



“just keep swimming swimming swimming
what do we do we swim swim swim”

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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Preschool through 8th Grade

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

Celebrants

Saturday, September 11
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

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

Servers

Monday, September 6 — Labor Day
 9:00 a.m. A. Alvarez, A. Buksa/MC ~ Emma

Saturday, September 11
 5:30 p.m. K. & K. Cano, S. Rozmanich
 MC ~ Nick

Sunday, September 12
 8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, K. Karl, J. Dye/MC ~ Gavin
 10:00 a.m. N. Arman, S. Fugger, R. Smola/MC ~ Vanessa
 12:00 p.m. B., I. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Francesca



Baptisms

Louis Joseph
 Son of Matthew & Ava Hacker

Natalie Anne
 Daughter of Daniel & Julieanna Pomian

Wedding Banns

Bann III — Martin Gruszka & Laure West
Bann II — Michael Sajn & Mary Klootwyk

Sacrificial Offerings



August 29, 2021

Adult	\$ 19,474.00
Loose	\$ 2,908.00
Automated	\$ 3,879.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,261.00

Collection for Haiti
Special Collection
 \$ 9,992.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, September 5
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 6:30 am Al Carollo by Branchini Family
 8:00 am Intentions of Dominique & Joshua Varney by Michael, Antoinette & Angelique Mercier
 10:00 am Jeffrey Shebesta by Kate, Emily & Caleb Shebesta
 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

MONDAY, September 6 — Labor Day
 9:00 am Sue Bertram by Judy Trask & Sons

TUESDAY, September 7
 6:30 am Charles Mullany (Ann.) by Family
 8:30 am Martha M. Fetzko by Altar & Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, September 8
Nativity of the Virgin Mary
 6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
 8:30 am Mary Leahy by Sopata Family

THURSDAY, September 9 — St. Peter Claver
 6:30 am Edmund Lelito by Knights of Columbus
 9:00 am Larry Monak by Bill Szremelda

FRIDAY, September 10
 6:30 am Kristen Kennedy & Jennifer Evans by Nancy Konopasek & Julia Rack
 8:30 am Barbara Ostrowski (Ann.) by Marianna Pazik

SATURDAY, September 11
 8:30 am Albina Voss by Michelle Walker
 2:00 pm Gruszka/West Nuptials
 5:30 pm Intentions of Michael Conn by Ron & Charlotte Conn

SUNDAY, September 12
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Bert & Emily Woess (Ann.) by Children
 10:00 am Ed & Irma Smiley by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
 12:00 pm Martin J. Pieters, Jr. by Wife, Diane and Family

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a



different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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 September 5

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3



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 Pilonis
Linda Braun	Shirley Huskey	Sylvester Porras
Stephany Burney	Betty Ingbreton	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 Ubuaeno
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	

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change. ©LPi

MOVING FORWARD

“If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

In Disney's classic movie, *Finding Nemo*, Dory has a song that is her signature piece. She sings it so that it calms her down and helps her to move forward. It was a song taught to her by her parents when she was a very young fish.

*“just keep swimming,
just keep swimming,
just keep swimming swimming swimming,
what do we do we swim swim swim”*

I agree wholeheartedly with both Martin Luther King, Jr. and with Dory. We have to keep moving. To do otherwise will keep us from our goals and may even harm us. Instead of “moving” or “swimming”, we could say, as Christians, that we have to “keep living the faith, live the faith, live the faith; just keep living the faith.”

It is not always easy to do. Sometimes living the faith means forgiving someone who harmed us. Sometimes living the faith means including the person we would rather exclude. Sometimes living the faith means to give of ourselves until it hurts. None of that is pleasant. It is all, however, essential.

When we live the faith, we find a certain peace. We find assurance in what we do. We find the Lord both in those with whom we interact and/or serve as well as in the actions that we perform. He cannot be found any other way.

Jesus made us for one another. We need one another in order to grow in the faith and mature in the spirit. Even those who cut themselves off from the world entirely as contemplatives or hermits direct their prayers for the salvation of others. They may not interact with people in their daily lives but they hold all people in their prayers.

Are you moving forward? Are you swimming? Are you doing the work of the Lord in your daily living? Think about the many ways that you can do more. Perhaps consider volunteering to visit the sick or shut in or volunteer at a local soup kitchen. You might want to reach out to someone you have excluded in the past.

Forgive. Heal. Love. Help. Serve. These are all ways to move forward in the faith. In doing so, your relationship with God will bloom more abundantly than you could ever have imagined.

FAITH ACTION: Assess your spiritual life and if you find yourself to be in a rut, do what you can to move forward once again. *J. Mike*



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The last two Tuesdays of September (21st and 28th) are inquiry days for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, also known as RCIA. RCIA is a process for those who are not Roman Catholic to enter the Church. There are weekly sessions with others who are inquiring. The sessions are every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and generally last a little over an hour.

On September 21st or September 28th (you only need to come to one of the two evenings), you are invited to come to the Parish Conference Room (enter at the Parish Office) to sign up and receive your study materials. Classes will begin in earnest on Tuesday, October 5th.

If you have been baptized in another faith, it would be helpful for you to bring a copy of your baptismal certificate with you to the September inquiry meeting.

The RCIA is also appropriate for those who may have been baptized as Catholic but who were never catechized or finished their sacraments. If you have been baptized but never received your First Communion or Confirmation, you are welcome to the RCIA as well. Those who come to the weekly sessions are received into the Church at the 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter on April 16, 2022.

AS IF COVID-19 WERE NOT ENOUGH

The flu season fast approaches. Don't forget to get a flu shot. We are making them available through Walgreens next Sunday, September 12, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Please bring an I.D. and your insurance or Medicare card.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A priest was in the middle of his homily when he noticed a man had fallen asleep with his head on his wife's shoulder. Every time he looked in their direction, he saw the napping husband. It was really beginning to distract him and he was afraid that he was going to lose his place in the homily.

Exasperated, the priest looked directly at the wife and said, “Wake up your husband!” This made many of the people around the couple chuckle.

Not to be outdone, the wife smiled and replied, “You put him to sleep. You wake him up.”



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:

- September 7: Rev. Joseph P. Smith (1986)
- September 8: Rev. Roman S. Wojcicki (1963)
- September 9: Rev. Paul P. Jakulevicius (1992)
- September 11: Deacon Martin Gomez (2011)



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Classes Begin This Week!

We are happy to welcome all Religious Education students back to in-person classes for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you would like your child/ren to be part of our program, and have not yet registered, please visit our parish website.

If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required for registration. Payment in full is required at registration.

Questions? Contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Stewardship Thoughts



- The world may tell you there is no Devil, but the world has been blinded to these realities by the Enemy himself. Those who deny his existence are easy prey. *Paul Thigpen*
- If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain. *Dolly Parton*
- One of the reasons Christianity does not influence the world more is that few Christians shine more brightly than those who lack faith. *Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*
- Christians are people of hope, people of possibilities. Have courage and together let's set out to change the world as the first Christians did. *Matthew Kelly*
- A dead thing can go with the stream, only a living thing can go against it. *G.K. Chesterton*
- Purity doesn't begin to grow until a person realizes that one cannot rely upon human efforts alone. It is a gift from God. *Jason Evert*
- A saint might be described as one who has the utmost distrust of his own strength and the utmost confidence in God. *Fr. Leo Trese*

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

Bulletin Articles

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

Greeters for the Week

Calling All Friendly Parishioners!

We need you!
If you normally attend the

Noon Sunday Mass, how about coming a few minutes early to greet and welcome parishioners as they enter the church?

We would appreciate your time and big smile as a volunteer

Greeter for the Noon Mass.

If you can help, please contact Vicky at (708) 932-0408.

Thank you!



Sunday, September 5
6:30 am Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk
Chapel: Judy Mateja

8:00 am Mass

Main: Nicole Odegaard
Chapel: Sue Walker
Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Danielle Munoz
Chapel: Steven Rozmanich

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder
Chapel: Susan Anglin

Flu Shots at STM

Walgreens will again be offering the **Flu Shot**

to our parishioners.

Sunday, September 12

St. Thomas More School Gym
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please bring an I.D. and your insurance or Medicare card.



Join Us for Our Next RCIA Class

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Then RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults) is for you! The RCIA process introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

It helps you explore what it means to be a Christian.

Discernment Sessions

All sessions will be held on Tuesdays

September 21 &

September 28

7:00 p.m.

Parish Conference Room

RCIA prepares you to enter fully into our community of faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Becoming Catholic is more than just learning scripture and

rituals, it's discovering how to be a disciple of the Lord.

We welcome all those who are new to the faith, the unbaptized or baptized, those that have not yet been confirmed in the Church and also those who are simply just searching for God.

If you think you may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, join us for our upcoming.

RCIA classes will begin on October 5, 2021.





St. Thomas More School

ST. THOMAS MORE BACK TO SCHOOL

Dance Party



This year, we celebrated the beginning of the school year a little differently, with a Back to School Dance Party in the parking lot, complete with great DJ music, yummy snacks and a happy vibe from all in attendance.

Over 300 members of our St. Thomas More School family came out to join in the fun. It was such a huge success that we can't wait to do it again.

Thanks to the STMS Parent Association for coordinating and hosting.



Thank You for Your Support!

Shopping with AmazonSmile

Because of your ongoing support, St. Thomas More School **received a \$350 donation from AmazonSmile!** For every qualified purchase you make on AmazonSmile, STMS receives 0.5% quarterly from AmazonSmile. Shop AmazonSmile and help our school at the same time; it's a simple way to support our A-rated school! To shop, please use our unique charity link when shopping online: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733>

Dining for Dollars at Schoop's

Our thanks to all who dined at Schoop's this past Tuesday! It was a packed house, with lots of additional takeout orders. Your support of STMS and Dining for Dollars is appreciated. Also, a special thanks to Ray, and the wonderful staff at Schoop's, for being such great hosts. Please visit them often.

October's Dining for Dollars is at Lou Malnati's.

Watch the bulletin for more information coming soon.

Help Wanted

St. Thomas More Parish is looking for a **Part-time Evening/Saturday Receptionist** responsible for welcoming all who visit/call the Parish Office. This person will also provide administrative and related office services to staff members and parishioners of St. Thomas More.

Requirements:

Proficient computer skills & at least 3 years of experience as a receptionist/admin assistant. Proficiency in MS Office a must; experience with Parish Data Systems & QuickBooks a plus.

Visit: <http://www.stm-church.com/ParishReceptionist.pdf>.

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

St. Vincent De Paul Society

We are most grateful to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More, who have consistently contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to support our neighbors in need. Thanks to your support, our pantry only needs a bit more!

Food Pantry Requests:

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

SVDP Friends of the Poor

Get your walking shoes out! It's time for the annual **Friends of the Poor Walk/Run.**

September 25, 2021

Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point

Registration at 9:00 a.m. • Walk begins at 10:00 am. Pre-register by completing a form in the Parish Office or online: www.fopwalk.org.

Jesus walked many steps on earth teaching us his ways, including helping others. Let us all walk beside him at this event, or support the event, if you can't walk.

This annual walk raises monetary funds that directly support those served by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Walkers are encouraged to make a personal donation & collect pledges from supporters. Or donate, if you can't walk. Join us as we walk for the poor!

Live Christ Share Christ

All are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

Live Christ Share Christ

Saturday, September 11, 2021

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Guest Speaker:

Paul Logdon

Topic: Enhancing Our Spiritual Life

Join us and begin re-energizing your spiritual life.

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. at the 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 & door prizes 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. Learn more: Kathleen (219) 972-0539 • Cindy (219) 923-9862

Senior Citizens

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

All senior citizens of our parish are invited to join us.

All meetings are held on Wednesdays at the Weis Center at 1:00 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

Please join us for all our upcoming meetings & events.

September 15th Social Gathering

Join us for card & table games, along with plenty of laughs.

October 6th Business Meeting

Will be joined by a guest speaker who will discuss: Handling Stress.

October 28 Day of Reflection

9:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
Lunch to follow at Weis Center
Advance reservations required.



Gabriel Project

The first meeting of the Gabriel Project ministry will be held on

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center • Room 101

We have a lot of catching up to do.

We have new babies and a great deal of news to share. If you are not a member, but are interested in learning more about the Gabriel Project, please come and join us! We're looking forward to seeing everyone and welcoming our new members in person.

As always, please pray for our moms and their babies.



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, October 13, 2021

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Masks are optional.

“Inspiration for Your Job Search”

Speaker:

Deacon Joe Stodola

About Deacon Joe Stodola:

He is a 1956 graduate of Bishop Noll and a 1960 graduate of Purdue University in 1960 with a degree in Pharmacy.

He married his wife, Joyce, in 1961 and he has three children, all of whom attended St. Thomas More School. Together they oversee Marriage Preparation at STM.

Joe has owned two pharmacies (Cedar Lake & Valparaiso) and has been an active member of our parish, where he has:

Started the STM Festival where he served as chairperson with Joyce for 11 years, been president of the Holy Name Society & Ushers Club. He is a charter member of the K of C and was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Gary in 2003.

He has served as president of the Lake County Pharmacists & Munster High School Boosters.

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

When: The Second Wednesday of Every Month

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.

Centennial Tea at Bishop Noll

Bishop Noll Institute will host

Thee Alumni & Me Centennial Tea

as part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration
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 interesting BNI history tidbits. Guests will be served traditional tea fare of petite sandwiches, fruit, savory pastries & assorted teas with door prizes & a basket/quilt raffle.

Guests should bring their own tea cup to share memories.
Tickets: \$50 (must be purchased by Friday, September 10).

For more info 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

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

Wounded Healers Grief Support

Due to the ongoing Covid situation and lack of enough grief counselors to support our program, Wounded Healers will not be hosting its grief support sessions this fall, as previously planned.

We hope to resume our program in the springtime.

Note: the Holiday Program with a guest speaker is still scheduled, so please watch the bulletin for updates coming soon.

For info about Wounded Healers: woundedhealers-nwi.com

Planting Possibilities Mum Sale

Join us in the St. Thomas More South Parking Lot for our

Annual Mum Sale

Saturday, September 18 • 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Find a beautiful selection of nursery-quality mums perfect for fall.



Dinner, Food & Clothing Giveaway

Those in need of clothing &/or food are invited to 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) 838-6602 or (219) 381-4670.

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.

Events in the Area...

Emotions Anonymous (EA)

Free Emotional Support Group: A 12 step program for those 15 years and older, to help deal with these unusual times. Find help for depression, anger, anxiety, grief, relationship and emotional disorders. Meetings are every Monday (no holidays) from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 1 W. Wilhelm Street, Schererville, in the SW Meeting Room in St. Patrick Hall (use east doors).

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.

AYCE Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Hosted by St. Stephen Martyr Women's Club on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10/person includes salad, bread, coffee & dessert. Cash bar.

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 the very popular "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" playing at the Towle Theater this December on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, December 3-19, 2021. Towle can add a special private performance for groups of 90+ guests (optional pre-show reception of food, drinks & more). Tickets are reasonable (special group rates available). Plan your holiday outing now. (219) 937-8780 • www.towletheater.com.

Retreats at Lindenwood Conference Center

Day of Prayer: International Day of Prayer for Peace is September 21. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Peace Garden on the campus of the Center at Donaldson, to join a global prayer for peace among nations.

Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church: As we learn from her writings, her music and art, we'll learn prayer practices to help us respond to God's movement in our lives. Friday, September 24, 10am- 3pm at Lindenwood. Cost: \$55 (or \$300 for all six sessions!) Includes materials, lunch and refreshments, etc. For more info or to register please visit www.lindenwood.org

Rummage Sale

St. Adalbert Church, 2124 Indianapolis Blvd in Whiting, is hosting a Rummage Sale on September 18 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please come.