

How
much
more
up close
and
personal
can you
make
the
mystery
of God
than
to bear
Him
into
our
world
as
Mary
did?



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

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..... Joseph Stodola, KHS
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Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
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Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
First Friday 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

Baptisms First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly attending at least six months before the Baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.

Pre-Baptism Class 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.

Marriage Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.

Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:
Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.

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

Parish Office Staff

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New Parishioner Registration

To make it as convenient as possible for you, new parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.
Stop in during the day, or take advantage of our convenient Saturday office hours.

Pastoral Ministries

Environment & Art Helen Jaworski 836-8610
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Hospitality/Greeters Vicky Odegaard 322-6391
Lectors 836-8610
Nursery Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
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St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education Phone 836-8610
Director Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232
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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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
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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
Boy Scouts Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109
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Weis Center

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Phone 836-2660

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

Celebrants

Saturday, August 21
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, August 22
 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 21
 5:30 p.m. Q. Fehr, G. Scalzo, S. Rozmanich
 MC ~ Jacob. C.

Sunday, August 22
 8:00 a.m. K. Karl, J. Sajn, J. Dye
 MC ~ Gavin

10:00 a.m. J. & S. Fugger, R. Smola
 MC ~ Patrick

12:00 p.m. J. & M. Blanford
 MC ~ Ty



Baptisms

Aria Celeste
 Daughter of
 Pedro & Celeste Rios

Robert Guillermo
 Son of
 Guillermo & Gabrielle Zamudio

Rest in Peace

Mary Doyle • Sean Patrick Gill

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 • nbickel@stm-church.com

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, August 16 — St. Stephen of Hungary

6:30 am Joanna Bartkus by Family
 8:30 am Josephine Zagrocki by Altar & Rosary Society

TUESDAY, August 17

6:30 am Intention of Robert H. Moll by Denny & Lucy Perz
 8:30 am Larry Monak by Bill Szremelda

WEDNESDAY, August 18

6:30 am Agnes Kaspar (Ann) by the Adich Family
 8:30 am Deceased Members of the Dominiak Family by Emily Conway

THURSDAY, August 19 — St. John Eudes

6:30 am Pam Rossi by Michael Mercier Family
 9:00 am John Gianotti by Ed & Debbie Pilawski

FRIDAY, August 20 — St. Bernard

6:30 am Jane Nowacki by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak
 8:30 am Donald Kopenec by Patricia Perry

SATURDAY, August 21 — St. Pius X

8:30 am Benjamin F. Garcia by the Serrano Family
 5:30 pm Johnny & Mary McNicholas by Family

SUNDAY, August 22

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Amanda Jurkash by the Jurkash Family
 10:00 am David Leask (Ann) by the Leask Family
 12:00 pm Anastasia Kwiatkowski (Ann) by Mr & Mrs John Gryn

Sacrificial Offerings



August 8, 2021

Adult	\$ 16,958.00
Loose	\$ 3,727.00
Automated	\$ 3,879.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,564.00

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

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.

Pray for the sick of our parish...

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 Bambic	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 Petruich
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 Ubuaone
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	

Readings: Week of August 15

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



Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do.

Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need. ©LPi

THUS IT FOLLOWS

"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek — Jesus, her Son."

~ St. Louis Marie de Montfort

If Mary was chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, it would follow that God would prepare her in a most special way to carry His Son. She would need to be a reflection of the perfection of creation before the fall. Thus, it would follow that Mary would be preserved from the stain of original sin so as to be a worthy vessel for Jesus Christ.

If Mary was preserved from the stain of original sin (that is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception states), it also would follow that she would not lie in the corruption of death after her time on earth. Corruptibility belongs to that tainted by original sin. Mary's body would be incorruptible.

Hence, at the end of her time on earth, she would share in the death of her Son, Jesus. Her body would be raised to the glory of heaven incorruptible. This is what we celebrate today on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We often have a tough time wrapping our minds around these great mysteries. I think that is because we are so used to judging by our own human standards. That begins at our youth. We learn to interact with our world in a very tactile manner.

Watch babies and very young children. Everything is touched and handled. It seems that everything goes into their mouths. We trust what we can taste, see, and feel. We mistrust what is beyond our reach. Of everything beyond our senses, the mysteries of God are light years away.

That is one of the reasons that we celebrate the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as the other great saints. They bring to us the mystery that is far away and make it up close and personal. How much more up close and personal can you make the mystery of God than to bear Him into our world as Mary did?

We honor Mary today. We don't worship her. Adoration and Worship are reserved for God and God alone. But we venerate her. We honor her for saying yes to God and taking a very intimate role in our salvation history. We celebrate her victory — being assumed body and soul into heaven — and remind ourselves that her Son won a victory for us as well. Our mortal bodies may remain behind; but, Jesus won for us the opportunity to join in His resurrection after our mortal death.

Mary, conceived without original sin and assumed body and soul into heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

FAITH ACTION: If possible, pray the rosary together as a family today or pray it by yourself. *Fr. Mike*

AND IT BEGINS

Here's a shout-out to our administration, faculty, staff, and students as we begin a new school year: **Welcome Back!** We have been busy preparing the building for your return and you will find several changes in different areas. Some classrooms or hallways are sporting new floors. There are new lights in other classrooms. Still other classrooms have had their windows replaced and/or new cabinets and sinks installed.

Every summer, we work on improving our school building and making it as inviting and comfortable as possible. We hope that you enjoy the new school year and work to the best of your ability.

SPEAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS

In the not-too-distant future, we will be doing some work on our parking lots at the school, church, and Weis Center. Hot patching, hot crack seal, seal coating, and restriping will all take place in order to help maintain our parking lot. The work will most likely not interfere with weekend parking but it will inconvenience some traffic movement during the week.

As I say so many times, we could not do all the things we do at our parish to repair and maintain the buildings and parking lots without your generosity. Thank you for your continued giving. You're the best!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Good News and Bad News For a Pastor

- Good News: You baptized seven people today in the river.
- Bad News: You lost two of them in the swift current.
- Good News: Mrs. Jones is wild about your sermons.
- Bad News: Mrs. Jones is also wild about the "Gong Show," "Beavis and Butthead," and "Texas Chain Saw Massacre."
- Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks.
- Bad News: You were on vacation.
- Good News: The youth in your church come to your house for a surprise visit.
- Bad News: It's in the middle of the night and they are armed with toilet paper and shaving cream to "decorate" your house.



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 20: Msgr. Michael A. Petzold (1965)





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 22

6:30 am Mass

Main: Karen Rutz
Chapel: Carol Cenko

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul Liszewski
Chapel: Robert Hall
Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck



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: STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com. We are happy to pray for you and/or your family members.

Stewardship Thoughts



Head to Heart

What is the goal of our parish stewardship formation? The "primary" goal of stewardship is to transform the lives of both the individual parishioners and the parish community. The whole point is to strengthen our relationship with God, live a more Christ-centered life and use our gifts interdependently to build God's kingdom on earth and ultimately, help each other get to Heaven! Our idea of stewardship needs to move from our head into our heart. Before any of our parish stewardship efforts will bear sustainable and long-term good fruit, we need to internalize this idea of living a grateful and generous life into our hearts.

Stewardship is not just a list of activities, rather it is a transformative lifestyle where we grow in love with God and with each other - it's all about building relationships. When St. John Paul II canonized St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) he said, "Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love which lacks truth! One without the other becomes a destructive lie." Archbishop Robert J. Carlson said, "Some think the truth is the truth, no matter how it's stated. But some words breathe forth cynicism and sarcasm rather than love; we've seen too much of words that incite violence rather than promote peace. Those words are alien to Jesus, even when they're true, because they don't breathe forth love." Is our sharing mechanical because we do it out of obligation and it checks off a box to make us or our parish look good? Or, do we share out of love, in gratitude for everything God, Our Father, has given us? Of all the gifts that God has given us, the gift He wants the most is our heart, not our possessions.

Let us pray for the strength and courage that all we do be for the glory of God's name and to use our gifts out of love for one another.

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

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 & 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. Thanks, in advance, for participating.

Two Words That Describe STMS: "Family" & "Community"

Outside of an outstanding, well-rounded education, the best part about being a St. Thomas More School family is the faith-based, family atmosphere, where service to others and helping our community is at the

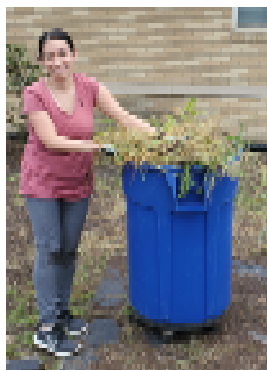


forefront of student school activities. That all-in attitude was most evident as parents and students came together to beautify our school campus this week, putting in some sweat-equity so that our little ones could



have a clean, weed-free extra playground to use for the upcoming school year.

Thanks to all who volunteered to make the Weis Center playground kid-ready for our students, who start a brand new, exciting school year next week.



Amazon Smile

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



STMS receives .5% back from AmazonSmile for all eligible purchases. Start shopping today!

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

Go to:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733>

to register and designate St. Thomas More, Munster as your charity of choice.



First Day of School

August 17
Grades 3 to 8
7:45 a.m.
School Office
Door 1

August 18
K to Grade 2
7:45 a.m.
School Office
Door 1

August 18
Preschool & Pre-K
8:30 a.m.
Gym Entrance
(under canopy)

Evening Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant Needed

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for a part-time evening and Saturday receptionist to be responsible for welcoming all who enter, or telephone, the Parish Office. This person will also provide administrative and related office services to staff members and parishioners of St. Thomas More.

Requirements:

Must have proficient computer skills and have at least 3 years of experience as a receptionist or administrative assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must and experience with Parish Data Systems and QuickBooks a plus.

Please see the Parish website for a full position description:
<http://www.stm-church.com/ParishReceptionist.pdf>.

If qualified, please submit a cover letter and resume to:
jobopenings@stm-church.com.

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!



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 Wednesday, September 8th.**

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

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.



Wounded Healers Grief Support

This past year has taken a toll on many, and for those suffering the loss of a loved one, it has been even more challenging. Take advantage of our 30+ years of helping and supporting those dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one by joining our sessions when we reconvene on

Wednesday, September 8

7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. James the Less Formation Center
(Corner of Kennedy and 45th Streets in Highland)

Beginnings Group: Register in Room 2
Advanced Groups: Register in Rooms 7 & 8

Come and be with people who know how you feel.
Visit our website for more info: woundedhealers-nwi.com

Fall Mum Sale Coming Soon



Save the Date
Annual Mum Sale
Saturday, September 18

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

St. Thomas More

South Parking Lot

You'll find a beautiful selection of nursery-quality mums, perfect for fall decorating.



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

Rockopelli Music Festival

Rockopelli Music Festival is back!

Perfect for All Ages

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

Rockopelli Music Fest Central Park

600 N. Broad Street • Griffith, IN

Admission:

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

This Weekend:

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.



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

Rockopelli is appropriate for all ages groups.

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:

Planting Possibilities • Murph's Gift of Music

Rockopelli, Inc. has donated over \$85,000 for local student scholarships & to charities.

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

Dinner, Food & Clothing Giveaway

Anyone in need of clothing and/or food is invited to join us for the 37th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, October 2

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Hammond Civic Center • 5825 Sohl Avenue Hammond

Sponsored by STM Parishioner Lucy Perz, Calumet Region Youth & Many Local Churches

To donate non-perishable items & clothing or to volunteer to help, please contact Lucy at (219) 838-5502 or (219) 381-4670.

Centennial Tea at Bishop Noll

Bishop Noll Institute will host

Thee Alumni & Me Centennial Tea

during its 100th Anniversary Celebration weekend to coincide with other centennial events.

All are welcome to join us for this fundraiser .

Saturday, September 18, 2021

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Bishop Noll STREAM Lab
1519 Hoffman Street • Hammond

Speaker:

Terry McMahon Putz, BNI Class of 1966

BNI Centennial Historian

Terry will share some interesting tidbits from Bishop Noll history.

Guests will be served traditional tea fare: chicken salad croissants, cucumber delights, fresh fruit, ham & asparagus rounds, sweet and savory pastries and assorted teas.

Door prizes, basket raffles and a quilt raffle will take place.

Guests should bring their own tea cup to share memories.

Tickets: \$50 (must be purchased by Friday, September 10).

For more information or tickets, visit forevernoll.givesmart.com, email advancement@bishoppnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058.



Other centennial plans include:

Gala Dinner Celebration on September 16

5K and Tailgate Party on September 17

Outdoor Mass on September 19

Black Tie White Collar Gala

Come celebrate and support the

Culture of Vocations to the Priesthood

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: jrosenow@dcgary.org or 219-464-4042 x8



Events in the Area...

St. John Bosco Picnic

All are invited to our Parish Picnic and share birthday wishes with Fr. Jeffrey Burton on Sunday, August 22 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Food (Polish), air-conditioned Bingo, free entertainment and raffles. Music by Take Five and DJ from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

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.

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 welcoming representatives from all Diocese of Gary parishes. 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. Towle can add a special private performance for groups of 90+ guests with an optional pre-show reception of food, drinks & custom touches. Tickets are reasonable (special group rates available). Plan your holiday outing now. 5205 Hohman in Hammond • (219) 937-8780 www.towletheater.com.

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. Explore Jesus' encounters with those in need of healing and how we can allow the Gospels to speak to our own need of healing today. Cost: \$45.00 includes meal, refreshments & retreat. Please register 8/23.

Women Who Knew God: *Urging Us Forward Today*

One Friday/month. 10:00a.m.-3:00 p.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.

A Pilgrimage with Mary: Step away from what crowds your mind & heart and walk with Christ at beautiful Lindenwood Retreat Center 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). To donate, or for info/schedule a tour:

www.lindenwood.org or call 574-935-1780.