

DO WHATEVER  
HE TELLS YOU



**God wants us to be more than we are right now.  
Allow Him to take your hand and lead you to that new person.**



**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  
..... 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  
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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, Co-Chairperson ..... Katie Kordeck, Chairperson  
Paul Liszewski ..... Bill McCullough  
Jean Nanos ..... Joe Peters  
Michael Popovich ..... Patty Queros  
Michael Sajn ..... 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 ..... Annette Czarobski; 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 Jevyak  
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

## Celebrants

**Saturday, September 16**

5:30 p.m. Carmelite Father

**Sunday, September 17**

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

## Servers

**Saturday, September 16**

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

**Sunday, September 17**

8:00 a.m. K. Karl, G. Knight/MC ~ Derek

10:00 a.m. G. & R. Santellano/MC ~ Hunter

12:00 p.m. C. Aguilar, S. & L. Ramirez/MC ~ Jack

## Rest in Peace

Charles Joseph Faso • Ann Martich

## 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](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com). Thank you for your help.

## Stewardship REFLECTION

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."*  
EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given.

How often do we give at the minimum level required?

Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**MONDAY, September 11**

6:30 am Barbara Ostrowski by Marianna Pazik

8:30 am Esther Salinas Lopez by Penelope & Patricia Salinas

**TUESDAY, September 12**

6:30 am Kristen Kennedy & Jennifer Evans by Nancy Konopasek & Julia Rack

8:30 am Lorraine Leask by Barbara & Ray Blastic

**WEDNESDAY, September 13 — St. John Chrysostom**

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

8:30 am Maria Jugovic (Ann) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

**THURSDAY, September 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

6:30 am Gloria Saklaczynski by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Edward Scepkowski by Family

**FRIDAY, September 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows**

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

8:30 am Bill O'Brien by Mr. & Mrs. McCullough

**SATURDAY, September 16 — Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

8:30 am William Janik by Pozdzal Family

5:30 pm Ericka Hettich by Pauline Kovach & Ted Economou

**SUNDAY, September 17**

*Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Rich & Bev Lasky by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

10:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kalwasinski by Family

12:00 pm Phyllis Meyer (Ann) by Marilyn Pajor

## Sacrificial Offerings

**September 3, 2023**

Adult	\$ 18,653.00
Loose	\$ 3,247.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,835.00</b>



*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/](http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/)

### Questions?

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

## Pray for the sick of our parish...

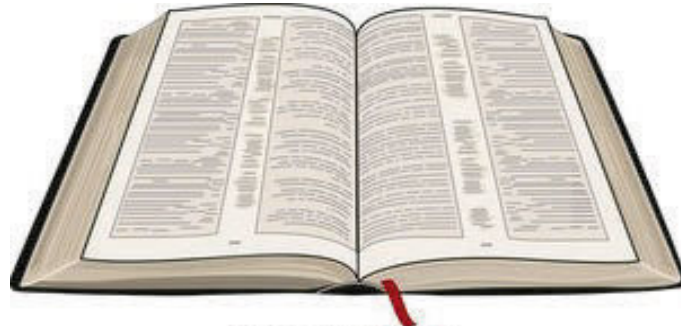
Joshua Alvarez  
Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billede  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Linda Braun  
Bill Briney  
Grace Briney  
Stephany Burney  
Kathleen Burns  
Diane Butler  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Janet 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 Ingretson  
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  
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 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

## Weekly Readings: September 10

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/  
Mt 18:15-20  
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil  
2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn  
19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk  
6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/  
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

*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.



## LET GO AND BE MORE

**"When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be." ~ Lao Tzu**

There are many times in our lives that we freeze up. We do not change, we do not become the people we are called to be, because of fear. We fear the unknown, we fear to be challenged, we fear that we might lose ourselves. That fear keeps us from moving forward.

Imagine what this world would be like if people throughout the ages refused to move forward. There would be no new discoveries. There would be no new challenges. There would be no growth of any kind. Instead, there would be masses of huddled people staying indoors for fear of any kind of confrontation or interaction with the world.

There are times in our lives -- many times -- when we have to learn to let go. It is only in letting go, in taking the risk, that we can change or improve or become something other than what we are.

God did not create us to remain the same. If that were the case, there would be a world filled with infants. From the moment we were born, our lives of changing began. Infant becomes child. Child becomes teen. Teen becomes young adult. Young adult becomes adult. Adult becomes senior. Senior becomes the elderly. And then we make that final, ultimate, change when we leave this earthly realm and go home to God.

The changes in our lives should not be things to fear but, rather, things to embrace. Those changes, once embraced, take us to a new level in our lives and make us all new people.

As we cannot and should not stifle change in our worldly lives, we should also not stifle change in our spiritual lives. The person who only prays one or two form prayers that he or she learned in first grade has not developed in the spiritual life.

Our daily prayers lead us to deeper levels of praying so that they can come a point where we no longer need the memorized prayer to prompt conversation with God. We finally will have developed to the point where we will be able to sit and visit with God, pouring out our hearts and listening to Him speak to us.

God wants us to be more than we are right now. Allow Him to take your hand and lead you to that new person.

**FAITH ACTION:** Spend some quality time with God today. Clear your mind and allow Him to speak to you the words He longs for you to hear.

*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:

September 11: Deacon Martin Gomez (2011)  
September 12: Rev. John A. Halo (1986)  
Rev. Vincent Uvodic (1987)  
September 13: Rev. Bernard F. Shank (1997)  
September 14: Rev. John A. Hogan (2014)

## 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

### Reasons for not coming to work...

- I can't come in to work today because I'll be stalking my previous boss, who fired me for not showing up for work. OK?
- I can't come to work today because the EPA has determined that my house is completely surrounded by wetlands and I have to arrange for helicopter transportation.
- I am converting my calendar from Julian to Gregorian.
- I am stuck in the blood pressure machine down at the Food Giant.
- I just found out that I was switched at birth. Legally, I shouldn't come to work knowing my employee records may now contain false information.
- The dog ate my car keys. We're going to hitchhike to the vet.
- I prefer to remain an enigma.





# 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](mailto:ehackett@stm-church.com) for more information.

**Classes begin September 6 & 7.**

### September Schedule

13/14	Class
20/21	<b>No Class — Munster Parent Conference</b>
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

## 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.



# POTLUCK DINNER

## Greeters for the Week



**Sunday, September 17**

**6:30 a.m. Mass**

Main: Mary Jo Jez

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: Odegard Family

**Saturday, September 16**

**5:30 p.m. Mass**

Main: JoAnn Karr &

Miles Sepiol

Chapel: Michelle Strimel

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: Tim & Amy Jevyak

**12:00 Noon Mass**

Main: Pat Batchelder

## Parish/Ministry Schedule

*St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection  
After All Weekend Masses*

**Monday, September 11**

7:00 pm Girl Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Peace & Social Justice — Weis Center Room 107

**Tuesday, September 12**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

**Wednesday, September 13**

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

6:00 pm Altar & Rosary — Weis Center Main Hall

6:30 pm Career Networking Group — Weis Room 101

**Friday, September 15**

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth — Weis Center Room 101

## 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

## Popcorn Sale

St. Thomas More  
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts Pack 542  
will be selling popcorn

**After All Masses**

the weekend of

**September 23 & 24.**

Thank you for supporting our Scouts!



## 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, now & throughout the year, join our ministry.

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

Flexible schedule! Info: Noreen at [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com).



# St. Thomas More School



## Making New Friends

There is nothing like having great school friends, for grown-ups, as well as kids!

To help kick off the new school year, the St. Thomas More School HASA (Home and School Association) hosted a Buddy Night pasta dinner, matching families new to STMS with a mentor family to build friendships.



What ensued was a gymnasium filled with over 160 wonderful, happy members of our St. Thomas More School family, talking & laughing, cementing new friendships over a shared meal that will hopefully last for years to come.

When people ask what makes our school different, it is these special relationships that truly make our school a unique place to learn and grow. Our thanks to all who hosted and to all who attended this fun evening.



## Schoop's

### HAMBURGERS

### Dining for Dollars

Help the students of St. Thomas More School at our next Dining for Dollars event at Schoop's in Munster on

**Tuesday, September 12**

**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Must present this ad and mention St. Thomas More School when ordering.

STMS earns 15% of your order.

**Dine-In or Take-Out**

215 Ridge • Munster • (219) 836-6233



## Helping Others is in Our Students' DNA

From assisting fellow students to facilitating general school projects & tasks, to setting up parking lot cones, serving others often comes as second

nature for our phenomenal students, who recently set up and "took down" nearly 2,000 chairs at the Monastery, laboring in hot temps to help the Carmelites with their

annual pilgrimage set-up.

Our students joyfully work hard when they know others will benefit from their efforts and we love that about them!





## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

Guest Speaker:  
**Program Manager, Ducette**



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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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 25<sup>th</sup>.**

We look forward to seeing many of our parishioners there!

## Walk for the Poor

**St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor**

**Lemon Lake County Park**

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**Saturday, September 23**

Registration at 9:00 am

Walk Begins at 10:00 am

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**Registration forms are in the Parish**

**Office or register**

**online at [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org).**

Questions: Call the Parish Office and

leave a message for Terry Oprinovich on SVDP line.



## 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.

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Peanut Butter	Canned Vegetables:	Toothbrushes
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## 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.**



**This week marks the 22nd anniversary of 9/11. Never Forget!**

Mark your calendars for the first Social Meeting of the new year for the Seniors of STM.

This fun meeting will take place on

**Wednesday, September 20**

1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Weis Center.

If you missed the meeting on September 6, please **pay your \$10 yearly dues at the September 20th meeting.**

New members are welcome!

Come out and see what we're all about.

Next meeting will be:

**Wednesday, October 4**

Business Meeting with Guest Speaker Dick Reffkin





## Oktoberfest at St. Thomas More

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## 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](mailto: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.

Our mission is to gain knowledge and support from others experiencing the same or similar underlying emotions. Though the symptoms or situations may be different, the weekly support offered may remind others they are not alone in their struggles.

**Every Monday Beginning September 25**

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

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**September 26th:**

40 Days for Life Kick Off/General Meeting

**October 1: Life Chain**

**October 7/8: Roses For Life**

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Diocese of Gary is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat on

**September 22-24 • Michigan City.**



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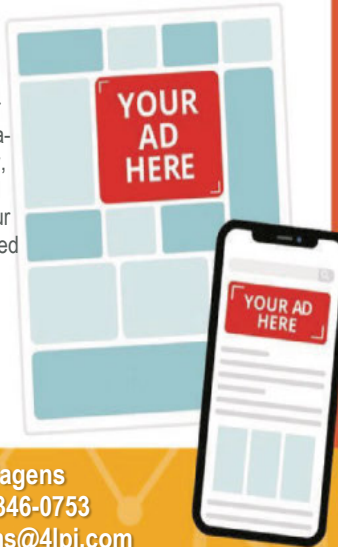
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**Kick-Off Gala**—All are invited to join the St. Michael the Archangel parish for a night of dinner, dancing, drinks & auction on September 29, 2023 at Gamba Ristorante. \$150/person 6:30-Cocktails, 7:30-Dinner. Call (219) 334-8042 for more info.

### 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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