

Jesus  
understands  
pain.

Jesus also  
understands  
the grace  
that is  
available  
to endure  
suffering,  
pain, and  
death  
that is so  
freely given  
by  
His Father.

God's grace  
can help us  
in all of our  
sufferings  
torments.

All  
we have  
to do is ask  
Him for  
His help.



**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  
Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS  
Deacon ..... Joseph Stodola, KHS  
Director of Parish Missions ..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330  
Director of Finance & Operations ..... Charles Schrimpf; Ext. 2329  
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  
**Email address:** ..... parish.office@stm-church.com  
**Email address for bulletin:** ..... bulletin@stm-church.com  
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Daytime Receptionist ..... Ext. 2300  
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  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... James Kaspar 836-8610  
Hospitality/Greeters ..... Vicky Odegaard 322-6391  
Lectors ..... Richard Gard 836-8610  
Nursery ..... Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079  
St. Vincent de Paul ..... Terry Oprinovich 836-8610  
Vocations Committee ..... 836-8610

### **2023-2024 Pastoral Council Members**

Julius Ballanco ..... Leslie Dernule  
Debra Harker ..... Katie Kordeck, Chairperson  
Paul Liszewski ..... Bill McCullough  
Jean Nanos ..... Joe Peters  
Michael Popovich ..... Patty Queros  
Michael Sajna ..... 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  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception & Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
School Parent Association ..... Brooke Mills (219) 836-9151  
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 ..... Tim Jevyad  
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  
Cub Scouts ..... Patricia Sinclair • plalessandrini@yahoo.com  
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 ..... Cynthia Navarrete (773) 726-2411  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: sbburke3@att.net  
Knights of Columbus ..... Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernule (219) 741-3739  
Seniors of STM ..... Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916  
Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

## Celebrants

**Saturday, July 8**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, July 9**

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

## Servers

**Saturday, July 8**

5:30 p.m. L. Bloker, X. Fonseca/MC ~ Alex

**Sunday, July 9**

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

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

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

## Stewardship REFLECTION

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."*  
MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first.

Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

## Bulletin Deadlines

Due to summer schedules, it is important to submit all bulletin articles *at least 2 weeks in advance*:  
[bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com).

## Sacrificial Offerings

**June 25, 2023**

Adult	\$ 16,005.00
Loose	\$ 2,006.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,946.00</b>

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, July 2 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family, Living & Deceased  
8:00 am Claude S. Posilovich by Linda, Michael & Neely Rescan  
10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane  
12:00 pm Angela Bracich by Kay Neis

**Monday, July 3 – St. Thomas**

6:30 am Emily Conway by Don & Josie Bolek  
8:30 am Bernie Mashura by Wife, Kaaren

**Tuesday, July 4 — Independence Day**

9:00 am Virginia "Jean" Bados by Jim & Pat Landowski

**Wednesday, July 5**

**St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria**

6:30 am Jim Weidenfeller by Wife, Donna  
8:30 am Beverly Lasky by Nancy Klawitter

**Thursday, July 6 – St. Maria Goretti**

6:30 am Evelyn J. McArdle by Altar & Rosary Society  
9:00 am James W. Strain, Sr. by Susan Strain

**Friday, July 7**

6:30 am Francesco Agostino by Children  
8:30 am Costancia L. Ochicta (Ann) by Family

**Saturday, July 8**

8:30 am Thomas Mercier by Michael Mercier Family  
5:30 pm James W. Strain, Sr. by Susan Strain

**Sunday, July 9 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family, Living & Deceased  
8:00 am Martha & Ted Muta by Evelyn Kwasny  
10:00 am Claude S. Posilovich by Linda, Michael & Neely Rescan  
12:00 pm Joseph Dubeck by Carol & Jack Waters

## Special Office Hours

**Parish Office**

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

**School Office**

Monday to Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Closed**  
**Monday, June 26 to**  
**Friday, July 7**



# SUMMER HOURS



## Readings for the Week of July 2

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

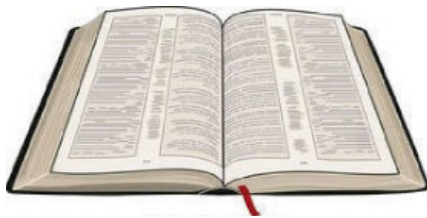
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b  
-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:15, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/  
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



## 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 Cattanach  
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  
Janet Knight  
Susan Kolodziej  
Gregory P. Koscielski  
Melvin Kostalik  
Norbert Kudele  
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 Menclewicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Santi 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 Petrouch  
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 Shiva  
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

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love—including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "surely will not lose our reward." The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything—even our own life—for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more—that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

Father John Muir ©LPI

## Eucharistic Ministers Requested



*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again."*

The Eucharist truly sits at the center of our faith and sharing this Blessed Sacrament makes us one.

We need additional

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

at every Mass to share the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Please consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister. Contact Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

## Career Networking Group

### Looking for speakers

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

If you are someone with experience & knowledge who is willing to share a brief 20 minute presentation regarding job searching and/or career assistance please share your expertise with our group. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please email [stmcareergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stmcareergroup@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### HE KNOWS HOW WE FEEL

**"Our tendency in the midst of suffering is to turn on God. To get angry and bitter and shake our fist at the sky and say, 'God, you don't know what it's like! You don't understand! You have no idea what I'm going through. You don't have a clue how much this hurts.' The cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses, and arguments. The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, 'Me too.'" ~ Rob Bell**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His followers that whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Jesus is not worthy of Him. In our very cavalier, human nature, we often think, "Why should I take up my cross? Does He know what it entails?"

Does He know?! How narcissistic can we be to say something like that? Yet, in our frail, sinful humanity, we often think that God just can't understand what we go through in this life. He can't understand our pains, our hurt, our frustrations. He can't understand our losses, our grief, and our pain.

Of course He can. He understands it because He went through those very things only intensely more so. Not only did He bear the penalty of all of our sins; but, He bore it in excruciating suffering. There has been many a study done on the torture that Jesus endured in His scourging and walk to Calvary as well as the horrible manner of his crucifixion. Trust me, Jesus understands pain.

Jesus also understands the grace that is available to endure suffering, pain, and death that is so freely given by His Father. God's grace can help us in all of our sufferings and torments. All we have to do is ask Him for His help.

The problem is that, too often, we decide that we are going to go it alone. We don't think that we need any help. We don't want to appear weak. We don't want to be beholden to anyone. That is the wrong way to approach suffering. We are in need and God is the one who can supply that need.

Taking up our cross can be painful. It can involve suffering. It can be excruciating. However, it can also be joyful and provide an inspiration to others. If they see us suffering patiently and enduring what comes our way, they will want what we have. They will feel the invitation to turn to the Lord in their own trouble and ask for His help.

**FAITH ACTION:** Be an example of patient endurance to others by shouldering your cross and following the Lord.

*Fr. Mike*



There are many people who make the festival the success it is on an annual basis. Our volunteers, of course, do a huge amount of the actual at-festival work. Thank you to all who volunteered their time at the fest.

Another group of people spend time — months of time — preparing for the event. I gratefully acknowledge the following chairpersons of this year's Music and Food Fest:

**General chairs:** Jeff Lowry, & Patricia Salinas

**Advertising/Marketing:** Kandace Mack

**Advertising/Photography:** Christina Irvin

**Bar Bingo (Karaoke):** LM Nyhan

**Beer Garden:** Lou Senisais

**Business Sponsorships:** Silvia Prado & Humberto Prado

**Cash Raffle:** Jane Surd

**Electrical:** Oscar Muñoz

**Entertainment:** Krystal Quagliara & Tony Panek

**Finance:** Nancy Klawitter

**First Aid:** Carmen Zoppetti

**Food Trucks & Vendors:** Jennifer Lowry, Cindy & Fred McCraw

**Information Booth:** Matthew McCraw

**Kid's Zone:** Christi Kordeck, Katie Kordeck

**Kid's Zone Teens:** Kristen Ball & Anabel Ruiz

**Permits/Safety:** Noreen Bickel

**Pull Tabs & Tip Boards:** Danny Zuccarelli

**Sanitation/Tables & Tents:** Mitchell Walsh

**Secretary:** Rachel Kolar

**Setup:** Luis Diaz & Jason Smola

**Volunteers:** Carol Kopenec

**Wheel:** Linda Bevil, Kim Burzynski, & Kurt Popovich

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A little boy was taken to the dentist. It was discovered that he had a cavity that would have to be filled. "Now, young man," asked the dentist, "what kind of filling would you like for that tooth?" "Chocolate, please," replied the youngster.



### 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:

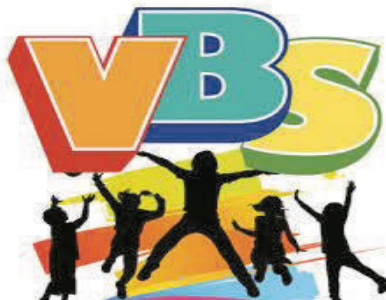
- July 2: Deacon Arthur Weeks (1990)  
Rev. Dominic A. Mrena (1994)  
Msgr. F. Raymond Fowerbaugh (2004)
- July 5: Msgr. George J. Moorman (1979)
- July 6: Deacon Joseph J. Sobek (2004)
- July 8: Rev. Leonard J. Lukaszewski (2003)





## 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).



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our registered VBS students

soon. St. Thomas More's Vacation Bible School starts the week of July 10th. It's going to be a great week of fun, games and learning about Jesus!

## Religious Education Needs You

We are currently looking for men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of St. Thomas More by volunteering to be a

**Catechist**  
**Substitute Catechist**  
**Classroom Aide**

If you are looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, please prayerfully consider if this is something God is calling you to. You will have the opportunity to grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children.

A former STM catechist states,  
*"Teaching CCD has been so much fun so far, and it's really a good spiritual experience for our whole family... I'm really glad you recruited me for the job."*

Please contact Emily Hackett for more information. (219) 836-8610 ext. 2232 or [ehackett@stm-school.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com)



## Keep Our Parish Grounds Beautiful!

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

Join us to take advantage of this great volunteer opportunity. Be outdoors & help our parish at the same time.

### Gardening Ministry.

**Sign-Up Now:** <https://forms.gle/SQrDyjbcpzYP6>

Volunteer/work based on your schedule!

For more info about what's involved, please go to the link above or contact Noreen Bickel at [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com).



## Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, July 9**  
**6:30 a.m. Mass**  
Main: Leilani Suchanuk

**8:00 a.m. Mass**  
Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil  
Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

**Saturday, July 8**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass**  
Main: Judy Mateja & Cathy Delgado

**10:00 a.m. Mass**  
Main: Robert Hill  
Chapel: Diane Adley

## Live Christ Share Christ

Join us for our next meeting of Live Christ Share Christ and enhance your spiritual journey.

**Saturday, July 8**

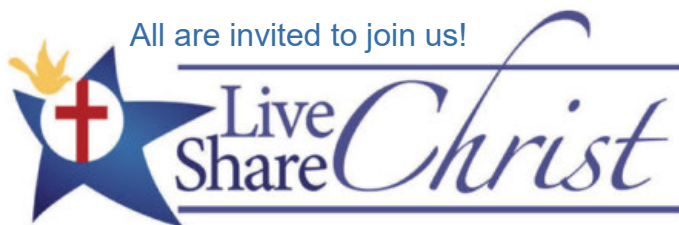
9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

**Topic: Finding Jesus in Everyday Things**

Guest Speaker: Deacon David Kapala

We hope to see you there!

All are invited to join us!



## Seniors of STM

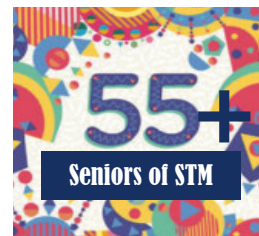
### Are You 55 or Older?

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 St. Vincent de Paul accepted at each meeting. Thank you for your generosity.**

Happy 4th of July from the Seniors of STM! As summer kicks into high gear, mark your calendar for our Senior Picnic and Luncheon. Bring a friend!

**Wednesday, July 19**

**Senior Picnic Luncheon**

12:00 Noon at the Weis Center

Reminder: This event will start at Noon. Please bring a dish to share based on your last name.

Last Names Beginning **A to L**: Side Dish or Salad

Last Names Beginning **M to Z**: Dessert

Hope to see many of you there!

August Meeting:

**Wednesday, August 16**  
**Social Meeting**



## Mission Accomplished

We are thrilled that our students were once again able to participate in off-site field trips.

In May, our St. Thomas More School students were traversing the state to engage in firsthand educational experiences. STMS 1st and 2nd Grades visited the Challenger Learning Center and participated in a Moonbase Explorers Mission, where students served as flight directors, discovering new facts about the moon and space, expanded their scientific knowledge and skills, and worked on lots of STEM-based activities. Well done, young scientists!



## Annual Dino Dig Day

Each Spring, our 1st Grade moves their learning outdoors for a fun day in the warm sunshine for the Annual Dino Dig, a day dedicated to learning



more about dinosaurs. From literally digging to find buried "bones" in a simulated archeological site to making their own fossils to playing "How Many 1st Graders Does It Take to Be as Tall as a Dinosaur?", our students cherish this day and have a wonderful time discovering and exploring in the fresh air. Many thanks to our phenomenal 1st grade teachers, Mrs. Jeannine Fiegle and Ms. Lindsay Caputo, for always making the learning day fun and exciting!





## Our Thanks to All Who Helped Make Our Festival Another Success!

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to our hard-working STM Music & Food Fest Committee, our bands & entertainment, our wonderful food vendors and all who volunteered to make this another fun, safe and enjoyable Fest for all who attended.

### Congratulations to the 2023 Fest Raffle Winners!

#### \$10,000 Grand Prize:

Mike Boyle

Thanks to  
All Who  
Participated!

#### 2 — \$1000 Prizes:

Rob & Jeff Shimko  
Diane Spence

#### 3 — \$500 Prizes:

James Lebryk  
Mike Boyle  
Larry Bishop

#### 4 — \$250 Prizes:

Tom & Cathy Newman  
Gilbert Machuca  
Bill & Sherry Fanelli  
Caryn Chase

#### 5 — \$100 Prizes:

Mary Ann Evans • Joe Stefanich  
Russell Crane • Robert Thomas  
Stephen Spence



### Position at St. Thomas More Director of Maintenance

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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 help others.

Please consider supporting our SVDP Food Pantry with non-perishable food and personal items as listed below.

#### Our Pantry Currently Needs:

Cereal	Instant Potatoes	Rice
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Peanut Butter	Peas	Toilet Paper
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**Monday  
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<b>July 2023</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts Weis Center Main Hall	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> St. Vincent de Paul Weis Center Room 101	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Gifts Love/Warmth Weis Center	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Live Christ/Share Christ Weis Center
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts Weis Center Main Hall	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Gifts Love/Warmth Weis Center	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts Weis Center Main Hall	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Seniors of STM Weis Center Main Hall	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Gifts Love/Warmth Weis Center	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts Weis Center Main Hall	<b>26</b> <b>12:30 pm</b> Seniors of STM Board Weis Center Main Hall	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Gifts Love/Warmth Weis Center	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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Death of a Parent, Sibling or Friend

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Advanced Groups available to those who completed Beginners.

**Upcoming Meetings: July 5 • 19 & August 2 • 16**

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**September 29, 2023**

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