



By His death and resurrection, Jesus has freed us from the clutches of death. He has given us the opportunity to rise with Him to new and eternal life. What a glory. What a triumph. What a hope. He Has Risen As He Said, Alleluia!

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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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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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597
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..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
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Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Garden Club Paul Mazerik 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts Renee Whelan 796-6809
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Seniors of STM Susan Oczkowski (219) 922-8313
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

Saturday, April 15

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 16

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, April 15

5:30 p.m. L. Bloker, A. Hanson/MC ~ Nick

Sunday, April 16

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, K. Karl/MC ~ Abi

10:00 a.m. R. Smola, N. Arman/MC ~ Patrick

12:00 p.m. I. & S. Ramirez/MC ~ Jack

Profession of Faith

Kayla Milan

Daughter of

Chauncey LeRoy & Yesenia Daspit

Bulletin Deadlines

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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*"Set your minds on things that are above, not
on things that are on earth."*

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things?

Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to
many of us.

Do a quick check of what is important to you.

Is God at the very top of the list?

If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted.

Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

This is also the First Commandment – I am the Lord your God,
you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

MONDAY, April 10

6:30 am Betty Jane Crnarich by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Juanita Abraham by Juanita Caraballo

TUESDAY, April 11

6:30 am Joanna Bartkus by Family

8:30 am Bridget Hennel (Ann) by Bickel Family

WEDNESDAY, April 12

6:30 am Helen Michalik by Family

8:30 am Robert Biscan by Family

THURSDAY, April 13

6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. John S. Gunia by Son, Kenneth

9:00 am Edwin Wolak (Ann) by Michael Wolak

FRIDAY, April 14

6:30 am Marlene Slivka by Elaine Fechalos

8:30 am Stanley & Janina Rozumowicz by Marianna Pazik

SATURDAY, April 15

8:30 am Donna Jean Strange by Family

5:30 pm John Albizati by Susan Strain & Family

SUNDAY, April 16 — Divine Mercy Sunday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Richard Garcia (Ann) by Family

10:00 am Thomas O'Connor by Wife, Donna

12:00 pm Renee Bianchi by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

Nursery

The Nursery is available to any parish family with children,
age infant to 4, during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
Space may be limited.

April Volunteer Schedule

Sunday, April 9

Happy Easter

Closed

Sunday, April 23

Jannell Kelly • Jennifer Anderson

Sunday, April 16

Closed

Sunday, April 30

Rachel Perezchica

Kaaren Mashura

If you are an adult or teen who would like to volunteer in our
Nursery, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

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
nbickel@stm-church.com

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Dimitre Adich	Elaine Herrmann	Maria Novak
Joshua Alvarez	Adelina Hernandez	Steven Nowaczyk
Chiara Andrzejewski	Bertha Birdy Hernandez	Clare O'Brien
Doris Aurelio	Irma Hernandez	Donna O'Connor
Maria Aurelio	Marisol Hernandez	Danny Ogren
Pat Batchelder	Robert Heseck	James Pancheri
Antonio Belmonte	Becky Hill	Marty Pavlovic
Mary Berry	Marie Hill	Judith Peterson
Michael Berry	Joan Hoess	Dawn Petro
Michael Billedo	Sally Joy Hollingshead	Johanna Petrich
Diane Bochnowski	Charlotte Hunt	Andrew Pieczyrak
Cheryl Bostrom	Betty Ingbretonson	Elizabeth Pilones
Linda Braun	Joseph S. Iwan	Sylvester Porras
Bill Briney	Steve Izzo	Dennis Powell
Grace Briney	Elizabeth Jacob	Ronald Prus
Stephany Burney	Barbara Jamrose	Timothy Ribble
Kathleen Burns	Stanley Jayjack	Jackie Roach
Diane Butler	Kelly Jean	Ann Sardella
Dorothy Campbell	Margaret Jones	George Sauer
James Campbell	Kevin Karl	Marie Schultz
Janet Cattanaach	Dan Karulski	Marianne Schwartz
Jacqueline Morrow	Mark Kenney	William Schwartz
Christian	Irene Kerps	Zachery Scriff
Ursula Cichy	James Klein, Sr.	James Secviar
Loretta Clott	Janet Knight	Jim Seul
Joseph Clune	Susan Kolodziej	Renee Shehan
Willie Colby	Gregory P. Koscielski	Nick Skinner
Charlotte Conn	Melvin Kostalik	Laurie Slazyk
Vincent Corsello	Crystal Kurek	Karen Shliwa
Mike Curtain	Annika LeMonier	Deborah Stareck
Valerie Czapkowicz	Chris LeMonier	Georgianne Suto
Sarah Dalton	Debbie LeMonier	Florence Stevens
Aaron Dudek	Nicklas LeMonier	Carol Storey
Alex Eiland	Dorothy Lesnefsky	Charles Svitko
Sherlon Evans	Kris Lisikiewicz	Rose Theis
James Fletcher	Jo Lisiniewicz	Michele Thomas
Heriberto Flores	Edward Liskiewicz	Rosemary Thomas
Maria Flores	Stanley Liskiewicz	Russ Thomas
John Forde	Maria Lovell	Gerardo Trevino
Bonnie Gabrione	Denise Malayter	David Trotman
Rich Gagliani	James Malayter	Kathie Trudgian
Christine Gajda	Brady Martin	Anthony Ubuan
Andrea Garritano	Paul Martin	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Emily Gibson	Carolyn McGill	Raymond Vanderbok
Joan Glinski	Larkin McKenzie	James Wachel
Monica Gonzalez	Jacob Mencliewicz	Kathy Wachel
Howard Gralewski	Jenny Mendoza	Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Margaret Gray	Faye Meny	Mark Wein
Susan Graff	Sandi Merlo	Ruth Williams
Christine Greenberg	Erin Meyer	Annette Wisniewski
Mary Ellen Gullicks	Benjamin Mikels	Stephanie Wisniewski
Katie Kardes Hargett	John Mitchener	Bill Wisniewski
Rosemarie Havran	Andrew Moll	Dick Wright
Amy Hayes	Thomas Mordaunt	Cecilia Ziegler
Dick Hemingway	Genevieve Mrvan	Cody Ziemkowski
Marie Henke	Bernadine Nemeth	
	Donna Nichols	

Readings: Week of April 9

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 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

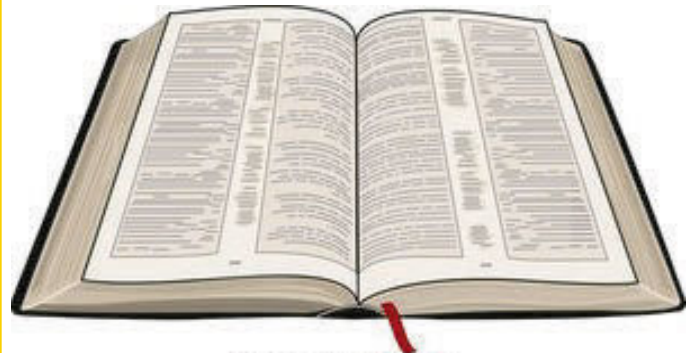
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons."
(Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report.

We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons." Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past?

Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying.

What damage had they done to her?

What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil?

It doesn't seem to matter.

Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead.

He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins.

Well, don't.

In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

Father John Muir
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HE GOT UP



**"He got up
Death could not hold him
My savior He got up
An empty grave
Is there to prove
My savior He got up."**

~ VaShawn Mitchell, "He Got Up"

The Church proclaims an ancient chant today that has been sung yearly: Resurrexit Sicut Dixit, Alleluia! The English translation would be He Has Risen As He Said, Alleluia! Or, in Mitchell's prose, He Got Up!

Yes, Jesus got up. Death, the one thing in life that we all agree is unconquerable, that is to say, all will have to face it. Death, that no one can avoid. Death, the supposed ultimate end. Death has been vanquished by Jesus Christ because death can only claim our mortal bodies, it cannot claim our souls.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus has freed us from the clutches of death. He has given us the opportunity to rise with Him to new and eternal life. What a glory. What a triumph. What a hope. He Has Risen As He Said, Alleluia!

He got up. Jesus was a good man. You know what they say, "you can't keep a good man down." Yes, Jesus got up. His resurrection was more than mystifying to many.

Some could not accept it at all. Not only could they not accept it, they did everything in their power to disprove it. They stated that Jesus' body had been stolen by His followers at night and hidden somewhere in order to perpetrate the hoax of resurrection.

Others heard that Jesus had risen from the dead and/or saw Him with their own eyes. Their joy was overwhelming. He proved to them that God loved them and that God's power was more than the power of the world. The world tried to hold Jesus down in death but He was greater than the world and would not allow Himself to be held down.

This day, then, is a day of great rejoicing. We celebrate the fact that our Savior, our Lord, our best friend destroyed death and restored life by the virtue of His resurrection. We cling to the hope that we will be set free from sin and death by the lifesaving action of Jesus. We long for the day when we can live with Him in glory.

Until that day, hold firm to your faith. Tell the story of Jesus' resurrection. And live in the hope that His resurrection brings to us all.

FAITH ACTION: Cherish the joy in your heart. He has risen as He said. Alleluia!

In. Mike

SO MANY

There are always so many people to thank at this time of the year. Please forgive me if I forget anyone.

Thank you to all who donated for our Easter flowers. I hope you are pleased with the results.

Thank you to those who decorated the church so splendidly for Holy Week and Easter. The church is beautiful!

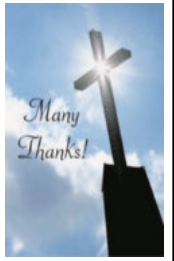
Thank you to all who sang in the different choirs and helped us to pray. Your voices gave praise to God.

Thank you to our musicians who helped lead the songs. You gave us the opportunity to fulfill the old adage, "he who sings, prays twice."

Thank you to the MCs, servers, ushers, lectors, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, and others who had a role in the services of Holy Week and Easter. Because of you, our liturgies run smoothly.

Thank you, most of all, to all who came to worship with us. These big feasts remind us of the power of numbers and of how good we feel about our faith and our God when we gather together in His name.

A Blessed Easter to all. Thank you for the part you played in our celebration of this wondrous solemnity!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them. "Come with me," St. Peter said to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to huge pool. "Oh my word, thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. "Wait," said the priest, "I think you are a little mixed up. Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true," St. Peter replied. "But, during your Easter homilies people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."



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 9: Rev. Leonard J. Cross (1982)
Rev. John J. Strebeg (2015)
Rev. Charles Doyle (2018)

April 11: Deacon Jack Krol (2018)

April 14: Rev. Walter S. Mastey (1997)



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

- 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

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, April 15

8:00 p.m. Mass
 Main: Mack Family
 Chapel: Patty Pfister

Sunday, April 16

6:30 a.m. Mass
 Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass
 Main: Odegard Family
 Chapel: Mike Cardone

10:00 a.m. Mass
 Main: Michelle Walker
 Chapel: Tim Jevyak

12:00 Noon Mass
 Main: Pat Batchelder
 Chapel: Celeste Peltzer

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
Unless otherwise noted.



Free-will monetary donations to SVDP are accepted at each meeting.
We appreciate your generosity.

Happy Easter to All from the Seniors of STM!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 19
Social Meeting

We'd love to see some new faces at our next meeting
 This is a great time to come and see what we are all about.
 Meetings start at 1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center.

Don't forget to sign up at our next meeting for the

Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 3

Andorra Banquet Hall • Schererville

Cost: \$23.00 (tip & tax included).

Menu choices:

Chicken Marsala

Pasta Primavera + Shrimp

Cranberry Barbequed Pork Loin

All meals include salad and coffee, water or pop.

Sign-up at the next meeting or in the Parish Office by Friday, April 21.

RSVP REQUESTED

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!

Complete this reservation form and drop in the Sunday collection basket or bring to the Parish Office no later than Noon on Tuesday, April 11.

St. Thomas More School



A Busy Month at St. Thomas More School

March always holds a myriad of exciting activities for the students, and parents, of St. Thomas More School.



From service projects like the Caps or K-9's fundraiser to support the canine unit at the Munster Police Department to a recent A.S.K. (Acts of Service & Kindness) event reading to service dogs, our students are always working to help others.

Our Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts observed Boy Scout Sunday, received religious medals after much preparation, celebrated & advanced levels at their annual Blue & Gold Banquet and topped off the month with a Spring Break camping trip.

The STMS Science Olympiad team placed 16th in the State of Indiana, an impressive finish for our team & school. Well done, students!



Our STMS 3rd Grade received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and participated in a retreat, helping them prepare them for their First Holy Communion in May and the entire school participated in weekly Stations of the Cross, making our Lenten journey more meaningful.

In honor of Literacy Month, the Scholastic Book Fair returned to St. Tom's. We capped off a great literacy week with a family "Bingo for Books" Night, bringing parents & students together for a night of fun and free books. It's been a great month...and this is just part of it!



College & Career Readiness Class

Each month, 7th & 8th grade St. Thomas More School students have the wonderful opportunity to engage with dynamic individuals in our community who make a difference every day through their professional, and personal, work. Once the slate of guest speakers is set, STMS students investigate and create insightful questions for our guests.

This weekly College & Career Readiness Class exposes students to the vast number of career opportunities that lie ahead and provides an avenue for research, public speaking & preparedness, all vital skills to hone for success today, and tomorrow.



Our most recent guests were Special Agent Bob Leary and Intelligence Analyst, and STMS parent, Kandace Mack of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Apply Now

St. Thomas More School

A-Rated by the IN Department of Education

To Apply: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3u3698>

Looking for a school, where emphasis is placed on academic success, partnered with faith, service, leadership, respect and character-building, then STMS is the school for you!

Limited Spots Remain:

Kindergarten
1st Grade
3rd Grade



Easter Blessings to All

From the Students & Staff of
St. Thomas More School



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



Last Chance to
Purchase Tickets!
Tickets sold after the
5:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday,
April 15!



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

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.

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. Discernment Sessions
give candidates a chance to learn more about the 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: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Golf Classic

Monday, July 31

Innsbrook Country Club

Merrillville, IN



Save the Date!

St. Thomas More School 6th Annual

For info, sponsorships or to volunteer, please email:
c.bouton@taubensee.com or katierak@gmail.com



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking

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!

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is a ministry of faithful, dedicated men who work to help our parish and strengthen our faith.

Come to Our 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our neighbors in need, as we work to help with groceries & utility assistance.

We have helped nearly 450 community households.

The need is always great and we appreciate our parishioners who partner with us in our mission to assist others.



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STM Music & Food Fest

Join the Fun, the Food, the Music!

The STMS Music & Food Fest Committee is busy planning another great event for our parish and our community and we need your help to make it all happen.

Festival Dates:

Thursday to Sunday

June 22-25, 2023

With the help of all our parishioners, this year's event is sure to be another big success!

Volunteers are 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.



Live-Streamers Needed Now!

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



Live-Stream Ministry

has been instrumental in helping those who cannot attend Mass in person stay connected to their parish. ***We are currently in need of a few more volunteers*** to bring these live-stream Masses to our homebound parishioners to help them stay connected.

Help is needed for the **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday Mass.

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

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Evangelization Conference

Join us at St. John Evangelist in St. John

Saturday, April 29

Guest Speaker: Mark Hart

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$25 Registration (Lunch Included)

To register, contact Mayela Garza at mgarza@dcmg.org or call (219) 769-9292 no later than April 21st.

Luxury Bingo

Save the Date Now!

Join the Women's Care Center for an exciting new event and help mothers and babies in our community.

Wednesday, October 11

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Questions? Contact Victoria Cain at (219) 900-8366.



Grief Support

Wounded Healers

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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.

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Director of Finance

The Director of Finance is a critical member of our leadership team, overseeing the day-to-day activities of St. Thomas More Parish, ensuring the organization is managed & performing efficiently and effectively. This position reports directly to the Pastor. For more details, or to apply, see below.

Bookkeeper

The Bookkeeper is responsible for supporting the accounting department by processing accounts payable, billings, deposits and purchasing. This is a full-time position. For more details or to apply, see below.

For Director of Finance & Bookkeeper Positions:

For a full job description or to learn more about these positions, please go to the church website and click on Employment Opportunities: www.stm-church.com

Dishwasher

This person would be responsible for the care of dishes, trays & cookware and assisting with food preparation as needed in our St. Thomas More School kitchen. Weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Contact Patty Davids at 219-836-9151 ext. 2224 or pdavids@stm-school.com to learn more or apply.

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(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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