

A relationship with God will keep one calm, positive, and centered.



*Mission Statement : The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.*

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312  
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Senior Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
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Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338  
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

**St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)**

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**2020-2021 Pastoral Council Members**

Thomas Alexander ..... Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson  
Carolyn Cenko ..... Leslie Dernulc  
Diane DeSoto ..... Tim Jevyak, Chairperson  
Jim Kaspar ..... Christi Kordeck  
Katie Kordeck ..... Eric Miller  
Joe Peters ..... Daniel Straka

**St. Thomas More School**

*Preschool through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours: Monday– Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Website ..... [www.stm-school.com](http://www.stm-school.com)  
School Phone ..... 836-9151 School Fax ..... 836-0982  
President ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
School Parent Association ..... Kandace Mack (708) 415-4133  
School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development ..... Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307  
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**Weis Center**

**8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321**

Phone ..... 836-2660

**Sacramental Information**

**Confessions**

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

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

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

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

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



**New Parishioner Registration**

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

**St. Thomas More Religious Education**

*Kindergarten through 8th Grade*

**Office Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Religious Education Phone ..... 836-8610  
Director ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232  
Administrative Assistant ..... Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236  
Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

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Parish Life ..... Elaine Herrmann  
Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas  
Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura  
Stewardship ..... Paul Liszewski

**Parish Organizations**

Altar & Rosary Society ..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862  
Boy Scouts ..... Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109  
Career Networking Group ..... Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335  
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Gabriel Project ..... Marilyn Glennon 801-6586  
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409  
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Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739  
Senior Citizens ..... Marion Case (219) 743-3543  
Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

## Celebrants

**Saturday, October 30**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, October 31**

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

**Saturday, October 30**

5:30 p.m. W. Arens, D. Brantley, A. Hansen/MC ~ Ty

**Sunday, October 31**

8:00 a.m. A. Burzynski, A. Buksa, H. Jorsch  
MC ~ Derek

10:00 a.m. A. Monroy, L. Patton, M. Miller  
MC ~ Vanessa

12:00 p.m. J. Korwek, C. Aguilar, D. O'Brien  
MC ~ Francesca



## Baptisms

**Nolan Richard**

Son of Bryan and Joanne Rooney

**Miguel Angel, Jr.**

Son of Miguel and Jasmin Frausto

## Bulletin Articles

We are always happy to include articles in our weekly bulletins if space is available. Please submit articles via email to [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com) at least 2 weeks in advance.



## Stewardship REFLECTION

*“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.”* MARK 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, October 24 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Bernice Stirling (Ann.) by Judith Buksa

10:00 am Lillian & Gregory Molinaro by Bonita Molinaro

12:00 pm David Rozmanich (Ann.) by Susan Mardjetko

**MONDAY, October 25**

6:30 am Intention of Environment & Art Volunteers by Helen

8:30 am Krystina “Chris” M. Holcomb by Altar & Rosary

**TUESDAY, October 26**

6:30 am Jeanie Johnston by Joseph Dawson

8:30 am Chaloupsky Family by Michalik Family

**WEDNESDAY, October 27**

6:30 am Johanna M. Petruch by Altar & Rosary

8:30 am Robert Nowak by Ann & Family

**THURSDAY, October 28 — Sts. Simon and Jude**

6:30 am Donald Kopenc by Carol Kopenc

9:00 am Robert Nowak by Family

**FRIDAY, October 29**

6:30 am Leslie Garcia (Ann.) by the Serrano Family

8:30 am Roberto Media Perez (Ann.) by Joscelyn & Roberto Medina, Jr.

**SATURDAY, October 30**

8:30 am Intention of Celebrant

5:30 pm Cyril Moran (Ann.) by Jurkash Family

**SUNDAY, October 31**

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

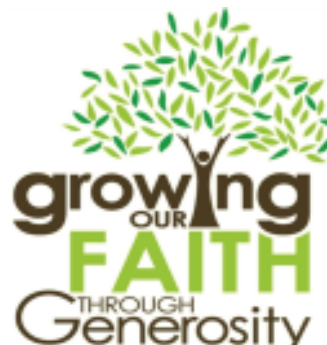
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Anne Radde by Marlene Russo

10:00 am Thomas Holobowski by Marlin & Marlene Veldkamp

12:00 pm Simona Rodriguez by Kennedy Family

## Sacrificial Offerings



**October 17, 2021**

Adult	\$ 16,979.00
Loose	\$ 3,053.00
Automated	\$ 3,879.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,911.00</b>

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

## 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](mailto:mgutchewsky@stm-church.com) or  
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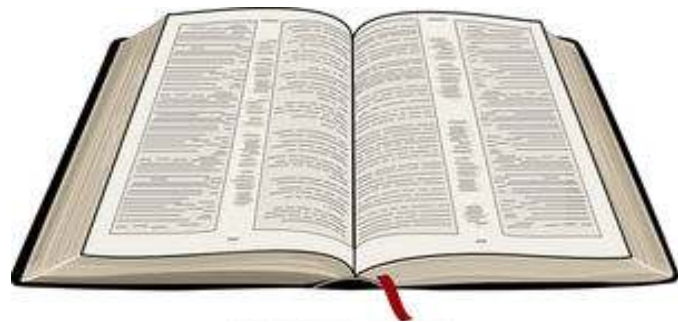
## Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez  
 Margaret Amatulli  
 Chiara Andrzejewski  
 Doris Aurelio  
 Maria Aurelio  
 Pat Batchelder  
 Antonio Belmonte  
 Mary Berry  
 Michael Berry  
 Michael Billedo  
 Diane Bochnowski  
 Cheryl Bostrom  
 Linda Braun  
 Stephany Burney  
 Kathleen Burns  
 Diane Butler  
 Dorothy Campbell  
 James Campbell  
 Janet Cattanach  
 Jacqueline Morrow  
 Christian  
 Ursula Cichy  
 Joseph Clune  
 Willie Colby  
 Charlotte Conn  
 Vincent Corsello  
 Mike Curtain  
 Valerie Czapkowicz  
 Doris Dabrowski  
 Mary Ann Daliege  
 Matthew Daliege  
 Sarah Dalton  
 Alex Eiland  
 Sherlon Evans  
 James Fletcher  
 Heriberto Flores  
 Maria Flores  
 John Forde  
 Bonnie Gabrione  
 Rich Gagliani  
 Phyllis Garber  
 Andrea Garritano  
 Margaret Geary  
 Emily Gibson  
 Dorothy Gillespie  
 Joan Glinski  
 Monica Gonzalez  
 Howard Gralewski  
 Margaret Gray  
 Susan Graff  
 Christine Greenberg  
 Mary Ellen Gullicks  
 Katie Kardes Hargett  
 Rosemarie Havran  
 Amy Hayes

Dick Hemingway  
 Marie Henke  
 Elaine Herrmann  
 Bertha Birdy Hernandez  
 Irma Hernandez  
 Marisol Hernandez  
 Robert Heseck  
 Becky Hill  
 Joan Hoess  
 Sally Joy Hollingshead  
 Charlotte Hunt  
 Shirley Huskey  
 Betty Ingretson  
 Joseph S. Iwan  
 Steve Izzo  
 Elizabeth Jacob  
 Barbara Jamrose  
 Stanley Jayjack  
 Kelly Jean  
 Kevin Karl  
 Mark Kenney  
 Irene Kerps  
 James Klein, Sr.  
 Janet Knight  
 Susan Kolodziej  
 Richard Komyatte  
 Gregory P. Koscielski  
 Crystal Kurek  
 Annika LeMonier  
 Chris LeMonier  
 Debbie LeMonier  
 Nicklas LeMonier  
 Mike Lewis  
 Kris Lisikiewicz  
 Jo Lisiniewicz  
 Edward Liskiewicz  
 Stanley Liskiewicz  
 Maria Lovell  
 Brady Martin  
 Paul Martin  
 Larkin McKenzie  
 Jacob Mencilwicz  
 Jenny Mendoza  
 Faye Meny  
 Sandi Merlo  
 Erin Meyer  
 John Mitchener  
 Ann Miskovich  
 Andrew Moll  
 Thomas Mordant  
 Genevieve Mrvan  
 Bernadine Nemeth  
 Martin Nemeth  
 Donna Nichols  
 Maria Novak

Steven Nowaczyk  
 Clare O'Brien  
 Donna O'Connor  
 Danny Ogren  
 James Pancheri  
 Marty Pavlovic  
 Judith Peterson  
 Dawn Petro  
 Johanna Petruich  
 Andrew Pieczyrak  
 Elizabeth Pilones  
 Sylvester Porras  
 Dennis Powell  
 Ronald Prus  
 Timothy Ribble  
 Jackie Roach  
 Ann Sardella  
 George Sauer  
 Marie Schultz  
 Marianne Schwartz  
 William Schwartz  
 Zachery Scriff  
 James Secviar  
 Jim Seul  
 Renee Shehan  
 Nick Skinner  
 Laurie Slazyk  
 Karen Sliwa  
 Carolyn Smiley  
 Deborah Stareck  
 Georgianne Suto  
 Florence Stevens  
 Carol Storey  
 Charles Svitko  
 Rose Theis  
 Michele Thomas  
 Russ Thomas  
 Gerardo Trevino  
 David Trotman  
 Kathie Trudgian  
 Anthony Ubuaue  
 Tony Vanden Heuvel  
 Raymond Vanderbok  
 James Wachel  
 Kathy Wachel  
 Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
 Mark Wein  
 Ruth Williams  
 Annette Wisniewski  
 Stephanie Wisniewski  
 Bill Wisniewski  
 Dick Wright  
 Cecilia Ziegler  
 Cody Ziemkowski

## Readings for the Week of October 24



Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/  
 Mk 10:46-52  
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/  
 Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/  
 Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16  
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15,  
 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/  
 Mk 12:28b-34

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator.

We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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**A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS THE GOAL**

**“Real and true happiness is having a relationship with God and not what makes us happy.” ~ Mike Fisher**

Happiness is one of those words that have more meanings that we can probably list. It falls in the same category as the many meanings for love. For some, happiness is wealth. For others, happiness is a full belly. For still others, happiness is reveling in the downfall of enemies. All these feelings are described as “happy”, though they may not fit the classical definition.

True happiness, Fisher tells us, is having a relationship with God. I agree with him wholeheartedly. If we have a good, solid relationship with God, we will experience a peace, contentment, and happiness that will carry us through any kind of time.

People against you? Find yourself in a rough patch in life? Others telling you that you should be doing something different? A relationship with God will help one navigate all the storms of life. It will help a person to hold firm to his or her convictions. A relationship with God will keep one calm, positive, and centered.

Money can't do that. Fame can't do that. Prestige can't do that. Any other number of things that some might define as sources of “happiness” can't do that. Only a relationship with God can keep us headed in the right direction with a peace of heart that the world cannot take away from us.

Some people are frightened when they are told that they should develop a relationship with God. In their minds, they think that doing so is going to deprive them of their independence. They think that they are going to be forced to do things that they would rather not do.

For the record, God wants us to accept His will. He might ask us to do something that we think is beyond our ability. He might ask us to go against the popular culture and, in effect, mark us in the eyes of others. He might, and does, ask all of that. However, the operative word here is “ask”.

God never forces us to do His will. If we are in a good, solid relationship with Him, though, we will have the courage to say yes to God. We don't sing songs like “Take Up Your Cross” for no reason, you know.

We remind ourselves that following the Lord might come at a price. However, if we are comfortable with Him, if we see God as a friend, we will be able to carry our crosses with contentment and joy.

**FAITH ACTION:** Ask God to help you develop a deep friendship with Him. *Fr. Mike*

**FOR YOUR PLANNING**

November 1st will be here before we know it. For your planning, All Saints Day is one of the holy days that, if it falls on a Saturday or Monday, loses its obligatory status. Therefore, this year, All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. For those of you who like to mark your calendars early, our Advent Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m..

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. Because of that, there will be a slight change in the Sunday Mass schedule. The Mass schedule for Christmas will be the same as always:

- December 24 - 5:30 p.m.
- December 25 - Midnight, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

**There will be no Saturday 5:30 p.m. evening Mass on December 25th** in anticipation of Sunday. The Sunday Masses are the same as any other Sunday. There just will not be a Saturday evening Mass that weekend.

For longer range planning, January 1st will not be a Holy Day of Obligation either as it falls on a Saturday in 2022.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Our RCIA classes (commonly known as “convert classes”) started at the beginning of October however it is still not too late to join. If you are interested in entering the Catholic Church or in finishing the sacraments you should have received earlier in life, come to the Parish Office Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to meet with Deacon Joe.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

The little church in the suburbs suddenly stopped buying from its regular office supply dealer. So the dealer telephoned the minister to ask why.

“I'll tell you why,” shouted the minister. “Our church ordered some pencils from you to be used in the pews for visitors to register.”

“What's wrong?” interrupted the dealer. “Didn't you receive them yet?”

“Oh, we received them, all right,” replied the irate minister. “However, you sent us some golf pencils, each stamped with the words, ‘Play Golf Next Sunday.’”



**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:

- October 26: Rev. Joseph Klinker (1964)  
Rev. James A. Stapleton (1981)
- October 28: Rev. James W. Meade (2020)
- October 29: Rev. Walter S. Pawlicki (1980)  
Rev. Leo J. Armbruster (1994)





# Religious Education

## October Schedule

27/28 Class

## November Schedule

3/4 Class

10/11 Class

17/18 Class

24/25 No Class — *Thanksgiving Break*

## December Schedule

1 *Confirmation Retreat for 8th Grade*

1/2 Class (except 8th Grade)

8/9 No Class — *Holy Day of Obligation*

15/16 Class

22/23 No Class — *Merry Christmas!*

29/20 No Class — *Happy New Year!*

For information, about the Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).

## Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, October 24**

**6:30 am Mass**

Main: Karen Rutz

**8:00 am Mass**

Main: Pat Strange

Chapel: Sue Walker

Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

**Saturday, October 30**

**5:30 pm Mass**

Main: Carolyn Cenko

**10:00 am Mass**

Main: Shannon Pischner

Chapel: Kate Dagholor

### *Calling All Friendly Parishioners!*

#### **We need you!**

If you normally attend the Noon Sunday Mass, how about coming a few minutes early to greet parishioners & visitors as they enter the church? Your time as an STM Greeter for the Noon Mass would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Vicky at (708) 932-0408. Thanks for your help!

## Senior Citizens

Join us for our upcoming meetings and events.

**Everyone 55 & older is invited:**

Singles, Couples, Widows & Groups are welcome!

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

**Thursday, October 28**

for a meaningful

*Day of Reflection*

**Fr. Declan McNicholas**

9:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel

Lunch to follow at Weis Center

*Advance reservations required.*

**Wednesday, November 3**

Guest Speaker will address Medicare & SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program)



## Stewardship Thoughts



- Lord, teach me to place you first, others second and myself last. *Scripture Union USA*
- It is one thing to be faithful, but it is another to give. *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*
- What happens to you isn't nearly as important as how you respond to it. *Craig Stemmen*
- Prayer is a relationship. If you are not listening to God, to whom are you listening? *Judy Sauer*
- To be secularly literate and religiously illiterate produces an unbalance of the person. He finds himself with two eyes which do not focus - a strong eye which sees life as the world sees it and a weak eye which sees life as faith declares it to be. The temptation is overwhelming to close one eye, the weak eye naturally. *Frank Sheed*
- We resemble God most when we forgive our neighbors. *St. Faustina*

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

## All Souls Day

Remembering our loved ones is so very important. At St. Thomas More, we try to help the faithful in their grieving process by providing a service honoring those who have died in the last year.

All are welcome to join us for a special

**All Souls Day Memorial Service**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

6:00 p.m. in the Church

Join us as we come together to remember and honor those who we have lost.

Find healing and support for yourself and support others. The names of the departed will be written in the Book of Remembrance.

Masks are optional.

Please respect social distancing protocols.

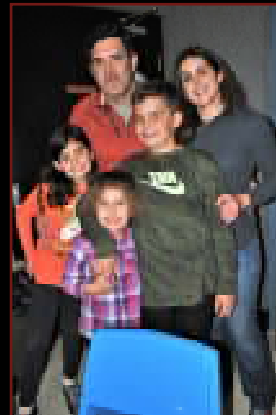




# St. Thomas More School

## Bowling Fun!

Our sincere thanks to the St. Thomas More School Parent Association for hosting a great family night for our school. STMS students and their families filled the bowling alley at Stardust Bowl in Dyer, as members of our school family, from young to old, occupied a majority of the lanes for an evening of fun, visiting, pizza and, of course, bowling. What a great night! We can't wait until the next outing!



## Knight of Columbus Steak Dinner

### *Membership Drive This Weekend* **October 23 & 24 After All Masses**

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus will be available at all exits of the church this weekend:



### *Saturday & Sunday* **October 23 & 24**

to answer questions and/or to sign up new members. You will find brochures in the pews with information to take home. Any men of the parish who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are invited to a *free* Steak Dinner on October 25.

### *Steak Dinner & Social Meeting* **Monday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of socializing, a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings and the announcement of our raffle winner. K of C members are reminded to turn in your raffle tickets.

Dinner cost for members is \$10. Candidate guests are free.

All attending should RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> to

Membership Director, Dave Kritzer, at [dkritzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkritzer@sbcglobal.net) with number of members or candidates.



## Altar & Rosary Society

### *Christmas Luncheon*

**Wednesday, December 12, 2021**

11:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

All women of the parish are invited to this event. We will begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m., followed by a short meeting, lunch, a Christmas Presentation and door prizes.

*Please make a reservation at the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 by December 9<sup>th</sup>.*

The Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Space is limited (the room has a 52-person capacity) *Please make your reservation early.*

Altar & Rosary will provide food, desserts & door prizes.

**Everyone attending is asked to bring New Children's Hats, Scarves or Gloves.**

For information, please call Kathleen (219) 972-0539, Kaaren (219) 836-5079 or Cindy (219) 923-9862

## It's Costume (and Candy) Time!

*Shop for the kid's costumes, candy, fall décor and more and help STMS at the same time!*

When you order Halloween costumes and candy and everything you need for fall from AmazonSmile, STMS earns .05% of your purchase. Order now at [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733)

## Live Christ Share Christ

Come and join us at the next Live Christ Share Christ meeting.

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

### *Speaker:*

Deacon Napoleon Tabion

### *Topic:*

Making Sense Out Of Our Suffering

All are welcome to attend. You'll be glad you came!

All are invited to join us!



## Help Wanted

St. Thomas More is looking for a **Part-Time Custodian**

This is a perfect job for a retiree, student or someone looking for part-time evening work.

Responsibilities include cleaning offices, classrooms and Restrooms with occasional set-ups for church/school events.

Experience in commercial cleaning preferred. Use of various types of floor machines will be required. Must be able to read and follow directions well, have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license.

### **Hours:**

Evenings: Monday to Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and occasional Sundays.

If interested, please apply in person at the St. Thomas More Parish Office, 8501 Calumet Avenue in Munster or email: [jobopenings@stm-church.com](mailto: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  
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.





## 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, November 10, 2021**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Masks are mandatory.

Topic:

### **Unforgiveness: An Employment Barrier”**

Presenter:

**Chandra L. Gary, MAIO**

Chandra L. Gary is the owner of Solutions By Chandra LLC. Chandra is an educator specializing in helping women gain confidence to leave toxic and unhealthy work environments. A lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana, Chandra loves all things purple, including Prince! She considers herself a cupcake connoisseur, prefers tea over coffee and looks forward to the day when she can once again hop on a Carnival Cruise ship.

**Where:** Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster  
**When:** The Second Wednesday of Every Month  
**Email:** [STMCareerGroup@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com).

We are happy to pray for you and/or your family members.

God bless our parishioners, those they care for, and our community and nation.

### **Black Tie White Collar Gala**

*Celebrate the Culture of Vocations to the Priesthood*



Speaker: Bishop Robert J. McClory

**Black Tie White Collar Gala**

**Friday, October 29, 2021**

Trinity Banquet Center • 640 N. Calumet Road • Chesterton, IN  
RSVP to Jo Anne: [jrosenow@dcdgary.org](mailto:jrosenow@dcdgary.org) or 219-464-4042 x8



### **Advent by Candlelight**

*An Evening of Reflection for Diocesan Women*

Returns to St. Thomas More

**Tuesday, November 30**

**6:30 p.m. in the Church**

All women of the Diocese are invited.

More details coming soon. Watch the bulletin & Facebook for more information coming soon.

### **Bishop Noll Open House**

Calling All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!

*Bishop Noll invites prospective families to an upcoming Open House*

**Thursday, November 4**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond

Take a school tour.

Information about financial aid, BNI scholarships and the Indiana School Choice Scholarship program (many Indiana families may qualify) will all be available.

To learn more, please call (219) 932-9058, ext. 1008 or email Jeff Stur: [jstur@bishoppnoll.org](mailto:jstur@bishoppnoll.org).

### **BNI Entrance Exam**

**Saturday, November 20**

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Exam fee is \$25 (attend the Open House & receive a \$5 discount on the exam). Call (219) 932-9058, ex. 1008 for more info.

### **Respect Life**

**March for Life**

Save the date for this life-changing event.

All denominations are welcome to join in.

**2022 National March for Life**

**January 19, 2022**

For more information about the National March for Life, please contact the Lake County Right to Life [www.lakeloveslife.org](http://www.lakeloveslife.org) • 219-838-1138

## Events in the Area...

### Halloween Spooktacular

The St. John Bosco Youth Group is hosting fun Halloween event at 171<sup>st</sup> St. & Columbia Ave in Hammond on Friday, October 29 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All are welcome! Pumpkin decorating, cake walk, kid's crafts & costume contest & great food. Nominal fees for activities. Family-friendly costumes, please. (219) 844-9027.

### Holiday Potpourri Event

The Altar & Rosary of Our Lady of Grace is hosting a Holiday Potpourri in the Cafeteria, 3025 Highway Ave. in Highland, on Saturday, October 30 (9:00 am-4:00 pm) & Sunday, October 31 (9:00 am.-12:30 pm) Raffles, "slightly used" sale/holiday items, flowers, wreaths & crafts, vintage jewelry, Christmas boxes & Bake Sale. Sloppy Joes to-go & homemade desserts (coffee/donuts on Sunday) served. Call Carol: (219) 924-8483.

### Craft & Vendor Market

Join the St. James Women's Guild's Craft & Vendor Market on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Unique items, baked goods/sweets & more. Info: Call Janice at (219)742-3004.

### Las Vegas Night

The Men's Club of St. Mary in Griffith is hosting a Las Vegas Night on Saturday, November 6 from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Casino games, cash raffle, food, desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$15/

person or \$25/couple. St. Mary is located at 525 N. Broad Street in Griffith. For info, call (219) 718-3787 or (219) 808-7599.

### Carmelite Fundraiser Holiday Luncheon

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Whiting Branch, is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Dynasty Banquets, 4125 Calumet Avenue in Hammond. Those attending are asked to bring a gift card and purchase raffle tickets to support the Carmelite Home. Members are free. Guests are \$25. Make your reservation by October 31 to Becky (219) 801-6665.

### Emotions Anonymous (EA)

**Free Emotional Support Group:** Open to all. 12 step program for those 15 & older, to help deal with depression, anger, anxiety, grief, relationship and emotional disorders. Meets on Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 1 W. Wilhelm in Schererville (St. Patrick Hall East Doors/SW Room)

### A Fabulous 50's Christmas

Get your tickets early for "A Fabulous 50's Christmas" at the Towle Theater this upcoming December on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, December 3-19, 2021. Great holiday outing for your family or group (special pricing & packages available). This is a very popular show, so get your tickets early. (219) 937-8780 • [www.towletheater.com](http://www.towletheater.com).