Home for providing 2021 Calendars for our parishioners.

Please Make Your Contribution to the 2020 CSA Now!

Follow-up calls will begin soon!

Donate Today! It's Not Too Late to Be a Partner in Christ's Work.

The programs, services and ministries supported by CSA serve the needs of others in the Diocese of Gary and throughout the Universal Church. You can now contribute to the Catholic Services Appeal via credit card. For details on how gifts are used, or to make a gift online: https://dcgary.org/csa (or complete form below & mail to the Diocese or drop-off at STM)

If you have not yet made your contribution to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal, why not add this to your holiday donation list? Your help supports many, many ministries and programs in our Diocese, as well as our parish.
Donate Today!

PLEDGE FORM: Mail or make a gift online at www.dcgary.org/csa

Parish _____

First Name: _____
(Primer Nombre)

Last Name: _____
(Apellido)

Spouse: _____
(Esposo/Esposa)

Address: _____
(Domicilio)

_____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
(Ciudad) (Estado) (Código Postal)

Email: _____
(Correo Electrónico)

Phone: _____
(Número De Teléfono)

Total Pledge: $_____
(Cantidad de Promesa)
Paid Now: $_____
(Pagado ahora)
Balance: $_____
(Saldo a pagar)

Return to:
(devuelva:)
Diocese of Gary
P.O. Box 10160
Merrillville, IN 46411

☐ **My Employer Matches Gifts**
☐ **Check enclosed — Check #** _____
Checks payable to: *Catholic Services Appeal*
☐ **Charge my credit card:**
(Carga mi tarjeta de crédito:)
☐ **One Time $**_____ ☐ **Monthly $**_____
(Donación única) (Mensual)

Acct #: _____
(Numero de cuenta)
Exp Date: _____ **CSV:** _____
(Fecha de expiración) MM/YY
Last 3 digits on back of card
Los últimos 3 dígitos en la parte posterior de la tarjeta)

Signature: _____

Events in the Area...

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Start the new year off right and turn your compassion for others into action by becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Volunteers needed in both Lake and Porter Counties. To learn more, or to volunteer, contact Charlie at charlie@mownwi.org or (219) 756-3663.

ABC-7 Blood Drive Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming ABC-7 Blood Drive. January 13, 2021 shifts available from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at locations throughout Chicagoland. Invite your friends and family to support the mission of blood collection in our community. Volunteer locally in Munster at the Centre for Visual & Performing Arts. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact: BioVols_IL@redcross.org and sign up today.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Chicagoland area Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) is pleased to announce that we are offering

Virtual Marriage Encounters

All sessions are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

February 4 • February 11 • February 18 • February 25

For information or to apply:
www.wwme-Chicagoland.org or (630) 577-0778.

Andrean High School Events

Apply Today!

Andrean High School invites families to apply for enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year.
The application can be completed online at andreanhs.org/apply.

Zoom Niner Night

Thursday, January 28, 2021
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 25, 2021
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 22, 2021
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Entrance Exams:

Sunday, January 17, 2021
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 13, 2021
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 13, 2021 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18, 2021 • 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Open House

Sunday, January 31, 2021 • 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Schedule Your Own Shadow Day!

Contact Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos: 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or jnohos@andreanhs.com.

Andrean High School: (219) 887-5959 or andreanhs.org