

Focus on your relationship with the Lord for He is our rock
and our shield and He is the way to eternal life.

(Crucifix scratched on one of the death house walls in Auschwitz.)

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
myadron@stm-church.com
Senior Deacon Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Senior Deacon Daniel Zurawski, KHS
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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
Eucharistic Ministers James Kaspar 836-8610
Hospitality/Greeters Vicky Odegaard 322-6391
Lectors 836-8610
Nursery Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
St. Vincent de Paul Terry Oprinovich 836-8610
Vocations Committee 836-8610

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.

2020-2021 Pastoral Council Members

Thomas Alexander Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson
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Peace & Social Justice Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship Paul Liszewski

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
Principal Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
School Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200
School Reception & Office Associate Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
School Parent Association Heather Delgado; (312) 933-9208
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
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Respect Life Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739
Senior Citizens Marion Case (219) 743-3543
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Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

Phone 836-2660

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

Celebrants

Saturday, August 14
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, August 15
 6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
 8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
 10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
 12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

Saturday, August 14
 5:30 p.m. K. & K. Cano
 MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, August 15
 8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, D. Kenning
 MC ~ Emma
 10:00 a.m. R. Andrzejewski, A. Monroy
 MC ~ Vanessa
 12:00 p.m. B. & D. Reynolds
 MC ~ Jacob C.



Baptisms

Valentina Elise
 Daughter of
 Alejandro and Anabel Maldonado

Rest in Peace

Dennis Vojvodich

Bulletin Articles

To accommodate summer schedules, please submit articles via email to bulletin@stm-church.com at least 2 weeks in advance. Thank you for your assistance.

Sacrificial Offerings



August 1, 2021

Adult	\$ 19,279.00
Loose	\$ 2,879.00
Automated	\$ 4,838.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,996.00

*Thank you for your contributions.
 Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 8 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am George Danculovich by Leslie Dernulc
 10:00 am Mary B. Solczak by Family
 12:00 pm David Leask by Leask Family

MONDAY, August 9

6:30 am Russell H. Franzman by Denny & Lucy Perz
 8:30 am David Kelly by Parents

TUESDAY, August 10 — St. Lawrence

6:30 am Patricia Breitweiser by Dorothy O'Brien
 8:30 am Melvin E. Strange (Ann.) by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 11 — St. Clare

6:30 am Edmund Lelito by Knights of Columbus
 8:30 am Richard M. Monak (Ann.) by Lilyan Monak

THURSDAY, August 12

6:30 am Stephen Rousseau by Wife, Susan
 9:00 am Augustin Rodriguez by Daughter, Laura Rodriguez

FRIDAY, August 13 — Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

6:30 am Sr. M. Paul Kurator, SSCM by Jeff Cox
 8:30 am Mike Salas by Son, Ed Salas

SATURDAY, August 14 — St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 am Richard Monak by Lilyan Monak
 5:30 pm Al Carollo by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

SUNDAY, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Maryann Reed by Dan & Karen Adams
 10:00 am Joseph Justynski (Ann.) by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
 12:00 pm Jose Caraballo by Wife, Juanita

Automated Contributions

We appreciate the consistent support of our parishioners throughout the pandemic. Now that most parishioners have been returning to weekly Mass in the church, please know that anyone can still contribute to our parish online.

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 or nbickel@stm-church.com

Weekend Masses

All pandemic protocols were lifted the weekend of August 7/8.

- It is recommended that anyone not vaccinated wear a mask
- If uncomfortable without a mask, feel free to wear one.
- Socially distanced pews are available on the choir side of the church for those who may wish some degree of separation.
- We will not be distributing the Precious Blood at Communion

Guidelines will be altered as warranted by health agencies.

Live-Streamed Daily Masses

Watch the live-streamed daily Mass at STM through Facebook or via our parish website: www.stm-church.com (or on YouTube).

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.

Readings: Week of August 8

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



Pray for the sick of our parish...

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| Joshua Alvarez | Amy Hayes | Maria Novak |
| Margaret Amatulli | Dick Hemingway | Steven Nowaczyk |
| Doris Aurelio | Marie Henke | Clare O'Brien |
| Maria Aurelio | Elaine Herrmann | Donna O'Connor |
| Pete Bambi | Bertha Birdy Hernandez | Danny Ogren |
| Pat Batchelder | Irma Hernandez | James Pancheri |
| Antonio Belmonte | Marisol Hernandez | Marty Pavlovic |
| Mary Berry | Robert Heseck | Judith Peterson |
| Michael Berry | Becky Hill | Dawn Petro |
| Michael Billeo | Joan Hoess | Johanna Petrush |
| Diane Bochnowski | Sally Joy Hollingshead | Andrew Pieczyrak |
| Cheryl Bostrom | Charlotte Hunt | Elizabeth Pilones |
| Linda Braun | Shirley Huskey | Sylvester Porras |
| Stephany Burney | Betty Ingbretson | Dennis Powell |
| Kathleen Burns | Joseph S. Iwan | Ronald Prus |
| Diane Butler | Steve Izzo | Timothy Ribble |
| Dorothy Campbell | Elizabeth Jacob | Jackie Roach |
| James Campbell | Barbara Jamrose | Ann Sardella |
| Peter Castro | Stanley Jayjack | George Sauer |
| Janet Cattanach | Kelly Jean | Marie Schultz |
| Jacqueline Morrow | Kevin Karl | Marianne Schwartz |
| Christian | Mark Kenney | William Schwartz |
| Ursula Cichy | Irene Kerps | Zachery Scriff |
| Joseph Clune | James Klein, Sr. | James Secviar |
| Willie Colby | Janet Knight | Jim Seul |
| Charlotte Conn | Susan Kolodziej | Renee Shehan |
| Vincent Corsello | Richard Komyatte | Nick Skinner |
| Mike Curtain | Gregory P. Koscielski | Laurie Slazyk |
| Valerie Czapkowicz | Crystal Kurek | Karen Sliwa |
| Doris Dabrowski | Annika LeMonier | Carolyn Smiley |
| Mary Ann Daliege | Chris LeMonier | Deborah Stareck |
| Matthew Daliege | Debbie LeMonier | Georgianne Suto |
| Sarah Dalton | Nicklas LeMonier | Florence Stevens |
| Alex Eiland | Mike Lewis | Carol Storey |
| Karen Esposito | Kris Lisikiewicz | Charles Svitko |
| Sherlon Evans | Jo Lisiniewicz | Rose Theis |
| James Fletcher | Edward Liskiewicz | Russ Thomas |
| Heriberto Flores | Stanley Liskiewicz | Gerardo Trevino |
| Maria Flores | Maria Lovell | David Trotman |
| John Forde | Brady Martin | Kathie Trudgian |
| Bonnie Gabrione | Paul Martin | Anthony Ubuae |
| Rich Gagliani | Larkin McKenzie | Tony Vanden Heuvel |
| Phyllis Garber | Jacob Mencliewicz | Raymond Vanderbok |
| Andrea Garritano | Jenny Mendoza | James Wachel |
| Margaret Geary | Faye Meny | Kathy Wachel |
| Emily Gibson | Sandi Merlo | Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda |
| Dorothy Gillespie | Erin Meyer | Courtney Warner |
| Joan Glinski | John Mitchener | Mark Wein |
| Monica Gonzalez | Ann Miskovich | Ruth Williams |
| Howard Gralewski | Andrew Moll | Annette Wisniewski |
| Margaret Gray | Thomas Mordaunt | Stephanie Wisniewski |
| Susan Graff | Genevieve Mrvan | Bill Wisniewski |
| Christine Greenberg | Bernadine Nemeth | Dick Wright |
| Mary Ellen Gullicks | Martin Nemeth | Cecilia Ziegler |
| Katie Kardes Hargett | Donna Nichols | Cody Ziemkowski |
| Rosemarie Havran | Jim Nolan | |

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention.

It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love.

This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love!

The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story.

What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal.

Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPi

THE POVERTY OF THE SOUL

"The want of goods is easily repaired, but the poverty of the soul is irreparable." ~ Michel de Montaigne

Every so often throughout the years, I have been taken aback by a child's Christmas wish list. We are all familiar with the lengthy lists, are we not, of some children as that festive day approaches? I have seen lists that take up more than one sheet of paper.

That is why I am taken aback once in a while when I hear a child that has only one item on his or her list. That, in and of itself, is rare but that is not what takes me by surprise. What grabs my attention is what they often plan to do with their sought-after gift.

I remember one time hearing a child say that she wanted a teddy bear for Christmas. It was a very specific bear and she described it in great detail. I asked her if she wanted that bear for a long time. Her answer? "It's not for me. It's for one of my classmates. They're poor and she never gets anything. I want her to have something for Christmas."

The purity of that moment often reminds me about the need to prioritize our lives. Too many people crave things but the things are not important to our souls. As a matter of fact, some things can be detrimental to our souls. When we crave things more than we crave a relationship with God, our souls wither.

"The poverty of the soul is irreparable." That seems like such a strong statement to make. It is, however, very true. If we allow our soul to become impoverished, we will get past the point of caring any longer and we will find our soul dying.

When a soul quits yearning for God, it gives up all hope. In doing so, it begins to look to the world to supply creature comforts and we all know where that can lead us. The things this world has to offer might appear nice but they cannot guarantee eternity with God. When an impoverished soul no longer considers God, dire consequences await.

I write this not to make you fear as much as to make you consider just where you are in your own spiritual journey. Do the things of the world matter more to you than the ways of God? Do you crave the things that the world has to offer? Have you paid less attention to your spiritual life lately?

Let this be an invitation to prioritize, once again, your lives. Enjoy the world and what it has to offer but do not allow it to have control over you. Instead, while enjoying the world, focus on your relationship with the Lord for He is our rock and our shield and He is the way to eternal life.

FAITH ACTION: Evaluate your life and see if you need to make any changes so that you value the Lord more and the world less. *F.A. Mike*

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR READY TO BEGIN

I find it very hard to believe that another school year is already upon us. It seems like just yesterday that we said farewell to our students in May and in one more week, we begin all over again.

Kindly keep our administration, faculty, staff, and students in your prayers as we prepare for the beginning of the new school year. As we are still in the midst of a pandemic, we continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC as well as the directives of the bishops of the state of Indiana. Let's pray for a happy and healthy school year.

SPEAKING OF HAPPY AND HEALTHY

Are you vaccinated yet? I most certainly hope that you are. The vaccine is a good way to get a hold on this virus as well as to keep people safe. If there is no medical reason for you not to get the vaccination and you are eligible to do so, please consider it for your sake as well as the sake of those around you.

The bishops of the United States have stated over and over again that there is good reason to be vaccinated and that all people should consider doing so. Please prayerfully consider it, that's all I'm asking.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

An old time circuit riding preacher found himself in need of money and decided to sell his horse and buggy to the local blacksmith. When he did, he stated, "This is not an ordinary horse. Since he has been owned and driven by a man of the cloth all his life he does not respond to the commands of whoa or giddy-up. When you want this horse to stop you must say AMEN and when you want him to go you must say PRAISE THE LORD!"

Later that day the blacksmith decided to take the horse for a ride to see how good he was. While trotting down the road the horse was startled by a snake and bolted. Wildly they headed across a field full speed toward a cliff. In a panic the poor blacksmith was shouting WHOA, STOP when he remembered the preacher's instructions and let out a loud AMEN!

The horse stopped just at the edge of a thousand foot cliff, stones tumbling out into space. Relieved, the blacksmith wiped his brow and exclaimed "PRAISE THE LORD!"



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:

- August 12: Rev. Joseph Horvath (1998)
- August 13: Msgr. Paul S. Haney (1989)
- Msgr. Paul J. Schmid (1991)



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Register Now for Religious Education Classes

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year and planning on in-person classes in the fall and beyond. You can find the registration form on the parish website after June 20th.

Register early to ensure that you get your day of preference. If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required for registration. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. We look forward to seeing you this fall! Questions? Contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Share Your Faith with Our Parish Children

We are currently looking for men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of St. Thomas More by volunteering to be a

**Catechist
Substitute Catechist
Classroom Aide**

If you are looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, please prayerfully consider if this is something God is calling you to do. Grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children of our parish.

A former STM catechist states, "Teaching CCD has been so much fun so far, and it's really a good spiritual experience for our whole family... I'm really glad you recruited me for the job." Please contact Emily Hackett for more information. (219) 836-8610 ext. 2232 or ehackett@stm-school.com



Greeters for the Week



Sunday, August 15

6:30 am Mass
Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 am Mass
Main: Odegaard Family
Chapel: Sue Walker
Choir: Tolnai Family

10:00 am Mass
Main: Serrano Family

12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Gladys Escobedo

Saturday, August 14
5:30 pm Mass

Main: Catherine Delgado
Choir: Patty Pfister

Praying For Our Parishioners

Reignited & the Circle of Prayer ministries are combined to offer prayers for our parishioners. Please send your prayer requests via email to: STMPayerTeam@gmail.com. We are happy to pray for you and/or your family members.

Stewardship Thoughts



- "A ship is safe as long as it sits in the harbor, but that's not what ships are made for. Your life will be comfortable as long as you remain where you are. Change and growth takes courage." *Allen Hunt*
- "Your life is a gift and the gift only has value if you give it away. Don't keep the gift to yourself." *John Wood*
- "Prayer is permitting God to love you as you learn in childlike trust to acknowledge, relate, receive and respond within your heart to the Holy Spirit's presence." *Fr. John Horn*
- "In our imitation of Christ, we will discover a startling paradox – the more we become like Christ, the more we fully become ourselves." *Sam Guzman*
- "If we pray, we will believe. If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*
- "It is one thing to pray, it is another to live what you discover in prayer." *Matthew Kelly*
- "Lord, teach me the value of a quality decision, a decision made with eternity in mind." *Scripture Union USA*

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

Thank You, Parishioners, for Continued Support!

We are most grateful to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More, who have consistently contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry with gusto. Thanks to your support, our pantry has an abundance of food and toiletries, but we still need a bit more!

We are grateful for the help and kindness of our parish community as we work to feed our neighbors in need.



Food Pantry Requests:

Soup
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Frosting
Jelly
Pancake Syrup
Canned Fruit
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper

Please check the expiration dates prior to donating, as we cannot distribute expired items.

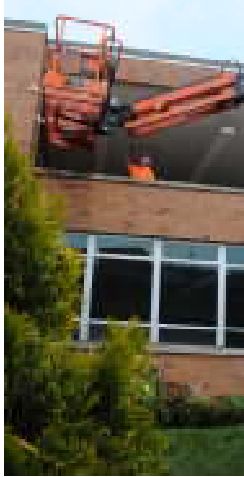
Thank you for helping us so that we can operate our food pantry with more efficiency to best serve others.

To learn more about SVDP, or to join this important ministry, please contact Terry at (219) 836-8610.

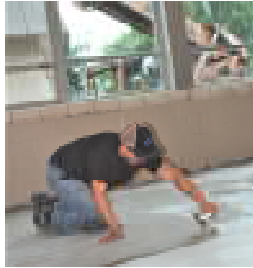


St. Thomas More School

Big Things Happening at STMS!



There have been lots of changes at St. Thomas More School this summer while our students and teachers have been away. Many of our classrooms that were awaiting upgrades have now had beautiful "facelifts" with many getting new windows and floors.



Despite some supply chain issues, we expect the building to be in ship-shape to welcome students on August 17/18



Dining for Dollars



Schoop's Hamburgers

215 Ridge Road • Munster
219-836-6233

Tuesday August 31

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dine-In or Take-Out Available

15% of the proceeds will be

donated to St. Thomas More School when you present this ad and mention STMS when ordering.

A Huge Thank You

To the 2021 STMS Golf Classic Committee!

Thanks to the hard work of these wonderful school parents, the 4th Annual Golf Classic was our most successful yet, raising valuable funds to continue the great academic and extra-curricular programs offered at St. Thomas More School.



2021 Golf Classic Committee:

Casey & Katie Bouton

Jennifer Borzenski*
Brad* & Nicole Caddick
Mike & Heather Delgado
Giovanni Infusino* & Katie Garza
Jim* & Marianne Ingersoll
Bill & Julie Laschober*

Andy & Carly Olczak
Andy & Tanya Power
Jim* & Danita Sudac
Sarah & John* Pomponi
George* & Samantha Kouros
** Not pictured*



Amazon Smile

Looking for a quick & easy way to get everything you need for **Back to School ?**



Use AmazonSmile for all your purchases and help St. Thomas More School at the same time!

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Live Christ, Share Christ!

Join us, as we meet again, to share our joy and faith at the next meeting of

Live Christ, Share Christ!

Saturday, August 14th

(and every second Saturday of the month)

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Guest Speaker:

Emily Hackett

Director of Religious Education at St. Thomas More

Topic: "Called to Holiness"

Everyone is called to holiness, no matter their state in life.

Emily Hackett will discuss her call to the vocation of Consecrated Virginity and discuss how everyone has a vocation to which God is calling them and how to best live out that particular vocation in daily life.

Everyone is invited to join us, share with us, become inspired with us.

All are invited to join



Stuffers Needed

The Altar & Rosary Society needs your help!

Join us for a "stuffing party" and enjoy the good company of fellow parishioners as you help prepare a big Altar & Rosary mailing.

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Weis Center

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610, so we know how many will be helping out.

Thanks, in advance, for your time and assistance. It will be fun!



Senior Citizens

It's almost time to reconnect after missing everyone for 16 months.

Our next Senior meeting will be on

Wednesday, September 1st

1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center.

During our first meeting, we will distribute new calendars, discuss business topics, communicate needed information, and talk about our

Social Meeting on September 15th

where we'll offer card and table games, along with plenty of conversation and lots of laughs.

Mark your calendar for these important September dates.



Altar & Rosary Society

Meeting and Lunch

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we reconvene

Sunday, September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Weis Center (Main Hall)

We will begin with the Rosary and follow with our meeting.

Please Note: Our new meeting day is Sunday.

Lunch, desserts and door prizes will be provided by Altar & Rosary.

Please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 to make your reservations no later than Thursday, September 9th.
Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

To learn more:

Kathleen (219) 972-0539

Cindy (219) 923-9862



STM Career Networking Group

No Meetings Until September

The Career Networking Group is currently taking a break. We are still emailing job listings and will review resume & cover letters. Watch the bulletin for Career Networking news.

Email: donnaweidenfeller@gmail.com or jas.kaczka@att.net

Planting Possibilities

Thank You!

Golfing for Possibilities

Big thanks to all of our donors, golfers, and friends for helping to make Golf for

Possibilities successful!

The weather was as awesome as our golfers and we can't wait to start planning for next year.



Save the Date
Annual Mum Sale

Saturday, September 18

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

STM South Parking Lot
You'll find a beautiful selection of nursery quality mums, perfect for fall decorating.

Rockopelli Music Festival

Rockopelli Music Festival is back!

Perfect for All Ages

Everyone is invited to join in the fun for the
10th Annual Benefit Festival

Rockopelli Music Fest

Central Park
600 N. Broad Street • Griffith, IN

Admission:

\$5 Suggested Donation
All proceeds go to local charities.

Next Weekend...

Two Days of Music & Fun

Saturday, August 14th

8 straight hours of great music!

3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15th

6 hours of non-stop music!

3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



You'll find:

Music from Locally & Nationally Acclaimed Bands
Food Trucks/Vendors
Beer Garden
Art & Merchant Vendors
Silent Auction & Raffles
Hot Air Balloon Rides (tethered)
And more!

Rockopelli is open to and appropriate for all ages groups.

Admission: \$5 Suggested Donation
for an entire afternoon/evening of great entertainment.

In addition to employing local bands and artists,
this festival is a community event that provides a platform
for local charities to

spread awareness about their missions.
Rockopelli provides annual donations to
local nonprofits, including:

Planting Possibilities
Murph's Gift of Music

**Rockopelli, Inc. has donated
over \$85,000
to local student scholarships & other
charities since 2012.**

For more information about the event or our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, please visit www.rockopellifest.org or www.facebook.com/RockopelliFest

Catholic Charities Golf Outing

Hurry! Registration Ends Tomorrow!

Catholic Charities 39th Annual

Golf Outing

Monday, August 9th

Briar Ridge Country Club • Schererville, IN

Help support our Northwest Indiana neighbors in need!

This fun-filled day includes: complimentary on-course beverages,
skill contests, lunch, delicious dinner, prizes & a big-ticket raffle.

Tickets: \$175/golfer for early registration (before July 26th).

To register: catholic-charities.org/events/golf-outing.html
or contact Esther Miller at 219-689-3153 to learn more about this
event and sponsorship opportunities; a great way to showcase
your business, organization, group or an individual.

Black Tie White Collar Gala

Come celebrate and support the

Culture of Vocations to the Priesthood

with Speaker

Bishop Robert J. McClory

Black Tie White Collar Gala

Friday, October 29, 2021

Trinity Hall & Banquet Center

640 N. Calumet Road • Chesterton, IN

Live & Silent Auction Open Bar Dinner Dancing

Cost: \$75/person • Black Tie Optional

Vocation Office Directors:

Fr. Chris Stanish, Fr. Nate Edquist, and Fr. Jacob McDaniel

RSVP to Jo Anne Rosenow:

jrosenow@dgary.org or 219-464-4042 x8



Right to Life

There Are Several Alternatives To Abortion

We must educate our young women and girls as to what
they are up against.

- Tell them abortion is a serious sin against God.
- Tell them about Birthright and the Crisis Pregnancy Centers in town that will help them.
- Tell them abortion is not a quick fix to their problems; they will have future repercussions; an abortion will change their life forever and the ultimate child abuse.
- Tell them adoption is a loving choice; a child brings love.
- Tell them one child could change the world.
- Tell them to give life a chance.

We are weeping for the children of abortion and for our country.

Events in the Area...

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

If you are passionate about others, consider becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer in Lake & Porter Counties. Contact Charlie: charlie@mownwi.org or (219) 756-3663 to start.

All Saints Thrift Shop

Treasures await you at the All Saints Thrift Shop, located at Sacred Heart Church, 1725 Laporte Ave in Whiting. Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A Pilgrimage with Mary

Step away from what crowds your mind & heart, and walk with Christ on the beautiful Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center grounds in Plymouth, IN. The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ welcome you to visit 8 stations devoted to Mary as you meditate and reflect. Parish groups welcomed. Only \$10/person (lunch additional). Donate, get info or schedule a tour: www.lindenwood.org or call 574-935-1780.

An Invitation from the Serra Club of NWI

Serra International, a group dedicated to fostering and supporting religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life, is looking for at least one new member from each parish in the Diocese of Gary. Attend one of our meetings, where faith becomes action, on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Hobart. Join our group founded in 1954, Contact Susan at (219) 688-8209 to learn more.

A Fabulous 50's Christmas

Get your tickets early for the return engagement of the very popular "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" playing at the Towle Theater this December with Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances, December 3-19, 2021. Perfect for a group outing, the Towle Theater can add a special private performance for groups of 90+ guests with an optional pre-show reception complete with food, drinks & custom touches. Tickets are reasonable and special group rates are available. 5205 Hohman • Hammond • (219) 937-8780
www.towletheater.com.

Plan your special holiday outing now. Seating is limited.

Retreats at Lindenwood Conference Center

Register at www.lindenwood.org

Healing Stories in the Gospel: *A Retreat with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer* Friday, September 3 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. During this retreat, we will explore Jesus' encounters with those in need of healing and how we can allow the Gospels to speak into our own need of healing today. Cost: \$45.00 includes meal, refreshments & retreat. Please register by August 23, 2021.

Women Who Knew God: *Urging Us Forward Today* One Friday/month. 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. A six month immersion into teachings of great women. Learn from their writings, explore prayer and practices that assist in responding to God's invitation. Various presenters, facilitated by Sue Wilhelm.