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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 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

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

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Seniors of STM Susan Oczkowski (219) 922-8313

Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, May 27

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, May 28

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Fathers

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Fathers

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

Saturday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. J. Sajn, K. Karl/MC ~ Abi

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

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

Rest in Peace

Richard D. Curtis • Eugene J. Kuklinski
Nancy T. Campos
Michael Stodola

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles
 at least 2 weeks in advance to: 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



The Ascension of the Lord

"I am praying for them..."

JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation —not just our last resort.

Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well.

Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help.

Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray.

It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.



SUNDAY, May 21 — The Ascension of the Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Elaine Caco (Ann) by Stephen & Family

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

12:00 pm Bernice Hill by Susan Kluga

MONDAY, May 22

6:30 am Constancia M. Lozano (Ann) by Jose & Paula Serrano

8:30 am Walter J. Bracich by Ms. J. Leka

TUESDAY, May 23

6:30 am Beatrice Maria Agostino (Ann)

by Children, Caterina Komyatte

8:30 am Michael Dennis Ramirez by Olyntho & Ruth Ramirez

WEDNESDAY, May 24

6:30 am Dennis Keilman by Phyllis Sculley

8:30 am Richard T. Mlynarski by the Cipowski Family

THURSDAY, May 25

6:30 am Marilyn H. Rippey by Altar & Rosary Society

9:00 am Concetta Lipay by Family

FRIDAY, May 26 — St. Philip Neri

6:30 am Santa Agnello (Ann) by Pietro & Rosa Merlo & Family

8:30 am Josefina Antonio (Ann) by Aquino Family

SATURDAY, May 27

8:30 am Joseph Reihel (Ann) by Family

5:30 pm Ted Pajor by Marilyn Pajor & Family

SUNDAY, May 28 — Pentecost Sunday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Annina Pecatelli by Lucia & Anthony Marchese

10:00 am Donald Struble (Ann) by Daughter Shirley

12:00 pm 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood by Celebrant

Sacrificial Offerings

May 14, 2023



Adult	\$ 19,139.00
Loose	\$ 1,675.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,749.00

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

Readings for the Week of May 21

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Pray for the sick of our parish...

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

The Ascension of the Lord

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them." Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being. Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

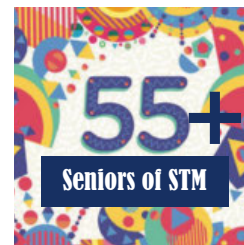
Father John Muir ©LPi

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+ is welcome!

All Meetings:
1:00 p.m. • Weis Center
Unless otherwise noted.



Free-will monetary donations for SVDP accepted at each meeting. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark these dates on your summer calendar. Our group will meet only 3 times during the summer months.

Wednesday, June 21
Social Meeting

Wednesday, July 19
Senior Picnic & Luncheon

Wednesday, August 16
Social Meeting

Holy Name Society

Join us for our next meeting of the St. Thomas More Holy Name Society
Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.
 Weis Center

All men of the parish are invited to join our ministry of faithful, service-minded parishioners who work to enhance our faith with meaningful meetings and projects. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

THE DOOR IS OPEN FOR US ALL

"At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter." ~ Oswald Chambers

We are quickly coming to the end of the Easter Season. Today, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church. After the Masses on Pentecost Sunday, Ordinary Time resumes.

As we come to the end of the Easter Season, we are reminded of two realities: Jesus has accomplished great things for us and entrusts us to continue His mission and we are in need of God's help which has been promised through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Today is that day of trust in us. Jesus indicated to His followers that He was going to go to heaven in order to complete one final job and that was to prepare a place for us all. Jesus also reminded His followers that His work here on earth was not complete and that they would have to apply themselves to getting it done.

Jesus trusted us to continue His work. Can you believe that? Does that excite you? Or, rather, does it frighten you? How many of us would say, "Lord, we can't do it without you? We don't know what to do first or next. Are you going to leave us without any help at all?"

No. Jesus won't leave us without any help. That was what He assured His followers. He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit would give them the grace that they needed. The gifts of the Holy Spirit would be poured out into their lives to make them fitting examples of faith in a world that so needed it.

As it was then, so is it now. The world still needs examples of faith. Jesus still entrusts His mission to us, His followers. If we believe in Him, He will pour out His Spirit into our lives as well so that we can continue His mission.

This is a day not to fear or be anxious. This is a day of joy because Jesus trusts us to continue His mission. You know the drill: pray, do good works, pray, set an example for others to follow, pray, speak boldly to a world that needs to hear the truth, pray, do the works of the Lord, and pray. Did I mention to pray?

Prayer will ground us and keep us humble. It will remind us of our need for God's help and it will open us up to all that God has to give to us.

FAITH ACTION: Pray that you may have the grace to continue Jesus' mission to the world.

Fr. Mike



THANK YOU, PATRICK!

For many years now, people, myself included, have noticed the seven sacrament symbols over the glass partition between the church and the chapel. And we haven't been noticing them in a good way. No, we have noticed that they were damaged and worn. Not any more.

Thank you to Patrick Cullars for tackling the symbols for his Eagle Scout project. A few weeks ago, he had the original symbols cut out and affixed to new material and reframed. Because of the age of the framework, he even had to replace some of the glasswork as some of the glass snapped when being reaffixed to the frames.

The refurbished symbols are hanging once again, reminding us of our Catholic heritage and the graces that await us when we receive any of the sacraments.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Things NOT to Say to a Police Officer

- Hey, you must've been doing at least 125 mph to keep up with me!
- Sorry, officer, I didn't realize that my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
- They say that familiarity breeds contempt. I get picked up by police officers all the time but I don't feel that way about you.
- I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far I am behind the other cars.
- You're NOT going to check the trunk, are you?
- Gee, officer! That's terrific. The police officer yesterday only gave me a warning, too!
- Do you know why you pulled me over? Good, at least one of us does.



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 22: Rev. Joseph Herod (1988)
- May 23: Rev. John N. Chylewski (1965)
- May 24: Deacon Joseph Rapal (1992)
Rev. Albert J. Zimmerman (2002)
- May 27: Rev. Mirko J. Godina, OFM (1983)
Deacon Miguel Arredondo (2014)





Religious Education

For St. Thomas More Religious Education info, please contact Emily Hackett at (219) 836-8610 or 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.

Join us for all the summer fun at this year's St. Thomas More Vacation Bible School.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Please register at the Parish Office by June 19!

(no guaranteed t-shirt after this date.)

Find a Registration Form in upcoming bulletins or stop in the Parish Office to pick one up.

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.
1st and 3rd Sundays Each Month • Weis Center

Sunday, May 21

Come alone or bring a friend.

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

Gabriel Project

Please join us for our next meeting on

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101

The St. Thomas More Gabriel Project continues to provide assistance to moms who need help by providing them with clothes, diapers, formula and other items needed for their babies.

Our most sincere thanks to the organizations and parish members who have donated items for the mothers and infants we serve.

We welcome new members to join us.



Greeters for the Week



Sunday, May 28

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Odegard Family

Chapel: Tolnai Family

Saturday, May 27

5:30 p.m.

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholer

Chapel: Paula Serrano

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 21

5:30 p.m.

In-B-Teen: Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Nominee Discernment

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout #542: Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 p.m.

Mental Health Ministry: Weis Room 101

Wednesday, May 24

12:30 p.m.

Senior of STM: Weis Center Main Hall

3:30 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico: Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 p.m.

Gabriel Project: Weis Center Room 101

Thursday, May 25

4:00 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico: Weis Center Main Hall

6:00 p.m.

STM Music/Food Fest: Weis Center Mail Hall

Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m.

Gifts of Love & Warmth: Weis —Room 101

Help Keep Our Parish Grounds Beautiful!

Individuals, families and groups are welcome to join the St. Thomas More Gardening Ministry to help keep our parish looking beautiful year-round.

Join us to take advantage of this great volunteer opportunity.

Be outdoors & help our parish at the same time.

Come join us in the STM
Gardening Ministry

Sign-Up Now:

[https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/SOrDyjbcpzYP6)

[SOrDyjbcpzYP6](https://forms.gle/SOrDyjbcpzYP6)

Volunteer/work based on your schedule!

For additional information on the

various areas/tasks to be completed, go to the link above.

Questions? Contact Noreen Bickel at nbickel@stm-church.com



Career Networking Group

Speakers Needed for Fall Schedule

If you are a business professional and are willing to share your enthusiasm and expertise with our career ministry with a short, helpful presentation for our group, please contact us at STMCareerGroup@gmail.com.

St. Thomas More School



STMS Boys & Girls Track Teams Win Diocesan Championship

We are extremely proud of the entire St. Thomas More School Track Team, who came home victorious, capturing both the Girls & Boys Diocesan Championship, held May 13th at Andrean High School in Merrillville.

Hard work & training paid off and we applaud our students for their diligence and perseverance.

A huge thanks to STMS teacher, John Freveletti, for stepping in to coach this team. The trophies displayed at the school are proof of his leadership.



Golf Classic

Monday, July 31
Innsbrook Country Club
Merrillville, IN



Save the Date!

St. Thomas More School
6th Annual Golf Classic

Hole Sponsors, Event Sponsors &

Golfers encouraged to join us for this fun event!
Non-golfers are invited to join us for cocktail hour & dinner.
For info, sponsorships or to volunteer, please email:
c.bouton@taubensee.com or katierak@gmail.com
Link to register and more information coming soon.

Calling All Alumni

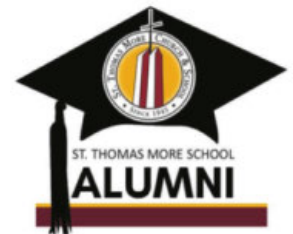
Alumni Night at the Festival

Join other St. Thomas More School Alumni at this year's Alumni Night at the STM Music & Food Fest.

Friday, June 23, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Be sure to sign-in at the Alumni Tent when you arrive.



Searching for Alumni

Do you know a STMS Alumni that may have lost touch with us due to a move, graduation, new job, marriage, etc.?

There's always a lot going on at STMS and we like to share the good news about upcoming events and school activities our alumni may be interested in.

Parents & friends, help us keep our alumni abreast of great things going on.

Updating information is easy. Please use the QR code or the link below to provide alumni info: <https://www.stm-school.com/alumni/updatealumnirecord.cfm>





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Kindergarten & Grades 1 • 2 • 3
 Apply Now: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3u3698>
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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 101
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




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.

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!



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




Sponsor/Donation Info

To make a donation, sponsor a band or become an overall festival sponsor, please contact Patricia Salinas, Festival Co-General Chair at (773) 318-2013 or psalinas711@icloud.com or Sylvia Prado at (773) 968-2206 or hprado77@me.com. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Kids Games & Big Kid Game Area

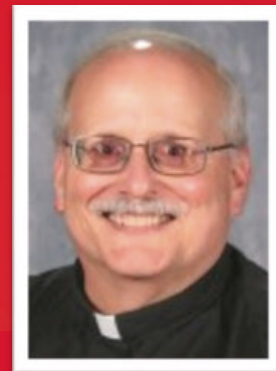
Prizes Needed

We are in need of prizes for the summer festival kid's games. This year we are adding a big kids game area and are looking for donations of gift cards (McDonald's, Starbucks, Wendy's) and other prizes that kids can exchange for winning tickets. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your help to make the Festival fun for kids of all ages.





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



Join Us for a Luncheon Immediately After Mass

St. Thomas More Social Center
8435 Calumet Avenue in Munster

Luncheon Ticket Cost: \$20/Person

Children age 10 and above are welcome to attend with parents.

Please share a memory of Fr. Mike or send him a personal message using the
QR Code or the form below.



RSVP No Later than Monday, May 22.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today.

To send your special message and RSVP go to:
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0FBrXFj6> or send check and Reservation
From below to the Parish Office no later than Monday, May 22.

Reservation Form for Fr. Mike's Jubilee Luncheon

Name/s _____ Total Attending _____ x \$20= \$ _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Favorite Memory/Personal Message for Fr. Mike:

Hurry!
Reserve
Your Spot
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Come Celebrate
with
Fr. Mike!

Memorial Day Mass

Everyone is Invited

Outdoor Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
St. John/St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
1547 167th Street • Hammond, IN
Off 169th Street (New 10 Acres)
Celebrant: Bishop Robert J. McClory

A tent & chairs will be provided. For info, call (219) 844-9475.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

A Strong is Something to Be Celebrated!

All Couples Celebrating a Mile-
stone Anniversary are Invited
5 Years • 10 Years • 15 Years • 20
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Diocesan Wedding Mass
Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Angels Cathedral • Gary, IN

Celebrated by

Bishop Robert J. McClory

Family members are welcome.

A light Reception will follow.

Registration required: www.dcgary.org



Right to Life

National Teens for Life Convention

June 23-24 in Pittsburgh, PA

Workshops & breakout discussion groups for teens
from across the country will focus on the latest in the pro-life
movement to encourage students to
get involved and teach them pro-life responses to
pro-death arguments, and much more.

Questions? Email stateod@nrlc.org

Runs concurrent with the National Pro-Life Convention.

Wounded Healers Grief Support

Summer Series

Those dealing with the loss of a loved one or friend are
encouraged to attend the next session of Wounded Healers, a
non-denominational group to help those dealing with grief.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 7 • June 21 • July 5 • July 19 • August 2 • August 16

St. James Church Hall • 9640 Kennedy Avenue • Highland, IN

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m.

Groups available for those dealing with the loss:

Death of a Spouse or Significant Other

Death of a Parent, Sibling or Friend

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