

A tall, dark cross stands on a concrete structure against a blue and cloudy sky. The cross is made of two dark, rectangular beams. The concrete structure consists of two tall, narrow pillars with a central opening. The sky is a mix of light blue and white clouds, with a bright spot where the sun is partially obscured. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Our
future
is not
on this
earth.**

**Our
future
is the
Kingdom
of God.**

**Keep on
going.**

**Persist
in your
faith.**

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
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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Stewardship Paul Liszewski

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Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

Saturday, November 6

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, November 7

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

Tuesday, November 2

Liturgy of Remembrance — All Souls Day

6:30 p.m. MCs ~ Hunter, Ty & Emma

Saturday, November 6

5:30 p.m. K. & K. Cano, S. Rozmanich/MC ~ Nick

Sunday, November 7

8:00 a.m. K. Karl, J. Dye, M. Slivka/MC ~ Emma

10:00 a.m. J. Rock, R. Smola, R. Andrzejewski
MC ~ Patrick

12:00 p.m. B., I. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Ty

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, October 31

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and 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

MONDAY, November 1 — All Saints

6:30 am Lucy Ferguson by Dorothy O'Brien

8:30 am Thomas O'Connor by Donna

TUESDAY, November 2 — All Souls

6:30 am Stella Mary O'Donnell (Ann.) by Family

8:30 am Dorothy Giannini by the Giannini Family

WEDNESDAY, November 3 — St. Martin de Porres

6:30 am Asuncion F. Serrano by the Serrano Family

8:30 am William W. Burke by Wife, Angela Burke

THURSDAY, November 4 — St. Charles Borromeo

6:30 am Arnold Susoreny by Wife, Diane

9:00 am Edwin Wolak by Wolak Family

FRIDAY, November 5

6:30 am Joseph John Pawlak by Family

8:30 am Michael Kniatkowski (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

SATURDAY, November 6

8:30 am Marian Veldkamp by Veldkamp Family

5:30 pm Dennis Trelinski by Kathleen Schroeder

SUNDAY, November 7

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Cecilia Guziar (Ann.) by Ann Nowak & Family

10:00 am William W. Burke by Wife, Angela Burke

12:00 pm Mary Jankouski by Marilyn Pajor



Baptisms

Liam David

Son of

David and Samantha Rodriguez

Bulletin Articles

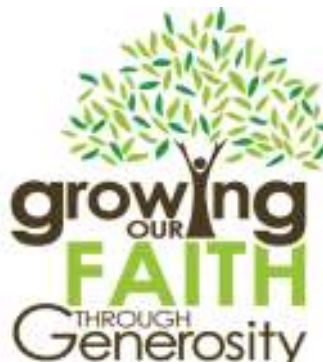
We are always happy to include articles in our weekly bulletins if space is available. Please submit articles via email to bulletin@stm-church.com at least 2 weeks in advance.



“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Sacrificial Offerings



October 24, 2021

Adult	\$ 13,667.00
Loose	\$ 3,556.00
Automated	\$ 3,879.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,102.00

Special Collection
Propagation of the Faith
\$ 3,975.00

Thank you! Your support of our parish is 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?

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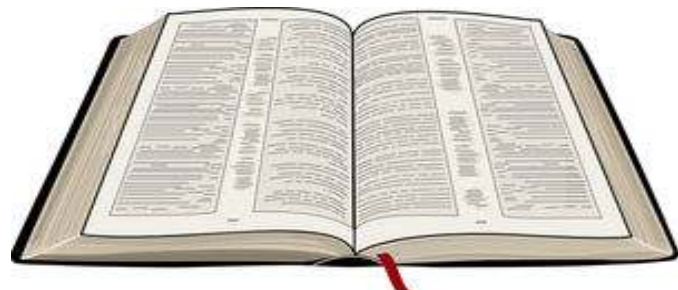
Pray for the sick of our parish...

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
 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 Mordaunt
 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 Pilonas
 Sylvester Porras
 Dennis Powell
 Ronald Prus
 Timothy Ribble
 Jackie Roach
 Ann Sardella
 George Sauer
 Marie Schultz
 Marianne Schwartz
 William Schwartz
 Zachery Scriff
 James Secvior
 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 31



Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
 Mk 12:28b-34
 Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1
 -3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom
 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk
 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb
 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center. If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel. If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

KEEP ON GOING

"The saints are the sinners who keep on going."
~ Robert Louis Stevenson

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we celebrate two feasts that have great meaning to many of us. They are the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. On Monday, we celebrate All Saints Day. "The saints are the sinners who keep on going," Stevenson writes. I think that is a very accurate description of the saints.

We all know that it can be difficult to follow the Lord. There are many temptations that come to us along the way and too many opportunities to stray from the path. We need to keep going in our daily lives. That can only be accomplished if we persist in prayer, good works, and the celebration of the sacraments.

A saint is not someone who glides by effortlessly. A saint, instead, is one who sees himself or herself as he or she truly is, a sinner in need of God's grace. What makes those people saints is the recognition that they are sinners and the desire to do all that they can to rise above their sinfulness and embrace the love and mercy of God.

It is not an easy thing to do. We seem to be more comfortable in our sinfulness than in reaching out to God. We may not like it; but, our sin seems to fit us like a glove. We have to learn to shuck sinfulness from our daily lives and put on, instead, the clothing of God. When we do that, we live as saints.

Yes, saints are sinners who keep on going. Every soul admitted to heaven is a saint. We are all saints in the making as long as we keep that eternal goal in mind and in sight.

On Tuesday, we celebrate All Souls Day. That is the day that we remember all our loved ones who have gone before us. They, saints in the making, have been called from this life and we pray that they are granted eternal life with God. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially those who may no longer have anyone to remember them and pray for them.

Our prayer helps us as well since it reminds us of the need to prepare for the day that we are called by God. We know that we are on this earth for a short time and that we must do everything possible to be ready for God's call. We do that best by a regular prayer life that builds our relationship with God. We also prepare by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Finally, we prepare by celebrating the sacraments as often as possible. Our future is not on this earth. Our future is the Kingdom of God. Keep on going. Persist in your faith.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for the souls of the faithful departed and pray, as well, that you may be prepared for the day that the Lord calls you to Himself.

F. Mike

OUR MISSALETTES

Throughout the pandemic, we have made Missalettes available to our parishioners so that they could follow along better at home when watching the Mass livestreamed. As the end of November approaches, we will once again be putting Missalettes into the pews. We ask that you not take them home with you but, instead, leave them in the pews for all to use.

The dispensation from attending Mass has long ago been removed and all the faithful are expected to participate at Mass in the church building. While we are aware that some people might be staying at home for legitimate health reasons, we cannot allow a huge number of Missalettes to leave the church. We thank you for your understanding.

If you would like a Missalette for home use, you can arrange with the company to purchase one. Information is in the Missalettes.

In regard to our livestreamed Masses, rest assured that we will continue to provide a livestream daily as well as Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS AND ALL THE SOULS

"Death is not a period, but a comma in the story of life."

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Q: Which browser do ghosts use to search for information?
A: Ghoul-gle.

Q: What is a ghost's favorite dessert?
A: I scream.



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:

November 5: Msgr. Timothy F. Doody (2004)



Religious Education

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.

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, November 7

6:30 am Mass

Chapel: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 am Mass

Main: Maria Rodriguez

Chapel: Sue Walker

Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Dwight Reed

Chapel: Robert Hill

Choir: Hal & Suzanne Lusk

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Gladys Escobedo

Saturday, November 6

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

Chapel: Patricia Salinas

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!

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

6:30 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.



Stewardship Thoughts



- If you face repetitive struggles, you can be sure God is knocking on your door, urging you to trust him by no longer relying solely on your own strength. *John Kuypers*
- When God calls you to do something He provides the power for you to do it. *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*
- I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe. *St. Augustine*
- When paying attention, every day reveals a glimpse of God's presence here with us. May we catch it, if only out of the corner of our eye. *Rachel Mithelman*
- You asked, "What most needs to change in the world?" The reply, "I do." *Matthew Kelly*
- I am certain of one thing. The only ones among us who will ever be truly happy are those of us who have sought and found a way to serve. *Albert Schweitzer*

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

Great Reading at Parish Library

The St. Thomas More Parish Library has moved to the hallway of the Weis Center.

Please check it out and take a book (or two) home the next time you visit the Weis Center. Books are organized by topic and author's last name. When finished, please return the book/s in their correct, alphabetized section to make selection easy for the next person.



St. Thomas More School

Colors of Cancer Support

All Cancers & Cancer Survivors: Lavender

Appendix: Amber

Bladder: Yellow/Purple/Navy Blue

Bone: Yellow

Bone Marrow Transplant: Green

Brain/Glioblastoma: Gray

Breast: Pink

Cervical: Teal/White

Childhood Cancer: Gold

Colon/Colorectal: Dark blue

Endometrial/Uterine: Peach

Esophageal: Light Purple

Ewing's/Sarcoma: Yellow

Gallbladder/Bile Duct: Green

Gastric/Stomach/Intestine: Periwinkle

Gynecological: Purple

Head & Neck: Red & White

Hodgkin Lymphoma: Violet

Kidney/Renal Cell: Green or Orange

Laryngeal/Oral: Burgundy & White

Leiomyosarcoma: Purple

Leukemia: Orange

Liver: Emerald/Jade Green

Lung: Pearl/Clear/White

Lymphedema: Light Blue

Lymphoma (Non-Hodgkin): Lime Green

Melanoma/Skin: Black

Mesothelioma: Pearl

Myeloma: Burgundy

Myeloproliferative: Orange & Red

Neuroendocrine: Black/White Zebra Stripes

Osteosarcoma: Yellow

Ovarian: Teal

Pancreatic: Purple

Pharyngeal/Throat: Burgundy & White

Prostate: Light blue

Rare Cancers: Black/White Zebra Stripes

Rectal: Blue

Retinoblastoma: White

Testicular: Orchid

Thyroid: Blue/Pink/Teal

Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia: Pearl



Sadly, everyone has been touched by cancer. To honor those we know and love who have been effected by this disease, the students of St. Thomas More School held a Cancer Awareness Day this past month. In exchange for an out-of-uniform day, students were able to dress in the color of the cancer they were supporting. Just under \$1,000 was raised by our students and will be donated for local cancer support.



Senior Citizens

All senior (55+) members of our parish are invited to join our active Senior Citizen Group. Our meetings are both social, with fun activities, and informative, with speakers and topics of interest to our group. We meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, as indicated, at the Weis Center, unless otherwise noted. Please join us anytime.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, November 3

Speaker addressing the ins & outs of Medicare and SHIP (Indiana State Health Insurance Assistance Program)

Wednesday, November 17

Fun Times at Our Social Event
Bring a pen/pencil and your sense of humor!

Wednesday, December 8

Christmas Luncheon

12:00 Noon — 4:00 p.m. at Teibel's Restaurant
Advance reservations required.

2021-2022 Officers

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Marion Case — (219) 743-3543

Vice-President

Sue Oczkowski — (219) 922-8313

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Len Czapkowicz — (219) 836-2616

Secretary

Felicia Makowski — (219) 836-8266

Altar & Rosary Society

Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, 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 9th.

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

Thanksgiving is On the Way

Shop now for fall décor and everything to make your Thanksgiving special for friends & family!

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

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.

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

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.

Andrean High School

Meet & Greet

November 10

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Little Italy • 1155 Joliet St • Dyer, IN

Join us for light appetizers & drinks and become acquainted with the prominent teachers, coaches and administration that make up our Andrean Family.



Schedule a Shadow Day Now!

Contact Andrean's Director of Enrollment Management, Mr. Jim Nohos: 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or jnohos@andreanhs.com today!

Apply Today!

Andrean High School invites families to apply for enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year online at andreanhs.org.

Praying For Our Parishioners

Reignited & the Circle of Prayer ministries 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. God bless our parishioners, those they care for, and our community and nation.



Advent by Candlelight

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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.

Bishop Noll Institute

Calling All 7th & 8th Grade Students!

Bishop Noll invites prospective families to an

Open House

Thursday, November 4

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

1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond

Take a school tour and gather information about financial aid, BNI scholarships and the Indiana School Choice Scholarship program (many Indiana families may qualify).

All school information will be available.

To learn more, please call (219) 932-9058, ext. 1008 or email Jeff Stur: 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.



National Catholic Youth Conference

NCYC will be held in Indianapolis on November 18-20, 2021. Because of limited seating and health restrictions, the conference will be held virtually at area churches so that all can attend.

November 18: St John Bosco • 4:15-9:00 p.m. Mass & dinner.

November 19: OLPH • 5:00-10:00 p.m. Dinner included.

November 20: St John the Baptist • 10:30-10:00pm. Lunch, dinner, snacks and closing Mass

Open to all 8th grade to College Sophomores. \$30 registration.

Registration is Online by November 8:

https://www.cognitofrms.com/JaimeSandona_NCYCRegistrationForm

Events in the Area...

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 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.

Holiday Bazaar

St. John Bosco is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (Door G) at 171st Columbia. Something for everyone. Hot food and bakery.

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

You can reach Jennifer Davids at (219) 308-0929.

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.