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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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St. Thomas More School

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
Director Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232
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Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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

Celebrants

Saturday, September 18
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, September 19
 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, September 18
 5:30 p.m. W. Arens, Q. Fehr/ MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, September 19
 8:00 a.m. M. Slivka, A. Burzynski, I. Tolnai
 MC ~ Emma
 10:00 a.m. A. Monroy, A. Hanson, L. Patton
 MC ~ Patrick
 12:00 p.m. B. & D. Reynolds, C. Aguilar/MC ~ Ty



Baptisms

Emma Lynn Rybicki
 Daughter of Joseph & Jayme Lynn Rybicki

Simone Ellis
 Daughter of Ernst & Dominique Lamothe

Wedding Banns

Bann III — Michael Sajn & Mary Klootwyk
Bann I — Seth Frey and Andrea Paunicka

Rest in Peace

Eva A. Herrera • Richard J. Daukza

Sacrificial Offerings



September 5, 2021

Adult	\$ 19,250.00
Loose	\$ 3,318.00
Automated	\$ 3,879.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,447.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & 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 & Family

MONDAY, September 13 — St. John Chrysostom

6:30 am Maria Jugovic (Ann.) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak
 8:30 am Rosario Merlo by Pietro & Rosa Merlo & Family

TUESDAY, September 14 — Exaltation of the Cross

6:30 am Thomas Krull, Sr. by Family
 8:30 am Rev. David Scheidler, CSC by Jeff Cox

WEDNESDAY, September 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 am Rev. David J. Scheidler, CSC by Valerie Riley
 8:30 am Jose Caraballo by Wife, Juanita

THURSDAY, September 16 — Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:30 am Donald Kopenec by Jay Harker Family
 9:00 am John Gianotti by Pastoral Care

FRIDAY, September 17 — St. Robert Bellarmine

6:30 am Linda Harle by Patricia Hoffmiller
 8:30 am Phyllis Meyer (Ann.) by Marilyn Pajor

SATURDAY, September 18

8:30 am John & Mary Pavcak by Family
 2:00 pm Sajn/ Klootwyk Nuptials
 5:30 pm Joyce Lasics (Ann.) by the Serrano Family

SUNDAY, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
 8:00 am Francis Coman by Mary Coman
 10:00 am In Thanksgiving of 50th Wedding Anniversary of
 Mike & Linda Einsele by Mike & Linda Einsele
 12:00 pm Maryann Reed by Harlan & Delores Ranshaw



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well.

We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others.

“Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

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 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 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 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	

Readings: Week of September 12



Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations!

This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as

God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. ©LPi

BETTER OFF DEAD

"We must never allow September 11th to become a time for protest and division. Instead, this day must remain a time for promoting peace and mutual respect."

~ Timothy Cardinal Dolan

I still remember the heated words of one of my Michigan City parishioners all those years ago shortly after the terrible tragedy on September 11, 2001. The person was speaking about the Muslims. He made a very blanket statement: "It would be better if they were all dead."

I could not believe what I was hearing. This, from a believer. From someone who claimed to believe in God, as well as God's love and mercy. Yet, at that moment in time, there was no place in his heart for mercy or forgiveness or love. There was only hatred. Raw, cold, dead hatred.

It is that hatred that is a very real part of this sinful world in which we live. It is that hatred that Jesus faced, dying a horrible death on the cross. It is that hatred that Jesus asks us to reject.

There are "bad" people in every ethnicity, in every religion, in every culture. Would it be better if the entire world were dead? Brothers and sisters, we are called to live lives of love. We are called to be witnesses to the Lord. We are called to show that this world can, indeed, be a better place if we so desire and to work toward the positive change that is so desperately needed.

There will be many programs on television and the radio this weekend commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Our screens will be filled with images of buildings collapsing and burning and of the names of those who perished.

That was a terrible tragedy in our nation's history. I do not claim otherwise. However, in the midst of all the programming that will take place this weekend, let not hatred claim a stake in your heart. To allow ourselves to turn from love to hatred would be an even worse tragedy.

I daresay that events of our recent past and of today will be put into the same mix as well in order to stir the pot of hatred and bigotry. Don't let people who hate steer you down a path contrary to our faith. Love will always win.

Let freedom, peace, justice, and love ring out in our land.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for the victims of violence around the world today. Pray as well, for an end to the violence that is perpetrated against all sorts of innocent people worldwide. Pray for peace. *In. Mike*

THE PANDEMIC WORRYING YOU?

There are many people worried about the rise in numbers of COVID-19, especially its newer variants. If for some reason you decide that you are too compromised to come to Mass, remember that we still livestream the 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday evening and the 10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday morning.

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.



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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults consists of weekly sessions with others who are interested in the faith. The sessions are every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and generally last a little over an hour.

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.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A priest stormed into the sacristy and flung his sermon on the table. "Today," he shouted to the deacon, "I have preached to a congregation of idiots!"

The deacon nodded sympathetically but, with a grin on his face, added, "Is that why you kept calling them your 'beloved brethren.'"



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 12: Rev. John A. Halo (1986)
Rev. Vincent Uvodic (1987)
- September 13: Rev. Bernard F. Shank (1997)
- September 14: Rev. John A. Hogan (2014)
- September 17: Rev. Louis J. Ratajczak (1964)





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Classes Begin This Week!

We are happy to welcome all Religious Education students back to in-person classes. 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. Contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Flu Shots at STM

Walgreens will be offering parishioners a **Flu Shot**

Today, Sunday, September 12

STMS Gym • 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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



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!



Saturday, September 18
5:30 pm Mass

Main: William & Joann Karr
Chapel: Patty Pfister

Sunday, September 19
6:30 am Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 am Mass

Main: Joe & Cynthia Sindall
Chapel: Sue Walker
Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Maria & Karissa Cano
Chapel: Paula Serrano
Choir: Amy & Tim Jevyak

Stewardship Thoughts



- Patience is at the core of any great relationship because it takes patience to listen and really understand the heart of another. *Matthew Kelly*
- What counts is obedience to what God desires for us and a willingness to relinquish the "good things" for the "God things". *Scripture Union USA*
- Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences - times of self-denial and testing - in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*
- If our parishioners are not able to give a clear and simple "yes" to the invitation of the Gospel, then we must ask ourselves in conversion is really taking place. As Evangelists, we need to look beyond creating positive experiences and commit to a clear intention to call forth true consent, instead of mere theoretical approval or sentimentality. *Andre Regnier*
- Let us remember the past with gratitude, the present with enthusiasm and the future with confidence. *St. John Paul II*
- If I am a son of God then I must dream God's dreams. *Alexandre Havard*

Consider joining a ministry to share your talents with others.

Holy Name Society

Calling all men in the parish!

The Holy Name Society will be holding its next meeting

Monday, September 20

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

We will feature Episode 1 of Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism series. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 program.

RCIA classes will begin on October 5, 2021.

Bulletin Articles

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



St. Thomas More School

New Funds for Our Cafeteria



Each year, the Indiana Dairy Association awards financial grants to schools who promote dairy safety, while incorporating dairy in a healthy student meal plan. Thanks to a grant application submitted by STMS Cafeteria Manager, Andy Power, the Indiana Dairy Association took notice of our specific need in the school's café and awarded St. Thomas More School a check for \$2,650, delivered to the school by Josh Leitman of the Indiana Dairy Association. Andy's application stressed the need for an open-air, grab and go cooler, allowing students to safely select delicious, high protein dairy items with limited "touching", eliminating opening a cooler door and moving items before a selection is made.

At St. Tom's, we make a concentrated effort to maintain a safe, COVID-free environment for our students and staff, and now, thanks to the generous funds from the Dairy Association, we will be able to purchase that cooler so our students can continue to enjoy our homemade yogurt parfaits, Go-Gurt and a wide selection of milk and string cheese safely and easily.

Remaining funds from the cooler purchase will be used to procure items to further foster physical activity during physical education class and recess.

Big thanks to Andy Power and the Indiana Dairy Association!

Noreen Bickel, STMS President, Andy Power, Cafeteria Manager & Dr. Samantha Francis, STMS Principal accept a check from Josh Leitman of the Indiana Dairy Association for \$2,650.

School Picture Day

There's always a fun energy in the school when our students have a "dress-up" day, and this year's school picture day was no exception.

Taking a break from their normal school uniforms, students donned their very best attire, from shirts & ties, skirts, dresses, to a few suits and sports coats, too.

And of course, our students were dressed in their very best smiles, too...yes, there are lots of beautiful smiles hidden beneath those masks!



Thank You for Your Support!

Everything You Need for Fall at AmazonSmile

Make a difference this Fall. Shop for all your Fall items at smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733. For every qualified purchase you make on AmazonSmile, St. Thomas More School 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!



Join the 178 customers who shop with STMS as their designated charity of choice!

Next Dining for Dollars
September 20
Lou Malnati's in Schererville
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!

Senior Citizens

Join us for our upcoming meetings and events. 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. Mark your calendars now! You'll be glad you joined-in.



September 15th
Social Gathering

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

October 6th
Business Meeting

Our guest speaker will discuss: Handling Stress.

October 28

Day of Reflection with Fr. Declan

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

Knights of Columbus

Join us for our first-ever

October Fest

Enjoy a Octoberfest-style dinner complete with grilled Bratwurst, baked beans, potato salad, pretzels and condiments.

Friday, October 1, 2021

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Weis Center



Hotdogs for children will also be available.

Carry-outs and some dine-in seating available.

Cost: \$10/adults • \$5/children. Extra brat or hotdog is available for \$3 additional.

Beer/wine, soda pop, water and coffee will be available for dine-in guests as a Free Will offering.

Proceeds from the dinner & raffle will support the Knights of Columbus charitable works.

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.





Scout Popcorn Sale

The Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts of St. Thomas More will be

Selling Popcorn

before and after all Masses the weekend of **September 18/19.**

Please stop by for a delicious treat and support our amazing Scouts.
For info: (219) 765-0954.



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 Events at Bishop Noll

Celebrate 100 years of educational excellence at Bishop Noll Institute. For information or tickets for any event:

forevernoll.givesmart.com,

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

Thee Alumni & Me Centennial Tea — September 18

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.

Asian Catholic Unity Day

The Diocese of Gary Office of Intercultural Ministry invites all to join us and pray together.

Asian Catholic Unity Day

Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrant Bishop Robert McClory

Sunday, September 12

Cathedral of the Holy Angels • 640 Tyler Street • Gary, IN

Black Tie White Collar Gala

To support the Culture of Vocations to the Priesthood

Speaker: Bishop Robert J. McClory

Friday, October 29, 2021

Trinity Banquet Center • 640 N. Calumet Rd • Chesterton

Cost: \$75/person • Black Tie Optional

RSVP to Jo Anne: jrosenow@dcgary.org or 219-464-4042

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing After Abortion

Women, men & family members wounded by abortion are welcome to join the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat on

October 22-24, 2021

Learn more at www.rachelsvineyard.org or (219) 552-2944.

Events in the Area...

Emotions Anonymous (EA)

Free Emotional Support Group: All are welcome to join a 12 step program, geared 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, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 1 W. Wilhelm in Schererville, in the SW Meeting Room in St. Patrick Hall (use east doors).

Rummage Sale at St. Adalbert's

Join us in the Parish Hall, 2124 Indianapolis Blvd. in Whiting, for a Rummage Sale on September 18 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Retreats at Lindenwood Conference Center

Day of Prayer: Join us to pray for peace among nations on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peace Garden for International Day of Prayer for Peace.

Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church: We learn from her writings, music and art & prayer practices to help us respond to God in our lives. Friday, September 24, 10am- 3pm at Lindenwood. Cost: \$55 (\$300 for all 6 sessions!) Includes materials, lunch and refreshments, etc. To register please visit www.lindenwood.org

A Fabulous 50's Christmas

Get your tickets early for "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" at the Towle Theater this December on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, December 3-19, 2021: (219) 937-8780 • www.towletheater.com.