

Inspiring PRESENCE

A Eucharistic Encounter for ALL Ages

Un Encuentro Eucarístico para TODAS las Edades

Saturday

August 26, 2023

Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond

EVENT DETAILS

Featuring...

DR. SCOTT HAHN

Professor & Author



7:30 DOORS OPEN

Check in and Vendors

9:00 MASS

Procession to St. Margaret Mary

10:30 SESSIONS

- Children (5–12 yrs.)
- Youth (13–17 yrs.)
- Young Adults (18–35 yrs.)
- Adults (35+ yrs.)

12:00 LUNCH

Registration required

**ALL
AGES**
welcome



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en
Español**



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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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Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

Office Hours: Monday– Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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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

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

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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
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Ushers Club.....Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

Saturday, August 5

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, August 6

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, August 5

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

Sunday, August 6

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

10:00 a.m. T. Ogunyoye, R. Smola/MC ~ Nick

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



Baptisms

Sebastian

Son of

Damaso & Vanessa Flores

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit articles at least two full weeks before you'd like it to appear in our weekly bulletin:
bulletin@stm-church.com. Thank you for your help.

Parish Office Hours

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Stewardship REFLECTION

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God?

Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need?

Faith is a challenge for everyone at times.

Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned.

When one door closes, another one opens.

Trust in God, His plan is always better.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 30 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family, Living & Deceased

8:00 am Claude Posilovich by Witkus Family

10:00 am Stephen Cichy (Ann) by Family

12:00 pm Michael Pieters, Jr. (Ann) by Wife, Diane & Family

Monday, July 31 — St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30 am Ruby Mae McCullough by William & Joy McCulloch

8:30 am Susan M. Burke by STM Spirituality & Worship Ministry

Tuesday, August 1 — St. Alphonsus Liguori

6:30 am Regina "Jeanne" R. Driggs by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Martin Nemeth by Wally & Chris Piekarczyk

Wednesday, August 2 — St. Eusebius of Vercelli

6:30 am Susan Burke by Ed & Debbie Pilawski

8:30 am Mary Ann Magurany by Joan Zurad

Thursday, August 3

6:30 am Francesca Bernarte by Charina

9:00 am Arthur Halpin by Mary Halpin

Friday, August 4 — St. John Mary Vianney

6:30 am Michael Cenko by Kaaren Mashura

8:30 am Virginia "Jean" Bados (Ann) by Nancy & Joe O'Drobinak

Saturday, August 5

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

8:30 am Dennis J. Keilman by Rita Pongracz

5:30 pm Salvador & Mary Garcia by the Garcia Family

Sunday, August 6 — The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family, Living & Deceased

8:00 am Larry Monak by Monak Family

10:00 am Mary B. Solczek by Family

12:00 pm Claude Posilovich by Olson Family

Sacrificial Offerings

July 23, 2023



Adult	\$ 15,621.00
Loose	\$ 1,885.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 22,441.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

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Make

your life easier by contributing to the good works of our St. Thomas More Parish using our online system.

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Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card:

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Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering".

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Questions?

Contact Maria Vega, Business Manager at: (219) 836-8610, #2339 or mvega@stm-church.com



Readings for the Week of July 30

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Chiara Andrzejewski
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billeo
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 Ingbretson
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
James Malayter
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Carolyn McGill
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Mencliewicz
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 Ubane
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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom.

When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9).

In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies.

He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies.

That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle.

This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum.

Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom).

Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures.

Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

Father John Muir

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ENDINGS CREATE BEGINNINGS

"We know story collections end when they end, as well — the pages serving as a countdown — but nevertheless the standard story anthology hews closer to what makes being human so hard: it reminds you with each story how quickly everything we are, everything we call our lives can change, can be upended, can disappear. Never to return." ~ Junot Diaz

Today is beginning to look a lot like the "beginning of the end" to a lot of the young people in our parish community. After all, summer vacation is coming to an end in a couple of weeks. It seems hard to believe that school will be in session mid-August. Where has the summer gone? There will be those last minute trips being taken as well as last minute shopping for clothes and supplies. Summer vacation is soon to be over.

We are all on a countdown of sorts. We generally count down to many things. It is sad to think that our countdowns are usually negative in nature, though. We think about the end of things rather than about the opportunity that is to come. People who lament the end of summer vacation do not often focus upon the possibilities of a new school year: new friends, new extra-curricular activities, new ways to showcase newly acquired skills. Instead, we tend to focus upon what we are about to lose.

I daresay that is the wrong way to live our lives. We need to focus not upon loss but upon gain. While we come to one ending in our lives, there are infinite possibilities for new beginnings. If we become too caught up in what will soon be lost, we cannot look ahead with any kind of hope. Our future, then, becomes a future of more losses rather than a future of incredible gains.

Jesus Christ did not come into this world to ask us to focus upon potential loss. He became one of us to tell us that the end of things — including our very lives — has great possibility. For the people of His time, the only view of death was incredible loss. For us, that final countdown moment is a moment of incredible hope and joy. We never have to fear. We have so much to gain.

In the countdowns of life, it would help us greatly if we could learn to look ahead rather than to lament what we have lost. What is in the past may be unrecoverable. However, what lies ahead is brimming with hope.

FAITH ACTION: Are there things in your life that you dread coming to an end? Try to shift your focus to the possibility that comes after those endings.

Fr. 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:

- July 30: Deacon Walter Stone (1978)
- July 31: Bishop John F. Noll (1956)
- August 1: Rev. John Popa (1989)
Rev. James McGrogan (2013)
- August 2: Rev. Robert I. Mayhew (1970)
- August 5: Rev. Edward A. Zemelko, C.S.B. (2003)

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION COMING

On Saturday, August 26, at Bishop Noll Institute, the diocese will host A Eucharistic Encounter for All Ages.

Lunch will be provided for all who register for the event.

Information can be found on the cover of this weekend's bulletin or at <https://dcgary.org/event/inspiring-presence>

Additional information for the Eucharistic Year may be found at <https://dcgary.org/eucharistic-revival>

FAMILY

Many of you may remember Fr. John Zemelko. He was an associate pastor here several years ago. While you remember him or have known him, you might not have known that he had a brother who was a priest as well. Fr. Ed Zemelko was a Basilian priest (they were active at Andrean High School many years ago.)

This coming Saturday is the death anniversary of Fr. Ed Zemelko. As we do every week, kindly pray for the deceased deacons, priests, and bishops who have served the Diocese of Gary in one capacity or another. Pray for families (biological as well as parish) who grieve their loss. And pray, as well, for an increase in Church vocations.

Thank you!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Robert, age eight, was the son of strict religious parents. He was very, very good, worked hard at school, did his chores, and was generally helpful and obedient. But one morning, for some reason, he came down to breakfast in a very nasty mood.

When his mother served him prunes, he snarled, "I don't want prunes," and he refused to eat them.

His parents were aghast, and his father said, "Robert, you know that God commanded children to honor and obey their parents, and He will punish those who do not."

But Robert still refused and was sent, still quite sullen, back to bed. The prunes were put in the refrigerator.

A few minutes later, a terrible thunderstorm came up with great roars and flashes of lightning. "Ah, wonderful," said Robert's mother. "This will teach him a lesson."

Robert came back down the stairs, went into the kitchen and opened the fridge to retrieve his uneaten prunes. From there, just after another flash and roar, the boy's voice was heard saying, "Heck of a fuss to make about a few stupid prunes."





Religious Education

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

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

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, August 5

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Patty Pfister

Sunday, August 6

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Yvette Radziwiecki

Chapel: Maria Rodriguez

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.

Come cool off during the dog days of summer at our

Senior Social Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

Games, contests, challenges and refreshments will be available for all to enjoy at the Weis Center beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our new year opening

Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

If you are not already a member, this is the perfect time to join our organization.

Annual dues of \$10 should be paid in September.

RCIA/RCIC Sacraments

Each year, we welcome many into our parish family through the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) and the RCIC (Right of Christian Initiation for Children) Programs.

The following parishioners recently received Sacraments here at St. Thomas More.

Baptisms

Ronald Oscar Koetteritz II

Savannah Posley

Julia Jacqueline Lesniewski & Jordan Stanley Lesniewski

Giovanni Vincent Connor

Peyton Erin Roark

Profession of Faith

Jacqueline Hill

First Communion

Ronald Oscar Koetteritz II

Jacqueline Hill

Franco Zavdiel Ruiz

Savannah Posley

Jack Alexander Xavier Brunetti

Giovanni Vincent Connor

Confirmation

Ronald Oscar Koetteritz II

Jacqueline Hill

Franco Zavdiel Ruiz

Jack Alexander Xavier Brunetti

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. Come and serve at the table of the Lord and bring this special gift of our faith to our flock.

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. If you are interested in helping our parish, please contact Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

St. Thomas More School



Leading the Way

St. Thomas More School is blessed with the very best educators, dedicated to not only the academic success of their students, but their spiritual & personal well-being, as well.

Leading the way is this wonderful group of outstanding humans, our STMS "Team Leads". We look forward to welcoming them all back soon.



Helping Our Furry Friends

Any day our school church buddies get to be together is a good day. And when they pair their time together with helping someone else, it's even better!

This spring, our 7th & 2nd grade "buddies" worked together to make pull toys for our furry counterparts, dogs at the local Humane Society.

Laughter & friendship, and some great dog toys, were the product of these young, helpful hands working together for man's best friend.



Young Scholars Recognized at NJHS Induction

We proudly welcomed new members of the St. Thomas More School into the STMS Robert B. Weis Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society in May. Students in 6th to 8th grades, meeting NJHS criteria, were inducted.

Students are selected for NJHS based on their commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

As members of our school chapter, students are involved in activities to further develop their knowledge and skills to become well-rounded student leaders in their school, community, and beyond.

We are continually proud of our students and their enthusiasm for finding success through their studies and service to others.



Mental Health Ministry

Food for Thought....

"It's during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." — Aristotle



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. Contact Dr. Jean Nanos at drjnanos@stm-church.com for more info.

Join us for our next meeting:

Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Room 104 • Weis Center

Altar & Rosary Society

Seeks Vendors for Annual Holiday Bazaar

The St. Thomas More Altar & Rosary is seeking **Artists • Crafters • Business Vendors**

For their annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on

Saturday, November 4, 2023.

For an application, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Live Christ Share Christ

The Live Christ Share Christ will not meet during the month of August. We will reconvene in September with our

Special Guest Speaker: Fr. Mike
"A Simplified Prayer Life"

AVAILABLE NOW!

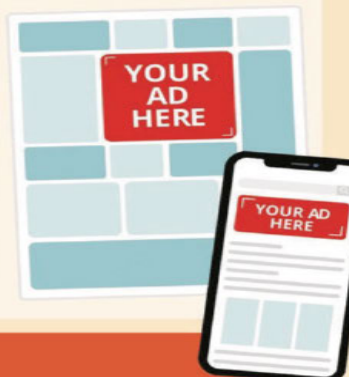
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

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Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

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John Plagens

Cell: 440-346-0753 • jplagens@4lpi.com

Career Networking Group

Looking for Speakers

Our group meets monthly, September to May from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Weis Center and we are seeking speakers for the upcoming year. If you are someone with experience & knowledge regarding business/career trends or job searching & willing to share a brief 20 minute presentation with our group, please contact us at stmcareergroup@gmail.com if interested.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August		1 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Weis Center Main Hall	2 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Weis Center	3 5:45 pm Festival Committee Weis Center Main Hall	4	5
6	7	8	9 7:00 pm Career Networking Group Weis Center	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Weis Center Main Hall	17 7:00 pm Evening Scripture Study Weis Center	18	19
20	21	22 7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Weis Center	23 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting Weis Center	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 9:00 am Altar & Rosary Weis Center 6:00 pm Religious Education Catechist Meeting Weis Center	31 7:00 pm Evening Scripture Study Weis Center		



Come Out for a Great Night of Music at
Rockopelli Music Fest 2023!

Saturday, August 12

This year we are bringing the show to
Bulldog Park • Crown Point

Gates Open at 3:30 p.m. • Show Starts at 4:00 pm.

Purchase tickets online at:

rockopellifest.org/rockopelli-music-fest-2023

This Year's Outstanding Musical Line-Up:

Pink Talking Fish

Freddy Jones Band

Chester Brown

Brother Thunder

LeAnn Stutler

Chris Peters

PelliPlay Student Recital

Proceeds from Rockopelli will go towards music lesson
scholarships for students in NWI as well as grants to other
local NWI charities.

The event will also highlight a Silent Auction, local specialty
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Rockopelli is open to all ages.

To Donate Auction Items or Become an Event Vendor:

Please email Pam Ratajack at pratajack@rockopellifest.org.

Sporting/music/theater tickets, baskets, gift cards, etc. are all
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Visit rockopellifest.org for tickets and more information.

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

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

Our Pantry Currently Needs:

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



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Desired individual must friendly and compassionate and be able
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Duties Include:

Maintain accurate attendance and punctuality records in
school data system.

Utilize nursing processes to collect, interpret, and record
information about the health status of students to determine a
nursing diagnosis and develop health care plans.

Create and maintain a continuous health program for all students
through implementing and monitoring health services in
accordance with laws, regulations, and standards of practice.

Assist other personnel may be required for the purpose of
ensuring an efficient and effective working environment.

Coordinate health services with families, other school programs,
in-school professionals, school-based resources, and
community-based resources. Nursing degree/experience

preferred. Mon-Fri. Part-time to start. Hours: 7:00 a.m. to Noon.

If interested, send resume to sfrancis@stm-school.com.

Director of Maintenance

Provide maintenance leadership to the facility and grounds through
organizing, planning and implementing programs to support
preventative & corrective maintenance improvements.

The successful candidate must be able to:

Work to prioritize, delegate, supervise, and instruct as needed the
maintenance staff in areas such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry
and HVAC. Prioritize emergency, corrective and preventive
maintenance. Perform daily, weekly, monthly & yearly building
inspections with attention to detail to identify necessary repairs.
Develop routine systems to ensure constant monitoring of problem
areas & develop long/short range maintenance plans.

Be responsible for budgeting and purchasing for maintenance
department. Assist with planning and implementation of capital
projects. Oversee vendor activities, including scheduling of repair
& maintenance needs as required; closely monitor progress to
ensure quality of work. Manage life/fire safety systems and
emergency protocols, maintain functionality of all fire safety
equipment. Oversee building security. Work as a team with the
custodial department/supervisor. Communicate well & provide
clear, concise details. Perform tasks safely with tools/ladders/lifts.

Qualifications Include: Minimum 5 years' experience in
general maintenance with supervisory experience. High School
Diploma or equivalent. College degree or other training desired.

Also Must Be: Flexible to changing priorities and conditions,
especially taking care of off hours emergency situations. Able to
demonstrate initiative and creativity. Organized & able to multi-
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utilizing Microsoft Excel and Word. Technology proficient. Team
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International Pilgrim Fatima Statue

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Sunday, August 6

Schedule Begins at 11:15 a.m.

with the Arrival of the Statue & Procession into Church

11:20 a.m. to Noon — Private Prayer

12:00 p.m. — Mass (Spanish)

1:15 p.m. — Informational Presentation About the Statue

1:45 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

(Rosary, Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Litany of Our Lady of Fatima & Benediction)

3:30 p.m. — Departure of the Statue

All are welcome to attend and participate.

Wounded Healers Grief Support

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:

Beginner and Advanced Groups available.

Upcoming Meetings: August 2 • August 16

Events in the Area...

Munster Lion's Steak & Chicken Grill

The Munster Lion's Club is hosting its 38th Annual Munster Lion's Club Steak & Chicken Grill on Saturday, August 5 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wilbur Wright Middle School (back parking lot). Adult Tickets: \$20/ Children: \$7 50/50 Raffle available at the dinner. For tickets, please email: mwmezey@hotmail.com.

Parade of Polka Bands Picnic

Join the International Polka Association as we present our Parade of Polka Bands Picnic on Sunday, August 6th at the Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove, 4040 Calumet Avenue in Hammond. Doors Open at 12:30 p.m. — Polka Music from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Admission \$15 --Payable at the Door. Featuring the following Polka Bands: Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze, The IPA Tribute Band, Polka Mojo, Polka Generations & DynaVersaStick-ToneAires All your favorite Polish foods and beverages available for purchase. This is a family event and everyone is welcome! IPA is a not-for-profit to promote polka music & Polish heritage.

St. Michael's 150th Anniversary

Kick-Off Gala—All are invited to join the St. Michael the Archangel parish for a night of dinner, dancing, drinks & auction on September 29, 2023 at Gamba Ristorante. 6:30 Cocktails, 7:30 Dinner. \$150/person. Call (219) 334-8042 for more info.

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