

*This is  
the month  
of May,  
the month  
of Mary.*

*Think  
about her  
fondly  
today and  
make it a  
point to  
decide  
how  
you can  
approach  
her more  
often.*

*She is  
waiting  
for us  
to come  
to her  
because,  
when we  
do, she  
takes us  
directly to  
her Son.*



**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  
myadron@stm-church.com  
Senior Deacons ..... David Kapala, KHS  
Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
Deacon ..... Joseph Stodola, KHS  
Director of Finance ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315  
Director of Music ..... Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338  
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

### **Parish Office Staff**

**Hours:** Mon-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm • Saturday 9:00 am –Noon  
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**Evening Receptionist:** ..... Ext. 2300  
**Building Maintenance:** ..... Mike Popovich 836-8610, Ext. 2313  
**Custodial Supervisor:** ..... Kim Smith 836-8610, Ext. 2331

### **Pastoral Ministries**

Environment & Art ..... Helen Jaworski 836-8610  
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Lectors ..... Richard Gard 836-8610  
Nursery ..... Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079  
St. Vincent de Paul ..... Terry Oprinovich 836-8610  
Vocations Committee ..... 836-8610

### **2022-2023 Pastoral Council Members**

Julius Ballanco ..... Bernadine Barrett, Chairperson  
Carolyn Cenko ..... Leslie Dermal  
Debra Harker ..... Christi Kordeck  
Katie Kordeck ..... Paul Liszewski  
Eric Miller ..... Jean Nanos  
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  
**Business Manager:** ..... Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

### **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 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.

### **Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

Formation/Education ..... Allen Blocher  
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  
..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597  
Circle of Prayer ..... Carolyn Cenko 741-2509  
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Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200  
Gabriel Project ..... Marilyn Glennon 801-6586  
Garden Club ..... (219) 836-8610  
Gifts of Love & Warmth ..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544  
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: sbburke3@att.net  
Knights of Columbus ..... wgkchrisbedenk@gmail.com or (219) 595-2470  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dermal (219) 741-3739  
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, May 13**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, May 14**

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

## Servers

**Saturday, May 13**

5:30 p.m. D. Brantley, X. Fonseca/MC ~ Hunter

**Sunday, May 14**

8:00 a.m. A. Tolnai, K. Karl/MC ~ Abi

10:00 a.m. A. Monroy, T. Ogunyoye/MC ~ Patrick

12:00 p.m. B. & D. Reynolds/MC ~ Jack

## Baptisms



**Chase Michael**

Son of

Daniel & Stephanie Gardner

**Lorenzo**

Son of

Abimael & Karina Luciano, Jr.

## Profession of Faith

**Rosalie Marie**

Daughter of

Allen & Cassandra Manzi

## Stewardship REFLECTION

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."*

1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth.

While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms.

If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them.

Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, May 7 — Fifth Sunday of Easter**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Anita & Stephan Kozacik by Lucia & Anthony Marchese

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Maria & Niall McShane

12:00 pm Margaret Lancaster by Altar & Rosary Society

**MONDAY, May 8**

6:30 am Patti Gething by Pagorek Family

8:30 am Virginia "Jean" Bados by Pat & Jim Landowski

**TUESDAY, May 9**

6:30 am Jack Mateja from Wife & Children

8:30 am Jean Hreha by Children

**WEDNESDAY, May 10**

6:30 am Ken Watkins by Phyllis Sculley

8:30 am Marlene M. Slivka by Debbie & Ed Pilawski

**THURSDAY, May 11**

6:30 am Intention of Felicia Makowski by Family

9:00 am Rev. Anthony Balczun by Carol & Mary Sejda

**FRIDAY, May 12**

6:30 am Dennis Keilman by Rose Yothment

8:30 am Helen Yadron by Family

**SATURDAY, May 13**

8:30 am William Janik by Pozdzal Family

5:30 pm Karen Vergara by Gretchen McCanna & Rosaura Lopez

**SUNDAY, May 14 — Sixth Sunday of Easter —Mother's Day**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Chester & Elizabeth Ross by Jim & Carol Zaczek and Family

10:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers

12:00 pm Stephen Cieslak by Paola Pescara

## Sacrificial Offerings



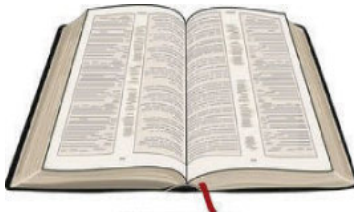
**April 30, 2023**

Adult	\$ 18,310.00
Loose	\$ 2,510.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,755.00</b>

*Thank you  
for your generous support  
of our parish.*

## Readings for the Week of May 7

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn  
14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps  
122:1-2, 3-4ab,  
4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/  
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-  
3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps  
57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
(1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



## Pray for the sick of our parish...

Dimitre Adich  
Joshua Alvarez  
Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billeto  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
Bill Briney  
Grace Briney  
Stephany Burney  
Kathleen Burns  
Diane Butler  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Janet Cattanaach  
Jacqueline Morrow  
Christian  
Ursula Cichy  
Loretta Clott  
Joseph Clune  
Willie Colby  
Charlotte Conn  
Vincent Corsello  
Mike Curtain  
Valerie Czapkowicz  
Sarah Dalton  
Aaron Dudek  
Betty Ebben  
Alex Eiland  
Sherlon Evans  
James Fletcher  
Heriberto Flores  
Maria Flores  
John Forde  
Bonnie Gabrione  
Rich Gagliani  
Christine Gajda  
Andrea Garritano  
Emily Gibson  
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  
Adelina Hernandez  
Bertha Birdy Hernandez  
Irma Hernandez  
Marisol Hernandez  
Robert Heseck  
Becky Hill  
Marie Hill  
Joan Hoess  
Sally Joy Hollingshead  
Charlotte Hunt  
Betty Ingbretonson  
Joseph S. Iwan  
Steve Izzo  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Barbara Jamrose  
Stanley Jayjack  
Kelly Jean  
Margaret Jones  
Kevin Karl  
Dan Karulski  
Mark Kenney  
Irene Kerps  
James Klein, Sr.  
Janet Knight  
Susan Kolodziej  
Gregory P. Koscielski  
Melvin Kostalik  
Crystal Kurek  
Annika LeMonier  
Chris LeMonier  
Debbie LeMonier  
Nicklas LeMonier  
Dorothy Lesnefsky  
Kris Lisikiewicz  
Jo Lisiniewicz  
Edward Liskiewicz  
Stanley Liskiewicz  
Maria Lovell  
Denise Malayter  
James Malayter  
Brady Martin  
Paul Martin  
Carolyn McGill  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jacob Mencelewicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Sandy Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
Benjamin Mikels  
John Mitchener  
Andrew Moll  
Thomas Mordaunt  
Genevieve Mrvan

Bernadine Nemeth  
Donna Nichols  
Maria Novak  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien  
Donna O'Connor  
Danny Ogren  
James Pancheri  
Marty Pavlovic  
Judith Peterson  
Dawn Petro  
Johanna Petruch  
Andrew Pieczyrak  
Elizabeth Pilones  
Sylvester Porras  
Dennis Powell  
Ronald Prus  
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  
Deborah Stareck  
Georgianne Suto  
Florence Stevens  
Carol Storey  
Charles Svitko  
Rose Theis  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
Gerardo Trevino  
David Trotman  
Kathie Trudgian  
Anthony Ubuane  
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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world.

That's at the core of our faith.

Father John Muir

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40  
years

You are Invited to the  
**Jubilee Celebration of the Ordination**  
**Rev. Michael J. Yadron**  
May 28, 2023 Noon Mass



Immediately after Mass, a Luncheon will be held at the  
**St. Thomas More Social Center**  
8435 Calumet Avenue - Munster, IN  
Luncheon Ticket Cost is \$20 per person  
Children age 10 and above are welcome to attend

Please share a memory of Fr. Mike or  
send him a message

Space is limited.  
RSVP immediately to reserve your spot by May 22nd



To send your special message and RSVP go to:  
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0FBrXFj6>  
or send check and contact information  
to the Parish Office



## MOMMY

**"In the evening when you go to sleep, hold your beads, doze off reciting them, do like those babies who go to sleep mumbling, 'Mamma! Mamma!'" ~ St. Bernadette**

Whenever I stumble upon today's quote, I always think of a powerful reference in the Gospels. If you remember, when Jesus' followers asked Him to teach them to pray, He told them to begin their prayer by calling out to God as "Abba".

That name literally means "Daddy". Jesus tells us that we, God's children, should be confident in approaching God, our Father — our Daddy — and asking Him to care for us.

Bernadette tells us that we should approach the Blessed Virgin Mary in the same manner. When Jesus was dying on the cross, He spoke to Mary and John. He told Mary to "Behold your son" and John to "Behold your mother."

In that moment, He entrusted Mary to us as our mother and us to Mary as her children. Hence, we always should be confident in calling Mary, "Mother", or as Bernadette would say, "Mamma!"

There are many of us who go to bed at night wondering if we are going to get any kind of restful sleep. Some of us would be happy to accept restless sleep as long as we can get a moment or two of unconsciousness. That is often because we go to bed shouldering a lot of worries and concerns.

When we feel as if we have the weight of the world on our shoulders, we become very stressed and that leads to listless days and sleepless nights. Some turn to a nightcap in hopes of finding sleep. Some turn to over-the-counter pills for help in sleeping. Some turn to prescription meds for the same purpose.

A more simple solution would be to turn to the Lord as we go to bed. Bedtime prayer was introduced to us when we were young for a very important reason. It helps us take our minds off of all the things that weigh down upon us and put our focus on something more sublime.

Some turn to the Lord. Some turn to other saints. And still others turn to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We have a special relationship to her because of her Son and we should not be afraid to embrace that relationship and to embrace her.

This is the month of May, the month of Mary. Think about her fondly today and make it a point to decide how you can approach her more often. She is waiting for us to come to her because, when we do, she takes us directly to her Son.

**FAITH ACTION:** In true innocence of spirit, go to Mary and ask her to bring you and your intentions to Jesus. She will not fail you. *In. Mike*



## 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:

- May 9: Rev. John J. Lach (1960)  
Msgr. Edward F. Litot (2018)
- May 11: Rev. Louis B. Wozniak (1997)
- May 12: Deacon Richard Duszynski (1995)

## A CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Congress**

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name — but what happens with 80,000?! Join Your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

For the first time in a generation, the Church will gather to ask Jesus to breathe his life into our dry bones and then send us back to our community to share his love.

This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life — and our Church — will never be the same.

The Eucharistic Congress takes place July 17-21, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

You might think that I put the wrong year in this article, however, 2024 is the correct date. This announcement is being made now because of the necessity to purchase tickets and reserve hotel rooms if you plan to go.

Through the Diocese of Gary, the parish has purchased twenty tickets for the first people who express interest in attending. The tickets are \$200 a piece which is less than the \$299 to \$375 price if purchased on line.

Purchasing a ticket buys you the following:

- Allows participants entrance to:
- All main programming, including general session
- Catechetical sessions and breakouts
- A seat at main evening concerts and entertainment
- Access to conference resources such as the National Eucharistic Congress app
- Access to a discounted hotel room block

For more information about the Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, go to <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>

If interested in purchasing one of the parish tickets, contact the Parish Office.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A religion teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother", she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill?"





## Religious Education

For St. Thomas More Religious Education info, please contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610 or [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com).

Get Ready for Fun & Adventure at St. Thomas More's

### Vacation Bible School

Pre-K to 5th Grade

Monday, July 10th - Friday, July 14th

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

As the children participate in fun-filled activities, they will find the ultimate truth in Jesus!

Please register at the Parish office by June 19th!

(no guaranteed T-Shirt after this date.)

Find a registration form in upcoming bulletins or stop in the Parish Office to pick one up.

## 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, June 22 to Sunday, June 25*

**We Need You!**

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

[www.VolunteerAtSTM.com](http://www.VolunteerAtSTM.com).

For festival information, including our lineup of bands, visit [www.STMMusicandFoodFest.com](http://www.STMMusicandFoodFest.com).



## Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles

at least 2 weeks in advance to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).



## Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

## Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, May 14**

**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, May 13**

5:30 p.m.

Bill & JoAnn Karr

## Ministry Schedule

**Sunday, May 7**

5:00 p.m.

In-B-Teen: Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Nominee Discernment

**Monday, May 8**

7:00 p.m.

Peace & Social Justice: Weis —Room 107

**Tuesday, May 9**

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts #542: Weis Center Main Hall

**Wednesday, May 10**

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: Weis Center —Room 101

3:30 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico: Weis Center Main Hall

6:30 p.m.

Career Networking: Weis Center Main Hall

**Thursday, May 11**

4:00 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico: Weis Center Main Hall

5:30 p.m.

Daisy Troop: Weis Center Mail Hall

6:30 p.m.

Evening Scripture Study: Weis —Room 101

**Friday, May 12**

9:00 a.m.

Gifts of Love & Warmth: Weis —Room 101

**Saturday, May 13**

9:00 a.m.

Live Christ Share Christ: Weis Main Hall

**Sunday, May 14**

7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Nominee Discernment

## 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. Thank you.**

**Wednesday, May 17**

*Bingo Bonanza*

If you like Bingo & are 55+, come join the Seniors for their annual Bingo begin at 1:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend!

**Wednesday, June 21**

*Social Meeting*



# St. Thomas More School



## Apply Now

A Few Spots Remain:

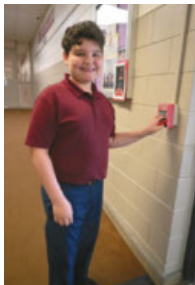
**Kindergarten • Grades 1 • 2 • 3**

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

**A-Rated St. Thomas More School**

## Principal for the Day

Thanks to the generosity of some very supportive grandparents, 6th grade student, Lucas, was the lucky winner of the "Principal of the Day" auction item at this year's STMS Mardi Gras Soirée, held in February.



From welcoming students in the morning to taking over the principal's office, to overseeing a fire drill and the cafeteria during lunchtimes, to reading to preschool and kindergarten students, sending students on their way at



dismissal and everything in between, this young principal had a very busy day and admittedly said there was a lot

more to the job than he ever imagined.

The students all loved him and he did a great job! Well done, Lucas!



## Outstanding Penmanship

There is so much that goes into being a great Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade student as the doors open to so much new learning and experiences.

One of the important building blocks to successful reading and writing is perfecting the craft of good penmanship.

We'd like to congratulate our Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students who were recognized recently for their dedication to the craft of printing clearly and legibly. Well done, students!



St. Thomas More School

## Teachers & Staff!

When we say we have the very best educators here at St. Tom's...

### We Mean It!

Our teachers, aides and staff share their talents, intellect, wisdom, kindness and most of all, love, with their students each and every day, in a way that you will not find at other schools.

Their level of devotion to seeing all their students find personal success and happiness is beyond compare and we are extremely grateful for everything they do every single day.

As we close out Teacher Appreciation Week, we cannot express enough how much these special people mean to us and how much they are appreciated!

Thank you St. Thomas More School Teachers & Staff!

We love you all!

## Live Christ Share Christ

All are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

**Saturday, May 13**

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

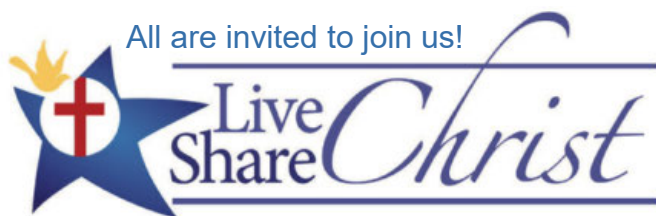
*Guest Speaker:*

**Don Dulkoski**

*Topic:*

**The Importance of My Faith**

Join us to deepen your faith & develop a holier life through God's grace.



## 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.

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

**New Items Added!**

### Our Pantry Currently Needs:

Cereal	Hamburger Helper	Spaghetti/Pasta
Pancake Mix	Instant Potatoes	Pasta Sauce
Syrup	Mac & Cheese	Rice
Cake Mix	Pork & Beans	Shampoo
Frosting	Canned Fruit	Toothpaste &
Peanut Butter	Canned Vegetables:	Toothbrushes
Jelly	Peas	Dish Soap
Snacks	Green Beans	Toilet Paper

### No Soup Needed at This Time!

We have an abundance of soup thanks to the St. Thomas More School "Souper Bowl Monday" event.



## Hello, Are You There? Can You Hear Us? It's In-B-Tween Calling You

*We're calling all teenagers, 13 to 18 to join us in the fun.*

Our meetings have included jeopardy games, an Easter Egg Hunt filled with great prizes and some karaoke singing with everyone taking turns choosing their song to sing individually or in a group.

If you missed those activities, it's ok.

We're planning more fun evenings, such as charades and a treasure hunt.

IN-B-TEEN meets on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Each Month • Weis Center

So hope to see you

**Sunday, May 7 & Sunday, May 21**

Come alone or bring a friend.

No pressure or judgement, just a lot of laughs and a good time.

## Holy Name Society

Join other faithful men of our parish as we come together to serve others, share our spirituality and enjoy social time.

**Monday, May 15**

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Please join us at our next meeting for an exciting program:

*Featured Speaker:*

**Sean Martin**

*Topic:*

**Mary Our Queen Mother**



## STM Career Networking Group

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**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

## Finding a Job in Another State

Nine tips to find a new job in another state and how to update your resume accordingly.

**Speaker:**

**Donna Weidenfeller**

Career Networking Co-Host

**Where:** Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

**When:** Second Wednesday of Every Month

**Email:** [STMCareerGroup@gmail.com](mailto:STMCareerGroup@gmail.com)

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## Mental Health Ministry

***Food for Thought...***

*"What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candor, and more unashamed conversation."*  
Glenn Close

**Next Meeting:**

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 104

**Tuesday, May 23**

If you are interested in helping those who struggle with anxiety, depression, isolation, and loneliness, come join us to learn how!

No mental health training required.

The Ministry is formed by parishioners and mental health education will be provided by professionals. To learn more: Dr. Jean Nanos: [drjnanos@stm-church.com](mailto:drjnanos@stm-church.com)







# First Holy Communion

BLESS OUR ST. THOMAS MORE CHILDREN WHO  
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## First Holy Communion

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

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Preslee Anaya  
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Holden Basiorka  
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Paloma Juarez  
Andrew Kicho

Theodore Kolar  
Alexa Lowry  
Yunxin Luo  
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Sean O'Connor  
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**Monday, July 31**

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## Wedding Anniversary Mass

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### Diocesan Wedding Mass

**Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m.**

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