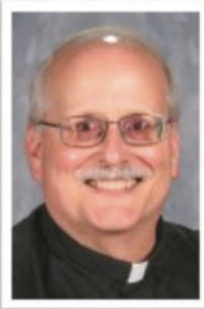


CONGRATULATIONS FR. MIKE!

Jubilee Anniversary



Ordained May 1983



2023
40 Years as Priest
20 Years Our Pastor

Our heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to our beloved Pastor, as he celebrates his
40th Year of Priesthood
serving the people of the Diocese of Gary.

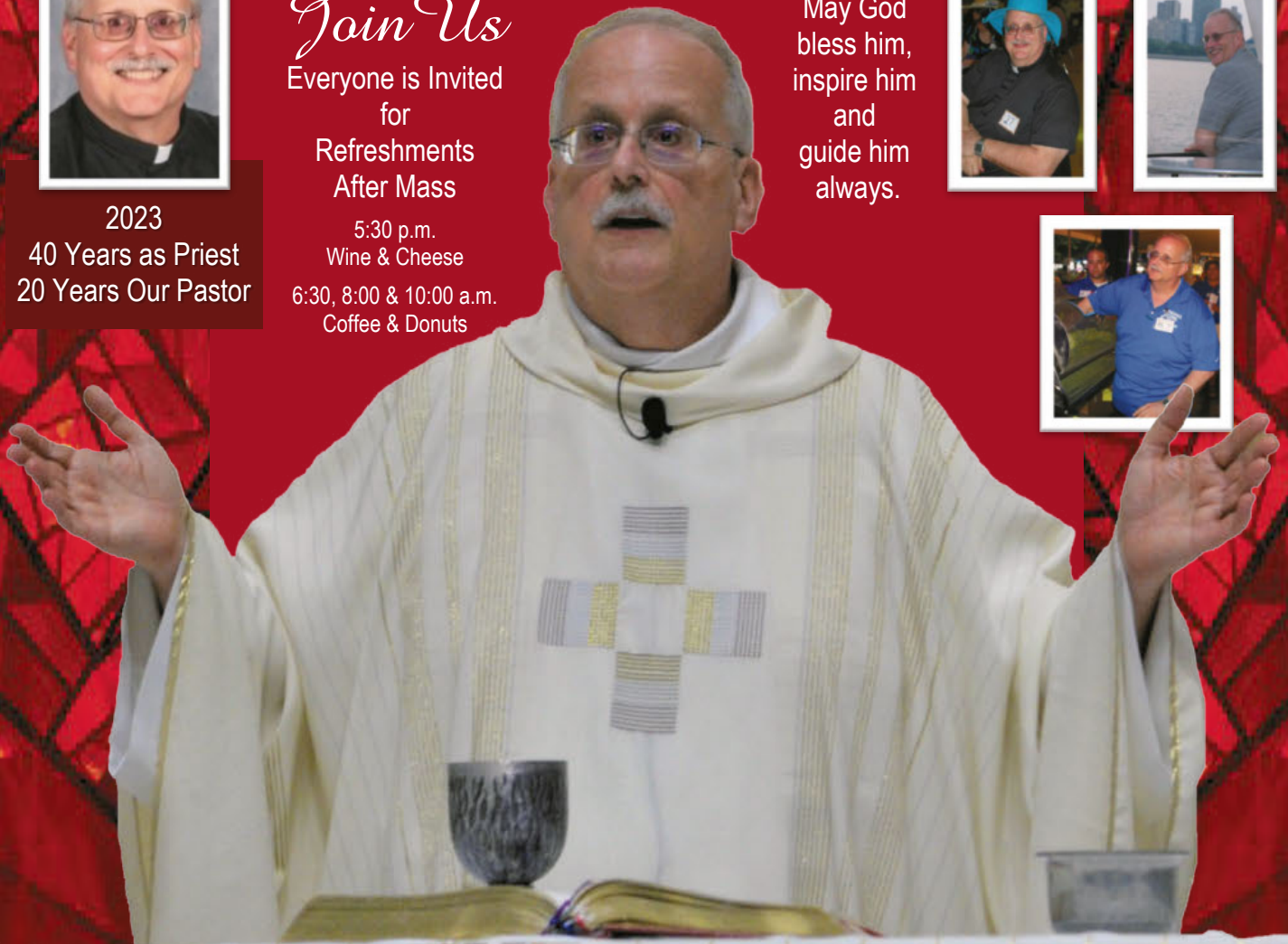
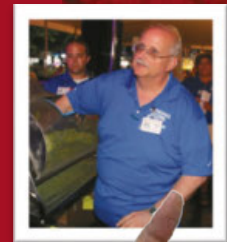
We are blessed and honored to celebrate this momentous milestone, as well as his
20th Anniversary as Pastor
of St. Thomas More Church.

Join Us

Everyone is Invited
for
Refreshments
After Mass

5:30 p.m.
Wine & Cheese
6:30, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts

May God
bless him,
inspire him
and
guide him
always.



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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myadron@stm-church.com
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Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Deacon Joseph Stodola, KHS
Director of Finance Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
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Director of Music Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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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
..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
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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
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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

Celebrants

Saturday, June 3

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, June 4

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, June 3

5:30 p.m. S. Rozmanich, J. Dye/MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Abi

10:00 a.m. L Patton, A. Monroy/MC ~ Nick

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

Wedding Banns

BANN I

Alvaro Alvarez & Crystal Godinez

Rest in Peace

Janice M. Speziale • Thomas S. Yelich

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Closed Memorial Day — Monday, May 29

Stewardship REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, May 29 — Memorial Day

9:00 am Michael Lewis by Michael Mercier Family

TUESDAY, May 30

6:30 am Vlasta Chmara (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Rose Lepara (Ann) by Family

WEDNESDAY, May 31 — Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

6:30 am Marjorie M. Skorupa by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Gerald Pelczar by Carol Plesha

THURSDAY, June 1 — St. Justin

6:30 am Marlene Slivka by Dorothy O'Brien

9:00 am Jerome H. Blaesing (Ann) by Family

FRIDAY, June 2 — Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

6:30 am Evan B. Stubbs, Sr. by Patricia Doherty

8:30 am Joan Wolak (Ann) by Michael Wolak

SATURDAY, June 3 — Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30 am Joseph S. Arent by Gus & Kathleen Georgelas

5:30 pm Bernice Gerlach by Patty Pfister

SUNDAY, June 4 — The Most Holy Trinity

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Lorraine Leask by Anne Iglar

10:00 am Raymond Charles Beebe by Rebecca & Brett Foltz

12:00 pm Marilyn Rippey by Dorothy O'Brien

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles

at least 2 weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Sacrificial Offerings

May 21, 2023



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| Adult | \$ 20,165.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,675.00 |
| Automated | \$ 4,935.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 26,775.00 |

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Readings for the Week of May 28

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Chiara Andrzejewski
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
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 Ingbreton
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Kevin Karl
Dan Karulski
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
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
Sandi 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

Pentecost Sunday

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

Father John Muir

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Parish/Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 28

Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood Jubilee
Refreshments After All Masses

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #542: Weis Center Main Hall

Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Gifts of Love & Warmth: Weis —Room 101

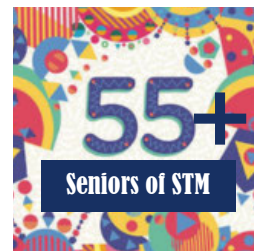
Seniors of STM

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.

The next meeting for the Seniors of STM will be

Wednesday, June 21

Social Meeting

Games, challenges and contests will be provided for all to participate as they choose.

This is our only meeting in June.

Our July meeting will be our Senior Picnic Luncheon on

Wednesday, July 19 • 12:00 Noon

Sign-up to bring a dish at the June 21st meeting.

GOD IN US

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us." ~ Robert Baer

Today is a BIG day, it is the Solemnity of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon Mary and the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and poured gifts into them so that they would have the grace, wisdom, and courage to go out into the world and tell the Good News just as they were commissioned to do before Jesus ascended into heaven.

Without the Holy Spirit and His gifts, we would be lost and would cower in fear. With the Holy Spirit, on the other hand, we, too, are emboldened to go into the world just as the apostles and disciples did so that we may tell of the wonders of God. This, then, is what the Church calls its birthday because this is the day when the Church first felt empowered to act.

Today, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Spirit by selecting four new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Parishioners have attended discernment sessions and have put their names into a basket for a child to pull four names to replace four members whose terms are now over. Instead of elections, we entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit, asking God to select the newest members of the Council. They will trust the Spirit's guidance and pray for the Spirit's gifts so that they may fulfill their three year term ministering to their fellow parishioners.

Then, at the 12:00 Noon Mass, I will be privileged to celebrate my fortieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. In terms of years in the priesthood, today is my "birthday" as well and I thank God for the graces that He has given to me over the years and ask for His continued grace and a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that I may do what has been asked of me.

At the end of June, I will have completed twenty years as pastor at St. Thomas More. Twenty of my forty years of priesthood have been serving you at our parish. I am very humbled by those numbers and ask for your prayers that I might continue to carry out my responsibilities.

We have all been commissioned. We all need to respond to God's call in whatever manner we best feel able. We all need to ask for the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we may receive what we need to be appropriate witnesses of Christ's love in this world of need.

God bless us, one and all, as we try to carry out His work!

FAITH ACTION: Tell God that you want to be as open as possible to the gifts of the Spirit and use them when they have been given to 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 28: Rev. Clemens L. Koors (1975)
- May 29: Msgr. Paul P. Bogovich (2002)
- May 30: Rev. Cornelius P. Bergan (1961)
Deacon Daniel Zurawski, KHS (2022)
- June 1: Rev. Dominic A. Pallone (1983)

PLEASE JOIN US

Next Sunday, June 4th at the 12:00 Noon Mass, newly ordained Deacon Steven Caraher will take part in a Mass of Thanksgiving. As you have prayed for him through the years, consider coming out to congratulate him on his ordination which will take place June 3rd.



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

- "And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave." ~ Joseph Rodman Drake
- "The brave die never, though they sleep in dust, their courage nerves a thousand living men." ~ Minot J. Savage
- "Let their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored." ~ Daniel Webster

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our students who graduated from St. Thomas More School last week and to all our parishioners who have graduated or soon will graduate from high school, college, or graduate school.

God be with you on the next stage of your life's journey!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A 21-year-old was hired by a hardware store. He showed up for his first day of work at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

The boss welcomed him, then handed him a broom. "First, sweep out the store. Then I'll show you where the window cleaning equipment is."

"Sir," the young man protested, "You can't be serious. I'm a college graduate."

"Oh, sorry," the manager said, pointing to the broom. "No problem. I'll show you how that thing works."





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.

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, June 3

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Carolyn Cenko

Sunday, June 4

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Maria Rodriguez

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Gladys Escobedo

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.

Join us in our **Gardening Ministry.**



Sign-Up Now:

<https://forms.gle/SQrDyjbepsCpzyYP6>

Volunteer/work based on your schedule!

For additional information on the various areas/tasks to be completed, go to the link above.

For additional information, please contact Noreen Bickel at nbickel@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:

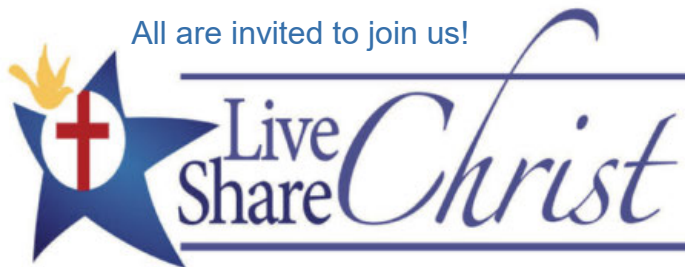
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| Cereal | Hamburger Helper | Spaghetti/Pasta |
| Pancake Mix | Instant Potatoes | Pasta Sauce |
| Syrup | Mac & Cheese | Rice |
| Cake Mix | Pork & Beans | Shampoo |
| Frosting | Canned Fruit | Toothpaste & |
| Peanut Butter | Canned Vegetables: |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

No Soup Needed at This Time!



Live Christ Share Christ

All are invited to join us!



Renew your passion and share your faith when you join us for our next meeting of Live Christ Share Christ.

Saturday, June 10

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Guest Speaker: Joseph Dubczak
Topic: Living Our Faith Joyfully

St. Thomas More School



Making Literature Come Alive

Students in Mr. Barconia's 4th Grade Language Arts class recently worked in groups to bring their most recent reading adventure come alive.

From posters to 3-D art to creating a screen play for a movie, students devised a creative way to retell the story of their latest literary find so that others could also enjoy the tale.

Planning, organizing and implementing their ideas was another great lesson for these children and it was wonderful to see their ideas come to fruition. Well done, students!



Church Buddy Project

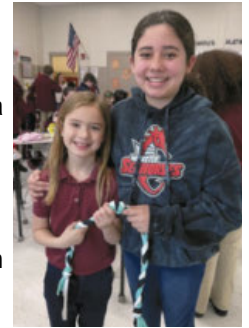
Throughout the year, St. Thomas More School students get together with their Church Buddy outside of Mass for fun activities,

often working on projects to help others. Recently our STMS 2nd and 7th Grades gathered to help our furry friends, cutting t-shirts in strips and weaving them into great chew toys for dogs.

The items were then donated to the Calumet Area Humane Society in Munster for their

residents...the adorable dogs.

Praying together and doing good deeds with their favorite student is what makes our Church Buddy program so awesome!



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 &
Auction Donors Welcomed.

All Golfers are 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.

Apply Now

1 to 2 Spots Remain in Each Grade:

Grades 1 • 2 • 3

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

A-Rated

St. Thomas More School



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

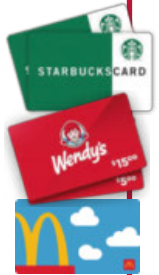
Prizes Needed

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.



St. Thomas More Church June, 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection After All Masses | | | | 1 | 2 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Gifts of Love & Warmth | 3 8:00 AM First Saturday Rosary Church |
| 4 | 5 | 6 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Daisy Troop in Weis Center-Room 101 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting | 7 7:00 PM-8:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul in Weis Center-Room 101 | 8 5:45 PM-7:15 PM STM Music and Food Festival | 9 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Gifts of Love & Warmth | 10 9:00 AM-11:30 AM Live Christ Share Christ |
| 11 | 12 | 13 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting 8:00 AM Baptism Prep Class Parish Confer Room | 14 6:30 PM-8:30 PM Career Networking Event | 15 | 16 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Gifts of Love & Warmth | 17 |
| 18 <i>Happy Father's Day</i> | 19 | 20 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting | 21 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Seniors of STM in Weis Center-Main Hall | 22 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Daisy Troop in Weis Center-Main Hall | 23 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Gifts of Love & Warmth | 24 7:00 PM-12:00 AM Daisy Troop Lock-in Weis Center-Main Hall |
| STM Music & Food Fest— June 22 to June 25 | | | | | | |
| 25 12:00 AM-7:00 AM Daisy Troop Lock-in Weis Center-Main Hall Music & Food Fest | 26 | 27 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Mental Health Ministry | 28 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Seniors of STM Board Meeting | 29 | 30 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Gifts of Love & Warmth | |

Positions Available at St. Thomas More

Bookkeeper

St. Thomas More Parish

The bookkeeper is responsible for supporting the accounting department ensuring that the parish's financial operations are cost-efficient and in compliance with accounting standards. Bookkeeper will also cover the parish office reception desk three evenings per week and on Saturday, welcoming all who come into, or telephone the office and provides administrative and related office services to staff and members of St. Thomas More.

Demonstrated Competencies Required

- Committed to the mission and values of St. Thomas More Parish and of the Catholic Church.
 - Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality at all times.
 - Excellent problem-solving skills with emphasis on detail and accuracy.
 - Knowledge of basic accounting.
 - Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written form.
 - Professional temperament and appearance.
 - Ability to work and relate to a variety of personalities/cultures with diplomacy, friendliness and poise.
 - Able to prioritize and handle multiple tasks
- Proficient computer skills needed.



Minimum Qualifications

- Proficient in using various databases, accounting software (QuickBooks preferred) and Microsoft Office (MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Outlook, and MS PowerPoint).
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to multi-task and prioritize work.
- High School degree.
- Minimum of two years bookkeeping experience. Church or non-profit bookkeeping experience preferred.

Please email your resume to:

Maria Vega at mvega@stm-church.com.

Development Director

St. Thomas More School

The Development Director will report to the Principal and is responsible for planning, coordinating and directing activities that attract the support needed to provide sufficient resources for the school to achieve its mission.

The ideal candidate is an experienced person who has the skills to raise funds and build a network of supporters. This will be accomplished by reviewing, updating, and implementing the Development Plan and implementing fundraising campaigns that demonstrate vision and initiative by identifying, cultivating and soliciting various donors to support the operational needs of the school.

This will start as a part-time (28 hrs/wk) position.

Demonstrated Competencies Required

Committed to the mission and values of St. Thomas More School and of the Catholic Church. Must be a self-starter with ability to set priorities. Proven experience in designing and managing development and alumni relations programs. Success in all areas of institutional advancement including, but not limited to; annual giving, major gifts, planned giving, alumni relations, public relations and donor communications.

Demonstrate leadership and effectiveness in developing and accomplishing organizational and financial goals.

Excellent verbal and written communication skills; ability to effectively speak to large and small groups as well as one-on-one communication.

Able to prioritize & handle multiple tasks & projects concurrently. Ability to work as a member in a team-oriented environment and lead when necessary, working with paid staff & volunteers.

Must embrace technology.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree in marketing, public relations, fundraising or comparable.

Minimum of 3 years of experience in fundraising or a related field.

Experience in a Catholic church and/or school is preferred.

Must be a Roman Catholic.

Proficient with Microsoft Office.

Experienced in maintaining a donor database system.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to:

sfrancis@stm-school.com.

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. at the 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.



**Holy
Name
Society**

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Geraniums Requested

As in years past, St. Thomas More is happily accepting donated

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Memorial Day Mass

Everyone is Invited

Outdoor Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
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Celebrant: Bishop Robert J. McClory

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

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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
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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.
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

Death of a Child or Grandchild

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