

We are all created for something much more than we are at the present moment.

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

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

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Weis Center

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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

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..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597
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Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, September 9

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, September 10

6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

Servers

Saturday, September 9

5:30 p.m. X. Fonseca, P. Werner/MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, J. Sajm/MC ~ Abi

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

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

Rest in Peace

Nina Olga Iocco

Parish Office Hours



Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Bulletin Deadlines

We welcome information for our parish bulletin.
Please submit articles at least two full weeks in advance to:
bulletin@stm-church.com. Thank you for your help.

Stewardship REFLECTION

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”*

We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches.

We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Theodore Leask by Family

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

12:00 pm Linda Dotson by Linda Rescan

MONDAY, September 4 — Labor Day

9:00 am Arnold Susoreny by Diane Susoreny

TUESDAY, September 5

6:30 am Intention of Joshua & Dominique Varney on their 2nd Wedding Anniversary by Michael Mercier Family

8:30 am Frank F. Rapin, Jr. by William & Mary Catherine Straka

WEDNESDAY, September 6

6:30 am Emily M. Conway by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Beverly J. Keilman by Trudy Walters

THURSDAY, September 7

6:30 am Mary Leahy by Sopata Family

8:30 am Charles Mullany by Family

FRIDAY, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Casper J. Schmidt by Wife, Connie & Family

8:30 am Joseph Dillo by Christiana Family

SATURDAY, September 9

8:30 am Amanda Kallen by The Schelinski Family

5:30 pm Claude Posilovich by Witkus Family

SUNDAY, September 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Norma Liszka by Mary Jo Jez

10:00 am Martin Pieters, Jr. by Wife, Diane & Family

12:00 pm Dr. David Cox by Santori Families & Foster Family

Sacrificial Offerings

August 27, 2023

Adult	\$ 15,356.00
Loose	\$ 2,300.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 22,591.00

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



Automated Contributions



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

Make a Payment Online:

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

<http://www.stm-church.com/>.

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

Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: <http://www.stm-cJoin hurch.com/>

Questions?

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

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Chiara Andrzejewski

Doris Aurelio

Maria Aurelio

Pat Batchelder

Antonio Belmonte

Mary Berry

Michael Berry

Michael Billede

Diane Bochnowski

Cheryl Bostrom

Linda Braun

Bill Briney

Grace Briney

Stephany Burney

Kathleen Burns

Diane Butler

Dorothy Campbell

James Campbell

Janet Cattnach

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 Ingbertson

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

Michael Mercier

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 Trugian

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

Readings for Week: September 3

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

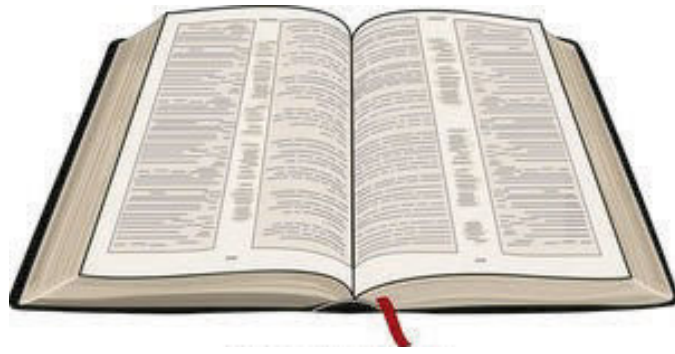
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too.

This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

Father John Muir

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our parish needs 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.



DON'T BE AFRAID TO GROW

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it." ~ Maya Angelou

Every week, I print a list of deceased bishops, priests, and deacons who have served the faithful of the Diocese of Gary, asking you to remember them in your prayers.

Of the four listed in this weekend's pastor's page, the one for today really brought back lots of memories. Fr. Joseph Pusateri was what many people would call a "strange duck". He just had a way about him that was often different from anyone else. He told me once that it was because he always tried to stay in touch with the child within him since we are, after all, all God's children.

Whenever he encountered defeat, he looked for ways to rise above it. If it meant moving on to a new assignment, so be it. If it meant stretching beyond his limited understanding, he would do it. He constantly looked for ways to improve himself.

He never retired. When he reached the age of retirement, he requested to remain as an active priest. At that point in time, he was the pastor at St. Mary Church in Otis, Indiana. When he reached retirement age, he said that he did not want to quit growing or quit learning. So, he began piano lessons.

There was never any chance that he would become a concert pianist, that is for sure; but, at the same time, he felt that he needed to learn something new and he kept at it. The joy on his face when he would show us the scales that he learned any particular week was infectious. You could not help but smile or laugh when around him.

We are all created for something much more than we are at the present moment. We are all created for something much more than we will make ourselves to be in the future. We were created for growth, not stagnation.

We are challenged to live our faith in the same manner. We must always look ahead to see what it is we can learn and be filled with joy when we draw ever closer to God.

God made us special. Celebrate that. Live that. Build upon that. It will prepare us for the day when God calls us to Himself.

FAITH ACTION: Take time to thank God for the people He has placed in your life who have inspired you. If they are still alive, thank them personally as well.

Fr. Mike



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins at St. Thomas More every year at the beginning of October and culminates at the Vigil Mass of Easter.

The RCIA is for anyone who is not Catholic and who is considering entering the Catholic Church. It is also for those who may have been Baptized Catholic but who have never finished their other sacraments.

There are two information dates regarding the RCIA set for this month: Tuesday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 26 both at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. You only need to attend one of these two meetings in order to get the information that you need for the program.

The process begins in earnest on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room and continues most every Tuesday until Easter.

If you are interested in going through the RCIA program, attend one of the information sessions in September. If you know someone who has expressed interest in becoming a Catholic, kindly let them know about this opportunity.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Daughter: Is Auntie Diane having her baby today?

Mother: Why did you think she was about to give birth?

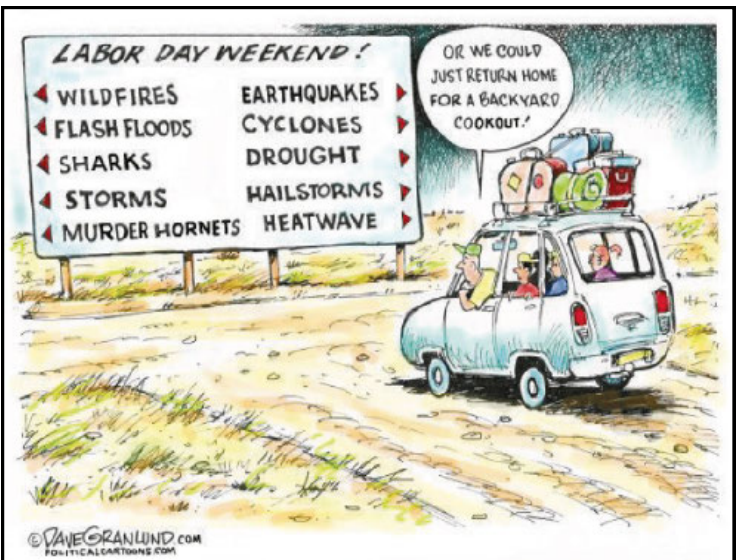
Daughter: Because you said today was Labor Day.

Dad: Do you know, most people don't have to work today, because it's Labor Day.

Son: If people aren't working, shouldn't we call it 'No-Labor Day?'

"If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend." ~ Doug Larson

"I wish I remotely made enough money from my labor to afford a Labor Day vacation." ~ Unknown



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:

September 3: Rev. Joseph Pusateri (2006)
September 7: Rev. Joseph P. Smith (1986)
September 8: Rev. Roman S. Wojcicki (1963)
September 9: Rev. Paul P. Jakulevicius (1992)



Religious Education

Fall Classes Begin This Week

If you have not yet registered your child for this year's Religious Education classes, please do so ASAP. Visit the Parish Office or contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-church.com for more information.

Classes begin September 6 & 7.

September Schedule

6/7	First Religious Education Classes
13/14	Class
20/21	No Class — Munster Parent Conference
26	<i>Virtual Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm</i>
27/28	Class

May Schedule

4/5	Class
11/12	<i>Class/ Confirmation Commitment Mass at 5:00 pm</i>
18/19	Class
24	<i>Virtual First Confession/First Communion Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m.</i>
25/26	Class

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.



The Seniors of STM wish everyone a Happy Labor Day!

Our group will meet this Wednesday for our first Business Meeting of the year.

Please remember that your \$10 dues for the year are due at this meeting.

Wednesday, September 6

1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Guest Speaker:

Dustin Anderson

Munster Town Manager

Topic:

What's Going On in the Town of Munster

Dustin will be addressing many topics of interest for those living in and around Munster.

A time for questions and answers will be provided.

We are excited to meet new members and welcome back our current members.

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, September 10

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

Saturday, September 9

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Cathy Delgado

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Robert Hill

Chapel: Diane Adley

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Tuesday, September 5

5:30 pm Girl Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, September 6

12:30 pm Seniors of STM — Business & Social Meeting

Weis Center Main Hall

6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul — Weis Center Room 101

Thursday, September 7

1:00 pm STM Administration Meeting

Weis Center Room 101

6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study Meeting

Weis Center Room 101

Friday, September 8

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth

Weis Center Room 101

Saturday, September 9

9:00 am Live Christ Share Christ — Weis Main Hall

Live Christ Share Christ

The Live Christ Share Christ will not meet in August.

We will reconvene in September with our

Special Guest Speaker: Fr. Mike Yadron

"A Simplified Prayer Life"

Plan to join us!

Saturday, September 9

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Altar & Rosary.

Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, September 13

6:00 pm at the Weis Center (Main Hall)

We'll begin reciting the Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by dinner.

All women are asked to bring their favorite main dish or dessert.

Free-will monetary donations to Altar & Rosary accepted.

Guest Speaker: Roxanne Wleklinski

Topic: How to Exercise at Home with Chair Exercises

Dress comfortably and wear comfortable shoes.

Please make your reservation at the Parish Office at

(219) 836-8610 *by September 9, 2023.*

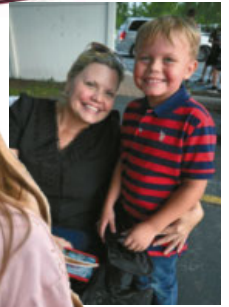
For more information, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079 or Kathleen at (219) 765-9205.

St. Thomas More School



Back to School Dance

We welcomed over 250 members of our school family to the first social outing of the school year. It was a fun evening of dancing, dining, playing, treats & connecting for our students and their families.



Holy Name Society

Join the men of our parish at the next
Holy Name Society meeting
Monday, September 18
7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center
Our Guest Speaker will be newly ordained
Fr. Robert Ross
Topic: Angelology

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. 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
Frosting	Canned Fruit	Toothpaste &
Peanut Butter	Canned Vegetables:	Toothbrushes
Jelly	Peas	Dish Soap
Snacks	Green Beans	Toilet Paper

Walk for the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor Lemon Lake County Park

6322W. 133rd Avenue • Crown Point, IN
Saturday, September 24

Registration at 9:00 am
Walk Begins at 10:00 am
Lunch will be served.

All proceeds STM receives will go directly into our parish SVDP Treasury.

Registration forms are in the Parish Office or register online at www.fopwalk.org.

Questions: Call the Parish Office and leave a message for Terry Oprinovich on SVDP line.



Altar & Rosary Holiday Bazaar

The St. Thomas More Altar & Rosary is seeking
Artists • Crafters • Business Vendors
for their annual
Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 4

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

Garden Club Ministry

We still need a few more people with a green thumb!

If you are interested in keeping our church and school campus looking beautiful, join our ministry.

Sign-Up Now: <https://forms.gle/SQrDyjbcpzYP6>
Volunteer/work based on your schedule!

For more info: Noreen Bickel at nbickel@stm-church.com.



STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking
15% Found Want Ads • 4% Create Their Job • 2% Blind resumes

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of Each Month
Wednesday, September 13
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Topic:
How Can Prayer Help
Speaker:
Deacon Joe Stodola

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster
When: The Second Wednesday of Every Month
Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!
For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.
Have your cover letter, resume or thank you critiqued.

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.

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project Ministry will be hosting an event and would like to

Invite All Parishioners.

The new program is titled
Fresh Start/Diaper Pantry!

The Gabriel Project Ministry invites all STM parishioners to come and learn about this new program in our area that **is free to all pregnant women, regardless of age.**

Fresh Start/Diaper Pantry was created to assist and provide women with diapers, food, support, and so much more.

Wednesday, September 27th

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center
Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP to the parish office at 219-836-8610 no later than **Monday, September 25th**.
We look forward to seeing many of our parishioners there!



Oktoberfest

Join the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus as they present another great

Oktoberfest

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Weis Center

Friday, September 29

Beer • Brats • Hot Dogs

Sauerkraut

German Potato Salad

Music & More

\$10 — Brat Dinner

\$5 — Hot Dog Dinner

Tickets available at the door.

For more info: kofc10596.com



Mental Health Ministry

The St. Thomas More Mental Health Ministry works gain/maintain mental health and life balance.

Join us for our next regular meeting:

Tuesday, September 26

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center in Room 104

Please join us for these additional programs:

Your Emotional Well-Being

The St. Dymphna Discussion Group will be presenting an evening of discussion on subjects related to everyone's mental and emotional health.

Whether it is you or someone you know, come listen to the discussions.

The evening discussions will be held

Tuesday Evenings — Every Two Weeks

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

We will be examine these subjects:

September 19 — Anhedonia

October 3 — Irritability

October 17 -- Fatigue

November 7 — Hopelessness

We are called to have good emotional and mental health.

The ministry follows

St. Dymphna's Playbook, providing information on mental and emotional symptoms and coping skills.

Evening discussions allow you to participate or just listen.

The size of the evening discussion groups is limited.

Please sign up early to be assured of a seat.

To register, call the Parish Office, 219-836-8610

or email: pkrizmanic@stm-church.com.



Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous is a 12-Step program, based off the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Anyone experiencing emotional difficulties who is willing to try this recovery program is welcome.

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Every Monday Beginning September 25

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

Helen Pukoszek

Scout Educational Scholarship Award

Congratulations to the following individuals for being selected as the winners of the

Helen Pukoszek Scout Educational Scholarship.

The application consisted of describing the co-curricular and community activities applicants have been involved with over the years, followed by composing an essay, discussing how they think their scouting experience will impact their future.



Patrick Cullars

2019 Graduate of St. Thomas More School.

Patrick is attending

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

this fall.

We wish him well in his collegiate career.

Grant Uzubell

2023 Graduate of St. Thomas More School

Grant is attending Andean High School

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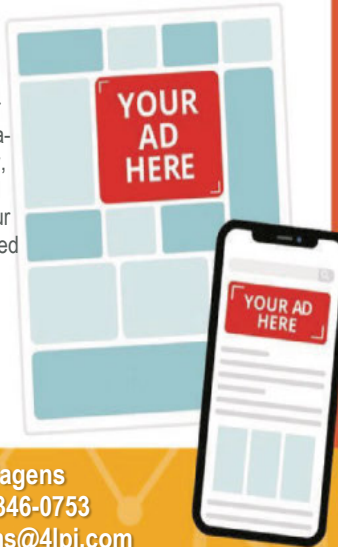
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Spaghetti Dinner & Clothing Giveaway

Anyone in need of food or clothing is invited to attend the 40th Annual Free Spaghetti Dinner & Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, October 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hammond Civic Center, 5825 Sohl Avenue in Hammond. Carry-out dinner only. To donate non-perishable food items or clothing or to volunteer, contact Lucy Perz at (219) 838-6602 or (219) 381-4670.

Helping the Community

Not familiar with Love Inc. of Greater Hammond? We are the local agency that provides furniture, linens, kitchen items, toiletries, baby items (diapers, wipes, etc.), back to school backpacks, Thanksgiving dinners and angel tree to our community neighbors in need. Do you know of someone that can use our services? Please feel free to refer them to us (219) 923-2775. We love to love our neighbors!

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