

*As we experience the sights and the sounds of autumn,
our minds turn to the changing of seasons.
Not only do we think about spring, summer,
autumn, and winter; we also think
about the seasons of our lives.*



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

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

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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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Career Networking Group Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335
..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597
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..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
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Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200
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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, September 30

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, October 1

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, September 30

5:30 p.m. J. Dye, P. Werner/MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, October 1

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

10:00 a.m. N. Arman, C. Dagholor/MC ~ Alex

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

Baptisms

Connor Patrick

Son of

Robert Austin & Megan Elizabeth Sutter

Braulio Gomez II

Son of

Braulio & Zigmarie Gomez

Juliana Esther

Daughter of

Braulio & Zigmarie Gomez

Janet Mary Opeyemi

Daughter of

Ola Femi & Mercy Adebite

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, September 24

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Dr. John Morfas by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall McShane

12:00 pm Bill Adams by Wife, Joyce

MONDAY, September 25

6:30 am Bob Zurad by Barbara Pliszka

8:30 am Francis Coman by Wife, Mary Coman

TUESDAY, September 26 — Sts. Cosmas & Damian

6:30 am Mary Ann Bogielczyk (Ann) by P. Krizmanic

8:30 am Joan Wolak by Wolak Children

WEDNESDAY, September 27 — St. Vincent de Paul

6:30 am Marya Holda (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Bert Sr. & Emily Woess by Bert Woess & Eileen VanKavelaar

THURSDAY, September 28 — St. Wenceslaus

6:30 am John & Karen Gianotti by J. Gianotti

8:30 am Kenneth Flynn by Jim & Pat Landowski

FRIDAY, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

6:30 am Lou Rozmanich by Michael & Jill Popovich

8:30 am Maria Eismin (Ann) by Seniors of STM

SATURDAY, September 30 — St. Jerome

8:30 am Rose A. Smith by Michael Wolak

5:30 pm George Sperl (Ann) by Family

SUNDAY, October 1

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am George Danculovich by Leslie Dernulc

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

12:00 pm Most Rev. Norbert F. Gaughan

Stewardship REFLECTION

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish."

This certainly applies to this Bible passage.

We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use.

Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Sacrificial Offerings

September 17, 2023

Adult	\$ 14,037.00
Loose	\$ 2,411.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,383.00



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...

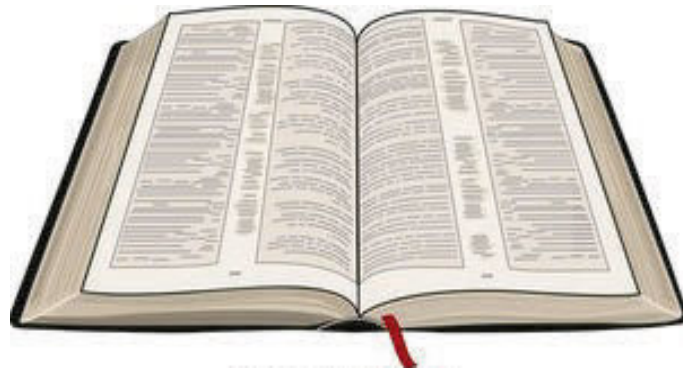
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Maria Aurelio
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billede
Diane Bochnowski
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Linda Braun
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Grace Briney
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
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Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Kevin Karl
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Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
Janet Knight
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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
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Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Benjamin Mikels
John Mitchener
Andrew Moll
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Genevieve Mrvan
Bernadine Nemeth

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Maria Novak
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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
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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

Weekly Readings: September 24

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy.

Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry.

The three-year-old cried out:

"That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us.

We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor.

God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve.

The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?"

Well, yes, they are, and so are we!

Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church.

Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

Father John Muir

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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

THE CHANGING OF SEASONS

"A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air." ~ Eric Sloane

When I saw this quote, I was instantly reminded of a meme I stumbled across the other day. It was the picture of a squirrel with a full rack of antlers on its head. The caption read, "Almost time for me to sound like a monster buck walking through the leaves."

Autumn does something to us. Eric Sloane captured it so poetically when he speaks about the acoustics of the season. We have all been there and experienced that. We sit outside and listen to the wind whispering through the trees. We hear the animals crunching through the fallen leaves. We smell the difference in the earth. The subtle decay of the leaves on the ground tells us of a different season.

As we experience the sights and the sounds of autumn, our minds turn to the changing of seasons. Not only do we think about spring, summer, autumn, and winter, we also think about the seasons of our lives.

Autumn, though it is often considered one of the most beautiful seasons with all the vivid colors of the leaves, often reminds people about the seasons in their lives that herald great changes that lead to old age and to death. None of us like to think about that. Sometimes, though, the seasons bring it out in us.

You know what? There is nothing wrong with that. We need reminders of our own fragility lest we begin to think that we are the ones in charge and that we do not need the help of our God. The reminder that we are aging and that a time will come when we will be no more can be sobering. It can truly challenge us to make things right between ourselves and God.

Enjoy the season of autumn. Enjoy the change in the air, the different smells, the bright colors of autumn plants and leaves. Allow it to usher in the change of another season, as we go from autumn to winter. As we do so, we have the firm knowledge that a spring awaits with the promise of new life.

God has promised us new life as well. Savor that promise and enjoy the days with which you have been blessed.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who become depressed at the changing of the seasons, that they may be able to look ahead to the promise of new life and new hope.

In. Mike



BLESSED ART IS COMING THIS WEEKEND

On September 30/October 1, the people from Blessed Art will bring an array of carved olive wood for you to look at and purchase.

When you buy an item, you support the Christians who live in the Holy Land and care for our holiest of sites.

Please consider supporting them this weekend.

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 is an information meeting regarding the RCIA set for this coming Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

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

A man went to the doctor with a strange complaint.

"Well it's like this Doc, when I drive to work in the morning through the country lanes I start to sing 'The green, green grass of home'. If I see a cat then it's 'What's new, pussy cat?' It's so embarrassing. Even when I'm asleep and dreaming, I still keep singing. Last night, it was 'Delilah', and my wife was not amused!"

"Yes, it would appear that you have the early symptoms of Tom Jones syndrome".

"Well I've never heard of that, is it common?" asked the man.

"It's not unusual", replied the doctor.



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 24: Deacon David Brown (1997)
September 27: Rev. Emil E. Bloch (1990)
September 29: Rev. Roy Beeching (2019)



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

26 *Virtual Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm*
27/28 Class

October Schedule

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

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.

Flu/Covid19 Vaccine Clinic

Stay healthy this winter with the help of the latest vaccines, by attending of Flu/Covid Vaccine Clinic here at St. Tom's.

Sunday, October 8

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

St. Thomas More Weis Center

Anyone Age 3 & Older Welcome!

New COVID19 vaccine will be available (eligibility TBD). Bring your insurance card.

Discounted rates available for cash-paying patients.

For questions regarding the vaccinations, please contact the Jewel-Osco Pharmacy at 219-836-7978.



Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Monday, September 25

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous— Weis Room 101

Tuesday, September 26

5:00 pm Formation/Education — Weis Room 107

7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542— Weis Main Hall

7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry — Weis Room 101

Wednesday, September 27

9:30 am Bible Study —Weis Center Room 101

1:00 pm Senior of STM (Board Mtg) — Weis Room 107

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15487 Grade 5
Weis Center Room 101

7:00 pm Gabriel Project Fresh Start/Diaper Pantry
Weis Main Hall

Friday, September 29

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

3:00 pm Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest Set-Up

4:30 pm Oktoberfest (til 7:00 pm)— Weis Center Main Hall

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.

Sunday Nursery

The Sunday Nursery will be officially open for the school year in October during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

You'll find the Nursery, located in the Bride's Room in the Narthex (main entrance) of the Church.

Sunday, October 15

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson • Janell Kelly

Sunday, October 22

Ann, Paul & Katie Harkenrider • Kaaren Mashura

Sunday, October 29

Susie, Nolan & Finn Kinsella

If you'd like to volunteer for the Nursery, please call Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Popcorn Sale

Support Our Cub & Boy Scouts
by purchasing from their annual

Popcorn Sale

This Weekend After All Masses
Look for our Scouts at church entrances.



St. Thomas More School



FALL INTO EagleFest

A beautiful early fall evening, joy & laughter, and three hours packed with tons of fun from beginning to end made our first outdoor version of EagleFest the best night ever!

We welcomed over 650 members of our school family for an evening of games, bouncy houses, rock climbing, s'mores over a fire, stops at the beauty/barber tent, cotton candy, a delicious meal, face painting, custom t-shirts and so much more.

Huge thanks to our St. Thomas More School Home and School Association (HASA) and all the parent volunteers for making this an event to remember for our students and their families.

Well done; so much fun! We can't wait until next year!



Gabriel Project

Join the Gabriel Project Ministry as they host a new program

Fresh Start/Diaper Pantry!

Guest Speaker: **Program Manager, Ducette**

Invite All Parishioners.

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

Tomorrow: Monday, September 25th.

We look forward to seeing many of our parishioners there!

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 next meeting of the Seniors of STM will be

Wednesday, October 4

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker: Dick Reffkin

Learn more about the NWI Chapter of Serra International.

Guests are always welcome.

Save the Date

Annual Day of Reflection

Wednesday, October 18

This year our Day of Reflection will be highlighted by our

Guest Celebrant: Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle

from St. James the Less in Highland.

Reservations due by 10/6/23. Additional details coming soon.

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 SVPD 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



Oktoberfest at St. Thomas More

Join the St. Thomas More Knights for another great

Oktoberfest

4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

This Friday, September 29

Enjoy a delicious German-style meal & beverages.

Beer • Brats • Hot Dogs

Sauerkraut • German Potato Salad

Music & More

\$10 — Brat Dinner • \$5 — Hot Dog Dinner

Tickets available at the door.

Bring your friends and family. All are welcome!

For more info: kofc10596.com

Raffle • Raffle • Raffle

Get Your Raffle Tickets in by September 29!

The Knights of Columbus Raffle drawing will be held at the Oktoberfest on September 29th.

Don't miss out on a great chance to win big.

Turn in your tickets to the Parish Office or bring to Oktoberfest.

Holy Name Society

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Evening of Reflection

Guest Speaker: Fr. Ted Mauch

Tuesday, October 10

Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Dinner & Program to follow at the Weis Center

A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of a delicious dinner and fellowship with our Fr. Ted.

Please include with your reservation form below.

Reservation Form

Please enclose this form with payment in an envelope and place in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

Reservation due by October 1st.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Amount Enclosed (\$20/guest): \$ _____

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 examining these subjects:

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 & 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.

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

For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

Apples for Students

Every year the Apples for the Students program helps St. Thomas More School receive valuable educational equipment at no cost through this excellent program.



With your help, STMS can choose from over 2,000 different items to enhance learning at our A-rated school.

But we need your help!

Please save and share your

Strack & Van Til shopping receipts

every time you shop, place them in a marked envelope and drop off at the Parish Office or place in the boxes at the main and chapel church entrances (boxes will be available in October). On behalf of all 550 STMS students, thank you for helping!

Altar & Rosary Society

Pizza Bingo

Wednesday, October 11

6:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Those attending should plan to bring a dessert and a *new* Bingo prize.

Reservations due by October 6 at the Parish Office: (219) 836-8610 (need to know how many pizza's to order).

Watch the bulletin next week for full details.

Live Christ Share Christ

Join us for our next Live Christ Share Christ meeting and rejuvenate your faith with the help of inspiring speakers and shared experiences.

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Topic:

The Real Presence in the Eucharist

Speaker: Deacon Steve Zubel



THANK YOU!

The Parish Life Commission extends sincere gratitude to everyone who made the annual Picnic on September 10th such a success!

Paul & Jan Liszewski
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Additionally we would like to Thank Gone 2 Paradise for the entertainment; Angela & Jessica from Aloha Studios of Munster for the dance lesson; and The Sweet Tooth for providing delicious ice cream for dessert!

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to raise \$86.00 for the SVDP utilities relief fund. Thank you.

Right to Life

Please be sure to join Lake County Right to Life for these important upcoming events:

September 26th:

40 Days for Life Kick Off/General Meeting

October 1:

The Annual Life Chain from 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

This is a time of prayer for the end of abortion, for those who have suffered from abortion, and for the respect and dignity of ALL human life.

Those wishing to volunteer should contact Christine Lukawski at Lake County Right to Life for more information: 219-838-1138.

Supporting Our Neighbors

Luxury Bingo

The Women's Care Center is hosting this unique event to benefit moms and babies in our community. Wednesday, October 11 at the Halls of St. George. Exquisite food, cocktails and great fun. Register at LuxuryBingoMerrillville.com.

Sip-Savor-Support

Join Catholic Charities on October 13 for this great event to benefit families in need in our Diocese. This outstanding food and wine pairing event takes place at Trinity Hall, 640 N. Calumet in Chesterton, beginning at 6:30 p.m. \$90/guest. Text: 2023savor to 76278 or visit 2023Savor.givesmart.com.

Spaghetti Dinner & Clothing Giveaway

Anyone in need of food or clothing is invited to attend.

Free Spaghetti Dinner & Clothing Giveaway

Saturday, October 7

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hammond Civic Center
5825 Sohl Avenue • 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.



Events in the Area...

Cancer Support Events in the Area

Bowling for Cancer Relief

Join "Below the Waist, Inc." as they present a bowling fundraiser on Saturday, September 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Olympia Lanes, 4150 Calumet Avenue in Hammond. \$25/person.

Team & single bowlers welcome. Contact btwcancers@gmail.com or (219) 230-6197 for info. BTW's mission is to bring awareness to gynecological cancers through education, outreach, advocacy and financial assistance to women undergoing treatment for these cancers.

Unite & Fight Cancer Walk/Run

Sunday, October 1 at Munster High School Football Field. Noon registration. Walk/run starts at 1:00 p.m. Gather your team. Raffles, prizes, music, food, vendors & picnic after the walk. For more information, please contact the Cancer Resource Centre at (219) 836-3349.

Hospice Artisans Holiday Boutique

Saturday, October 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti's Casa Maria Hall, 500 Northgate Drive in Dyer. Dine one-of-a-kind crafted pieces with proceeds going to help those fighting cancer in our area. Special Lyrical Flutes performance from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more info, contact hospiceartisans.org or (219) 779-9081.

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