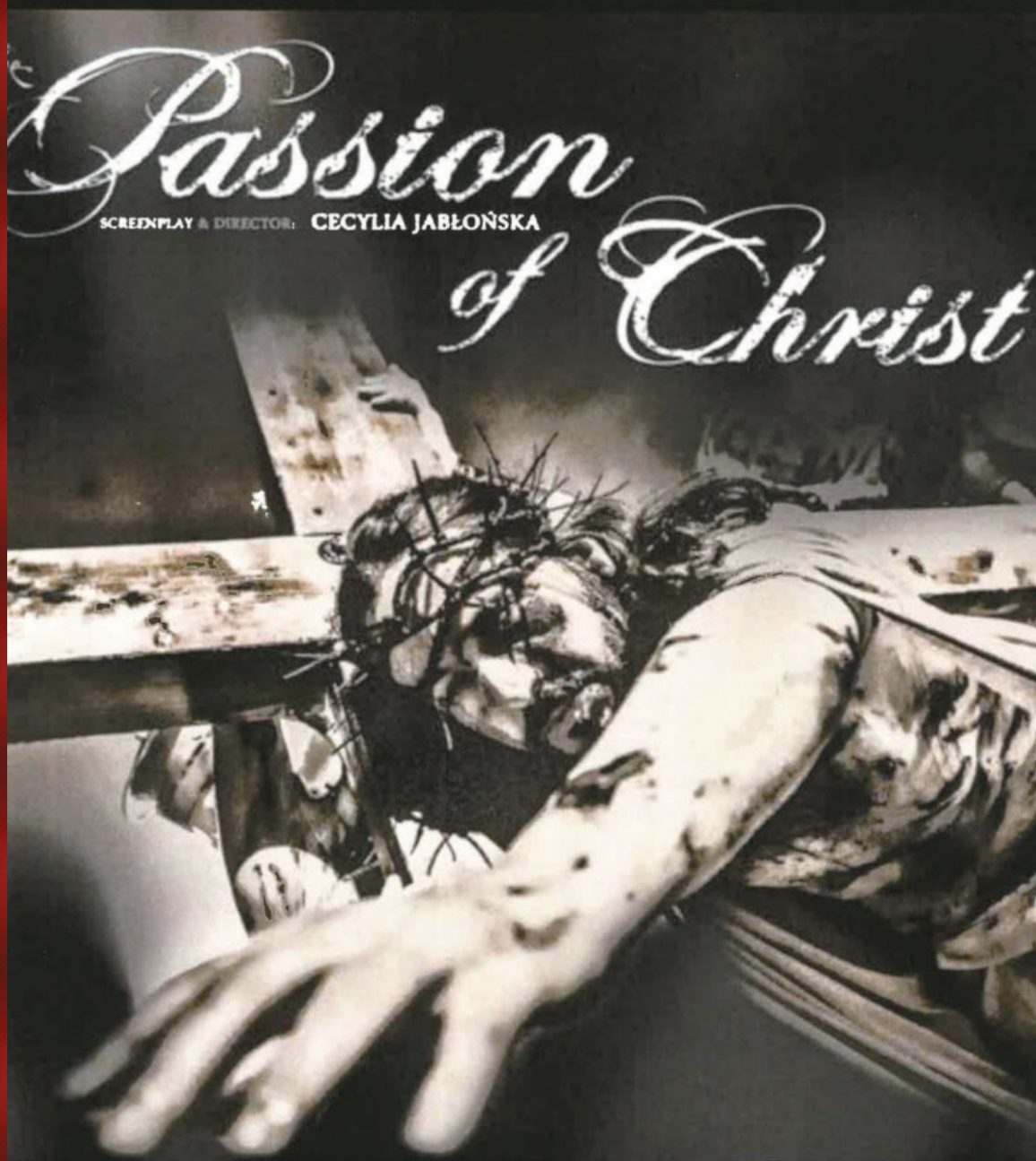


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Carmelite Fathers

1628 Ridge Rd. Munster IN



PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 2, 2023

4:30 PM

(in Polish)

7:00 PM

(in English)

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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Weis Center

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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 6:00 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 Cindy McMahon; Ext. 2236

Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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Spirituality & Worship Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship Paul Liszewski

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Career Networking Group Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335
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Respect Life Leslie Dermal (219) 741-3739
Seniors of STM Susan Oczkowski (219) 922-8313
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, April 8

8:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 5 — Holy Thursday Practice

4:00 p.m. Practice for All MCs

Thursday, April 6 — Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. All MCs

Friday, April 7 — Good Friday

12:30 p.m. Practice Lord's Passion — All MCs

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion — All MCs

4:00 p.m. Practice for Tenebrae

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service

Volunteer Servers: Please contact Mrs. Tolnai at altarservers@stm-school.com

Saturday, April 8 — Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil

10:30 a.m. Practice for Easter Vigil — All MCs

5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

S. Rozmanich, J. Dye/All MCs

Sunday, April 9 — Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. B. & D. Reynolds/Patrick

8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai, J. Sajn/MC ~ Derek

10:00 a.m. G. & R. Santellano, A. Monroy/MC ~ Ty

12:00 p.m. C. Aguilar, I. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Francesca

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 2 — Palm Sunday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Linda Laciak by Terri Laciak-Doran

10:00 am Teodor Dabrowski by Daughter

12:00 pm Walter Bracich by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Waites

MONDAY, April 3

6:30 am Amanda Kallen by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Roland Kwasny by Jacqueline Rench

TUESDAY, April 4

6:30 am Intention of Napoleon & Eslynn on Their

53rd Wedding Anniversary by Tabion Family

8:30 am Carol Ann Grzych by Altar & Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, April 5

6:30 am William Janik by Pozdzal Family

8:30 am Delores Sperl by Family

THURSDAY, April 6 — Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 7 — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Tenebrae Prayer Service

SATURDAY, April 8 — Vigil Mass of Easter

2:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, April 9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles *at least 2 weeks in advance* to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Sacrificial Offerings

March 19, 2023

| | |
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| Adult | \$ 15,040.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,832.00 |
| Automated | \$ 4,935.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 21,807.00 |

March 26, 2023

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| Adult | \$ 24,664.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,958.00 |
| Automated | \$ 4,935.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 31,557.00 |

Catholic Relief Services
\$ 7,546.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Automated Contributions

As we look forward with renewed hope about the safety and health of our parish, area and nation, we also look forward to many more in-person activities, including church attendance.

There are many options to support our parish!



1. Collection Basket at Church

2. Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Mail or drop-off at Parish Office

3. 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 Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330
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Pray for the sick of our parish...

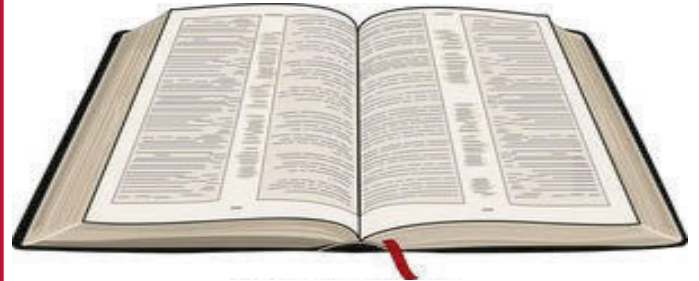
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Kathy Wachel
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Mark Wein
Ruth Williams
Annette Wisniewski
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Readings: Week of April 2

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: **Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota.

Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it.

You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go.

You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

Father John Muir

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WE REMEMBER

"Today, we remember not just Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in the past, but also His entry in the future." ~ Unknown

Miriam Webster's dictionary tells us that cosplay is "the activity or practice of dressing up as a character from a work of fiction (such as a comic book, video game, or television show)." We are very familiar with that phenomenon.

We actually became a part of cosplay when we were young and went out for Trick or Treat. We often dressed as superheroes, monsters, sports' celebrities, and the like. We enjoyed the interaction with others who were dressed up as well.

As we get older, the cosplay can become much more serious for some. Just take a look at Star Trek or Marvel conventions. People are insulted if you don't know who they are supposed to be or if you don't take their dress seriously.

We do a fair share of role play in the liturgy as well. Today, Palm Sunday, you can go to many places and see the Passion of Christ reenacted. The Posada procession at Christmas is another occasion of the reenactment of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to lodge in Bethlehem.

When we role play, we often immerse ourselves in the past. We think about what happened and we try to recreate that past event. Today's quote reminds us of another variable: we should look ahead as well.

If all we do is wave palms and read the Passion Gospel at Mass today, we may as well pack it up and go home. We need to remember that the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago had implications not only for back then but for the future.

Jesus wants to come into our hearts and help to guide our lives. If we are too busy focusing backwards, though, we will not be able to see nor to respond to Him. Jesus wants to come into our lives in a fully, richer way. If we allow Him in, all things will change.

Looking to the past is appropriate during the Lenten season. It helps us determine the things that we have done that need to change. However, once we decide those things, we must look to the future to see how we can change.

Jesus came into Jerusalem amidst shouts of praise. Welcome Him into your hearts this day with as much joy as you can muster.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God to give you the grace that you need to allow His Son into your life so that Jesus may lead you to the Kingdom that has been prepared for you.

Fr. Mike

FINAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

This Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m., we will have several priests available for confessions so that you may prepare for the celebration of Easter. Please come to the church at that time as there will be many priests hearing confessions.

If you cannot make Tuesday evening, your last chance for confessions before Easter will be Wednesday evening. At 7:00 p.m., we will have Taizé prayer in the church. Throughout the prayer service, I will be available in my confessional to hear confessions.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

April 4

7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

April 5

7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer and last-minute confessions

April 6

10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 7

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service

April 8

2:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter

April 9

Easter Sunday Masses

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, five year old Billy had to stay home from church with a babysitter.

When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Billy asked what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," Billy's father responded.

"Wouldn't you just know it?" Billy cried, "the one Sunday I don't go to church and He shows up."



PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

April 2: Msgr. Everard N. Klein (1983)

April 6: Rev. Louis A. Jeziorski (1973)

Rev. Gilbert G. Wirtz (1981)



Religious Education

For information about the St. Thomas More Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610 or ehackett@stm-school.com.

April Schedule

- 5/6 **No Class — Holy Week**
 12/13 Class
 19/20 Class
 26/27 Class — Last Class for All
Except First Communicants
 29 **8th Grade Confirmation — 10:30 a.m.**

May Schedule

- 3/4 **First Communion Practice**
All Wednesday & Thursday First Communion students must attend both nights
 6 **First Holy Communion**
10:00 a.m. for STMS & Religious Ed Students

Live Christ Share Christ

The Live Christ Share Christ meeting scheduled for **Saturday, April 8 is Cancelled** as it was scheduled for Holy Saturday. *We will resume meeting on Saturday, May 13.*

Seniors of STM

Are You 55 or Older?

Join our fun group of active Seniors.

You *do not* need to be a St. Thomas More parishioner to join...anyone 55+ welcome!

All Meetings:

1:00 p.m. • Weis Center



Wednesday, April 5

Business Meeting

The Seniors of STM will meet this Wednesday to elect a President for the 2023-2024 year, followed by a Members Choice Game Day.

Bring a game from home or start a game of cards, dice or other game you and your friends enjoy. Enjoy some refreshments while you enjoy the company of your friends.

Don't forget to sign up for the Spring Luncheon at the meeting!

Wednesday, May 3 • Spring Luncheon • Andorra's

Cost: \$23.00 (tip & tax included)

Choose from the following:

- Pasta Primavera + Shrimp
- Cranberry Barbequed Pork Loin
- Chicken Marsala

All meals include salad and coffee, water or pop.

Members should sign up at one of the April meetings or via the Parish Office by Friday, April 21. Next meeting is April 19th.

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, April 9

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Karen & Dennis McNeil

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Diane Adley

Choir: Robert Hill

Saturday, April 8

8:00 p.m. Mass

Main: Bill & JoAnn Karr

Holy Week Office Hours

Monday–Thursday:

April 3 to April 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday–Monday

April 7 to April 10, 2023

For Easter Holy Days/Holiday



GRAZIE for all you do!

Join us for an evening in Italy as we celebrate our annual **Parish Appreciation Dinner!** Dinner will be catered by White Rhino with entertainment by Tommy Panici and band that's sure to get everyone dancing! Don't forget to capture the memories in The Joyful Booth Co's Photo Booth!

APRIL 15, 2023

6:30-10pm
in the STM
School Gym



NAME: _____

ATTENDING: _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL: _____

MINISTRY REPRESENTED: _____

Must Respond by Tuesday, April 11 No Exceptions!

Please fill this out and drop in the collection baskets on Sunday, or return to the Parish Office by **no later than Good Friday, April 7th.**



St. Thomas More School

Keeping Warm

Learning about the properties of blubber to keep arctic animals warm, students in Mrs. Davis's Kindergarten class tested it out for themselves by making a homemade version of blubber. Timing how long a hand can stay submerged in icy water proved it really works !



Grateful for Our Supportive Community

We are blessed to be part of an incredible community and appreciate the many benefits of being surrounded by supportive and helpful neighbors and organizations and cherish each of these relationships. That has been exceptionally noted during the past few weeks, when our students were the recipients of lots of hometown "goodness".



On Monday, March 20, the first day of Spring, the Munster Dairy Queen once again offered a free ice cream cone to celebrate the new season.

All 500+ St. Thomas More School students, and our staff, were treated to a delicious **free** ice cream

cone, compliments of our DQ neighbors. We thank them for their generosity and for putting big smiles on everyone's faces with this special treat.

Last week, we were the lucky beneficiaries of a very special visit from some other neighbors, when St. Thomas More School welcomed Munster Police Department dogs to our halls for our "Caps for K-9s" event.

Canines from the MPD walked the halls of St. Tom's for a meet and greet (and some awesome petting opportunities) when Lucy, Vader and Skye visited our school, along with their human counterparts. The joy was infectious as students took their turns petting and talking to these beautiful dogs.

Children dressed in school spirit wear with their favorite hat in support for our furry force members, raising over \$1,400 for the department's canine unit, a vital part of the MPD's crime fighting force. Thanks MPD!



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Only a Few Spots Remain for the 2023-2024 School Year!

Cash or Check Only

CASH RAFFLE



St. Thomas More School Cash Raffle
Tickets: \$20

Get Your Tickets Now!

Purchase in the Parish Office or from your favorite STMS Student!

Drawing: April 15, 2023



1st Prize - \$5,000
2nd Prize - \$3,000
3rd Prize - \$1,000
10 - \$100 Prizes



Save the Date!

St. Thomas More School 6th Annual

Golf Classic

Monday, July 31, 2023

Innsbrook Country Club • Merrillville, IN

Registration & sponsorship coming soon.
Questions, sponsorships and/or to volunteer, please email: c.bouton@taubensee.com or katerak@gmail.com



Altar & Rosary Society

Join us for our next special meeting

Communion Sunday

April 23, 2023

10:00 am Mass

Pews will be reserved for Altar & Rosary Members near the front of the Altar.

Coffee & Donuts will be served at the Weis Center following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Free-will monetary donations to Altar & Rosary are accepted at each meeting.

Guest Speaker:

Barbara Shaver — Attorney

Barbara's presentation will be on setting up Wills & Trusts.

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, April 19

at the Parish Office: (219) 836-8610.

For information, please call Kathleen Pagorek (219) 972-0539 or Kaaren Mashura (219) 836-5079.

STM Music & Food Fest

Join the Fun, the Food, the Music!

Thursday to Sunday

June 22-25, 2023

The STM Music & Food Fest needs the help of all our parishioners to make it a success!

Volunteers are still needed!

Can you spare just 2-3 hours of time to help make our parish festival a fun-filled and entertaining experience for all families?

Sign up today at www.VolunteerAtSTM.com.

For festival information, including our lineup of bands, visit www.STMMusicandFoodFest.com.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our neighbors in need, as we work to help those in need of groceries and utility assistance. Our outreach has helped nearly 450 households in our community.

Our Pantry Needs:



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First "Early Seller" Prize Winners

\$200

(to be used towards incidentals & school credit)

Last chance to buy tickets will be before & after the
5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass on April 15, 2023
in the Church Narthex.

Available from your favorite St. Thomas More School family or in the Parish Office or

Email: cashraffle@stm-school.com to order tickets.

Drawing is April 15, 2023 in the Gymnasium.

Winners will be notified (need not be present).

Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

The St. Thomas More Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as a team, and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish, and the Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process.

The Discernment Sessions give candidates and opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council.

Discernment Sessions will be held on the following Sundays:

May 7 • May 14 • May 21

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

A nominee must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and must be at least 18 years of age.

The nominees cannot be a full-time employee of the parish or school. Nominees must attend all three Discernment Sessions. Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below and placing it in the **Red Ballot Boxes located at each church entrance.**

Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination.

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
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Save the date for our next meeting:

Wednesday, April 12
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

St. Thomas More Parishioner & Author of
NetWORKing Excellence:
David R. Olivencia

David will be discussing his recently published book
NetWORKing Excellence.

David has interviewed many highly successful business leaders to obtain in depth insight into how they developed their career networks.

Career Networking Group is looking for speakers!

The group meets monthly, September through May. Meetings are held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Weis Center.

A twenty minute presentation regarding job searching and/or career assistance is presented at each meeting by a business owner, recruiter or career expert.

We need your expertise!

Please share your experience and knowledge with our group! Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please email stmcareergroup@gmail.com if you are interested.

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

When: Second Wednesday of Every Month

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!

Grief Support Wounded Healers

St. James the Less • 9640 Kennedy • Highland

Wednesdays – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 12 • April 26 • May 10 (with a Speaker)

Meetings are free, non-denominational and open to all.

Beginnings Groups:

Loss of a Spouse/Significant Other
 Parent, Sibling/Friend • Child/Grandchild

Advanced Groups:

Coming Back & Parents Moving Forward

Grief Share

Join us for a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the loss of a loved one.

Wednesdays until May 24

St. John Evangelist (St. Francis Room)

Contact mdboskovich@comcast.net for more info.

Holy Name Society

Our thanks to all who attended our recent Fish Fry. We would also like to extend our thanks to those who purchased raffle tickets and we are happy to announce the winners!

Congratulations Raffle Winners:

| | | |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1st Prize | \$500 | Allen Blocher |
| 2nd Prize | \$100 | Jean Brocious |
| 3rd Prize | \$50 | James Lebryk |
| 4th Prize | \$50 | Mary Jo Biscan |
| 5th Prize | \$50 | Betty J. Joseph |
| 6th Prize | \$50 | Joe Peters |

Next Meeting

All men of the parish are invited to join us for our next Holy Name meeting

Monday, April 17

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Evangelization Conference

Join us at St. John Evangelist in St. John

Saturday, April 29

Save the Date

Join us for the inaugural Women's Care Center

Luxury Bingo

Wednesday, October 11 • Halls of St. George

For more information, please contact Victoria Cain:

(815) 900-8366 or victoria@supportwcc.org.



Live-Streamers Needed Now!

Many parishioners still rely on worshipping with St. Thomas More, from home, thanks to our daily live-stream Masses.

We are currently in need of a few more volunteers to live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Mass to our homebound parishioners to help them stay connected.



If you are an adult or teen who can help, please contact Joann Hajduch at jhajduch@stm-school.com.

Events in the Area...

All Are Welcome at the SJB Alpha Group

In the framework of a meal, video and conversation, Alpha creates a space to consider Jesus, experience belonging, and be transformed by the power of God's Spirit.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Mural Room
(lower level school at 1844 Lincoln Ave in Whiting).
Free, but must register: churchparishoffice@stjohnbap.org

Tuesdays: April 11 & 18, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Reunion

Blessed Sacrament Church & Grade School Reunion will be held on Saturday April 22nd, 2023. Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Martyr Church, 5920 Waite Street in Merrillville. Reunion party immediately following in the church hall. Contact Christine Lukawski at 224-610-9657 for info.

FCSLA Spring Luncheon

FCSLA~Life Branch 81 Spring Luncheon will be held Sunday, May 7, 2023. More details to come soon.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed to deliver meals in the greater Hammond community. Contact Charlie Misovye, Volunteer Manager at 219-756-3663 or Charlie@mownwi.org

Camp Lawrence Seeking Cook & Nurse

CYO Camp Lawrence is seeking help for summer camp.

Cook: provide three meals/day (Sunday dinner through Friday dinner each week/ no Wed. lunch or dinner or Sat. breakfast).

The cook does not reside at camp. If interested, contact John Curtin.

Nurse: Nursing student (preferred), EMTs or medical professionals should apply. Must spend the whole week in residence at camp.

Once week of staff training +five weeks with campers ages 7 to 14.
For info: CYO office at 219-736-8931 or nwicyo@comcast.net.

Camp Sharing Meadows Seeking Summer Help

The Share Foundation is looking for summer staff for Camp Sharing Meadows. Camps are faith based with daily prayer, talks, games, crafts, bonfire time, skits, and a camp dance for individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities.

Join us for a fun summer job and help make dreams come true for our wonderful campers. We have multiple positions available: counselors, assistant camp director and camp cooks. Four one-week camps run from June 25 to July 21. Contact Corinne DeLucenay, Camp Director at camp@sharefoundation.org or (219) 575-0077.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

Join Frs. Huffman & Greer, Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Space is limited. Departing from Chicago. Info: www.qohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

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