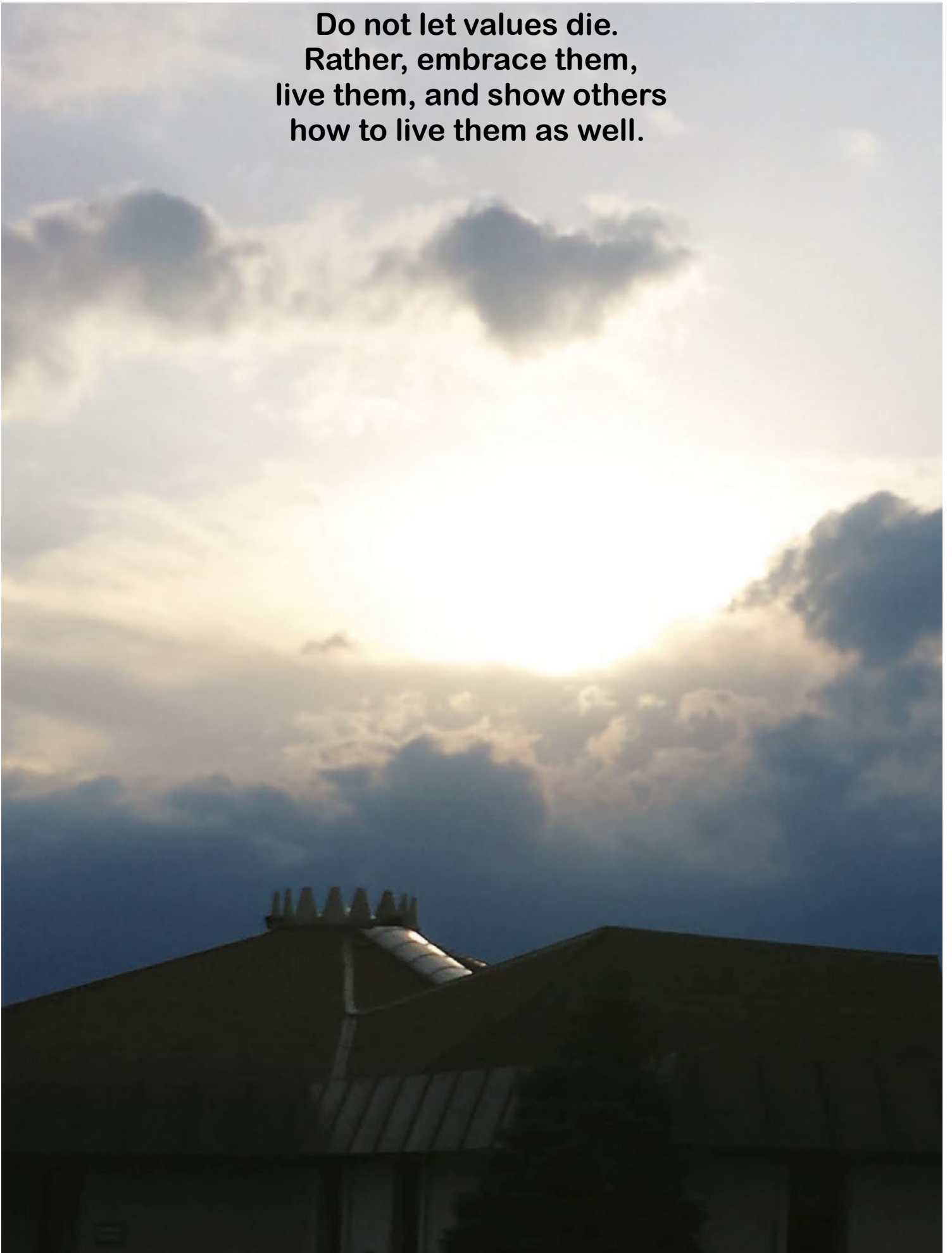


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how to live them as well.**



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 Music Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338
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.

Website: www.stm-school.com
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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

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
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..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
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Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
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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, October 21

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, October 22

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, October 21

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

Sunday, October 22

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

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

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

Parish Youth Chorale

We are excited to announce that our Parish Youth Chorale will begin on

Saturday, October 28.

The Youth Chorale is open to all students in the parish in **Grades 2 and higher.**

The Choir will sing each month at the 5:30 p.m.

Mass on Saturday.

Rehearsals will take place at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel immediately preceding Mass.

Interested families should contact Michel Domingue at

mdomingue@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 x2340 to sign up for more information.



Stewardship REFLECTION

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous.

This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe.

People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence.

If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Deacon Dan Zurawski by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

12:00 pm Joseph & Helen Yadron by Family

MONDAY, October 16 — St. Hedwig

6:30 am Eugene & Paul Gregoline by Bonita Molinaro

8:30 am Karen Rybicki by Mary Jo Jez

TUESDAY, October 17 — St. Ignatius of Antioch

6:30 am William Janik by Pozdzal Family

8:30 am Phillip Trafficanti (Ann) by Serrano Family

WEDNESDAY, October 18 — St. Luke

6:30 am Frank Picicco by Tom & Louisa Jurich

8:30 am Sue Burke by Joy McCullough

THURSDAY, October 19

Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions

6:30 am Ed & Diane Gorczyca by Carol & Mary Sejda

8:30 am Dorothy Jurkash (Ann) by Jurkash Family

FRIDAY, October 20 — St. Paul of the Cross

6:30 am William Kvasnica, Sr. by Family

8:30 am Bridget Hennel by Bickel Family

SATURDAY, October 21

8:30 am Mona Powers by Patti Stofko

5:30 pm William C. Gerlach by Dona Gerlach & Family

SUNDAY, October 22

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Dennis Trelinski, Sr. by Joyce Trelinski & Family

10:00 am Michael Dennis Ramirez (Ann) by Olyntho & Ruth Ramirez

12:00 pm Walter J. Bracich by Neis Family

Sacrificial Offerings

October 1, 2023



Adult	\$ 16,794.00
Loose	\$ 1,260.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 22,989.00

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...

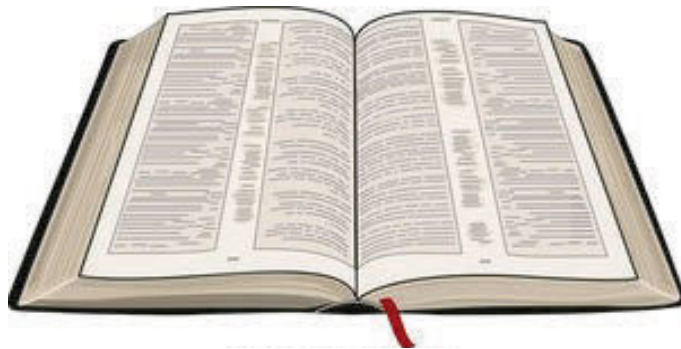
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Michael Berry
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Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Bill Briney
Grace Briney
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
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Jacqueline Morrow
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Loretta Clott
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Valerie Czapkowicz
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James Fletcher
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Monica Gonzalez
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Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
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Rosemarie Havran
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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
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Betty Ingretson
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Steve Izzo
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Stanley Jayjack
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Margaret Jones
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Dan Karulski
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
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
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Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
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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

Readings for Week of October 15

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored.

But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look.

This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond.

The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences.

The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes.

Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him?

No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters.

The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes.

It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected.

How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating.

The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us.

But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

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 SCOURGE OF VIOLENCE

"The tragedy of life is not death but what we let die inside of us while we live." ~ Norman Cousins

We are all called to be people of love and peace, of mercy and justice, of faithfulness and trust. We are called to be people of the Lord. Somewhere, somehow, the world seems to have forgotten its great calling and has turned itself into all that we are not supposed to be.

The world, as we know it, is a cold, heartless place. The world seems to encourage horrible acts of violence that happen on a tragically regular basis. You may remember, several years ago, an incident in Las Vegas. There, a shooter killed nearly sixty people and wounded well over five hundred people attending a concert. After inflicting the carnage, he turned a gun on himself and took his own life.

Afterwards, the entire incident seemed to have been turned into a political hot potato. If you mentioned it in any way, shape, or form, you were put into certain categories. One of those categories was pro guns or against guns.

When we do things like that, though, we minimize what really happened. While some people want to talk about gun control and other people want to talk about how the government handles these situations, we cannot lose sight of the fact that people lose their lives, and that others are traumatized -- many for the rest of their lives -- because of these tragedies.

We are in the midst of Respect Life Month. What happens in so many places in our country and around the world cannot be ignored and swept under the carpet. They need to be a clarion call to us reminding us that all life is sacred and that we need to do everything possible to cherish it. It also must remind us that we need to do a better job of caring for people with mental health issues in our country.

When tragedy happens, too many people point fingers and blame others. We need to address the roots of tragic events or else we will be doomed to repeat them.

Failing to look at the causes of tragedy is one of the biggest ways to keep ourselves immersed in the culture of death that is part and parcel of our world. Addressing the causes and looking out for the health and well being of all people is one of the ways to embrace the culture of life.

Do not let values die. Rather, embrace them, live them, and show others how to live them as well. Only then will we be on the way to restoring a healthy respect for all life, from conception to natural death.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for all victims of violence and pray, as well, for peace in the world.

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:

October 16: Msgr. Julian J. Skrzypinski (1973)
Rev. John T. Ambre (2006)
October 18: Rev. Herman J. Miller (1978)
October 21: Rev. Leonard Kronkowski (2012)

THINGS TO COME

Looking ahead, there are many things coming in our parish calendar. I share them with you now so that you can mark your calendars if any are of interest to you.

Sunday, November 12

Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus
Singalong Messiah

Thursday-Sunday, November 16-19

St. Thomas More School Presents Beauty & The Beast

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday-Tuesday, November 26-28

Annual Forty Hours: Adoration during the day, service at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Fr. Robert Ross is our speaker.

Sunday, December 10

Munster High School Chorale Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17

Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 19

Advent Confessions at 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. We will have full Mass schedules for Sunday and Christmas. That is, the Fourth Sunday of Advent will have Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

On Sunday evening, December 24th, there will be a 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas. This Mass does not "count" for Sunday and one should not come to that Mass for a two-fer. It will not count for both Sunday and Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be on December 24th at 5:30 p.m. and Christmas Day at Midnight, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Hunting Season

A man took his wife hunting for the first time and impressed upon her over and over again that, "If you shoot a deer, don't let anyone else claim that they shot it also and that since they killed it, it's their deer!"

He was in his stand hardly ten minutes when he heard his wife shooting nearby. He rushed over to her stand to find her pointing her gun at another hunter.

The other hunter was shouting loudly, "Okay. Okay. I believe you. If you insist, it's your deer. It's your deer. But, would you please just let me take my saddle off of it?"





Religious Education

Fall Classes Begin This Week

For questions regarding our St. Thomas More Religious Education/Formation program, please contact Emily Hackett, Director of Religious Education at ehackett@stm-church.com.

October Schedule

- 18/19** Class
24 *Virtual First Confession/First Communion*
Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
25/26 Class

November Schedule

- 1/2** *No Class — Holy Day of Obligation*
8/9 Class
15/16 Class
22/23 *No Class — Thanksgiving Break*
29/30 Class

December Schedule

- 6/7** Class
13/14 Class
20/21 Class
27/28 *No Class — Merry Christmas*

Bulletin Deadlines

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

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, please contact Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

Sunday Nursery

The Sunday Nursery is open for the school year during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Bride's Room on the west side of the Narthex (main entrance) of the Church.

Sunday, October 22

Ann, Paul & Katie Harkenrider • Kaaren Mashura

Sunday, October 29

Susie, Nolan & Finn Kinsella

To volunteer, please call Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, October 22

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Mike Cardone

Chapel: Sandra Steele

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Claudia Mazon

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

Saturday, October 21

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Michelle Strimel

Chapel: Patty Pfister

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Sunday, October 15

10:00 am 2nd & 3rd Grade Girl Scouts — Weis Main Hall

Monday, October 16

5:30 pm Tiger Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, October 17

5:30 pm Cub Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

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

7:00 pm St. Dymphna Discussion Group — Weis Room 101

Wednesday, October 18

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

10:00 am Seniors of STM Day of Reflection

Chapel, followed by Weis Center Main Hall

Thursday, October 19

10:00 am Religious Education 7th Grade Retreat

Weis Center

6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study — Weis Center Room 101

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

6:30 pm Holy Sepulchre — Weis Center Main Hall

Altar & Rosary Society Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 4

Plan to attend the St. Thomas More's Altar & Rosary Society's 36th Annual Bazaar, held in the St. Thomas More Gym.



You'll find one of a kind crafts, vendors, raffles & much more.

If you, or someone you know, is a crafter, artisan or business

vendor who would like to be part of our event, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079 for more information ASAP.

St. Thomas More School



TONS OF FUN IN THE

Pumpkin Patch

Ponies and horses and pumpkins, oh my! The STMS Preschool & Pre-K had a great time when the pumpkin patch was delivered to them here at St. Tom's. From a surprise visit by two special horses, to lots of games and activities and choosing the perfect pumpkin, it was a great day from beginning to end for our young students.

Many thanks to our parent volunteers for helping to make this the best day ever!





Carmel Apple Sale

Help support the St. Thomas More
Boy Scout Troop #542
during their annual
Carmel Apple Sale
After All Masses
Next Weekend
October 21 & 22
Plain • Peanut • Pecan • Walnut

Mental Health Ministry

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



*Please join us for these
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

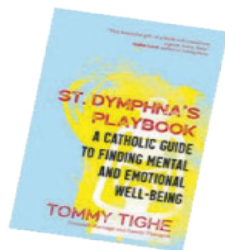
Tuesday Evenings Every Two Weeks

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

Our final meetings in this series will
explore these subjects:

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.



Join Us Every Monday

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

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.

We hope to see you at our

Annual Day of Reflection Wednesday, October 18

Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel,
followed by a reflection by

Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle

and then lunch at the Weis Center.

Advance reservations for the luncheon were
required for this event.

Important!

If you are a long standing member of the
Seniors of STM, a newer member, or someone
thinking about joining,

please make it a point to pay your \$10 annual dues
as soon as possible.

This can be done at any Senior meeting or
through the Parish Office.

We are trying to finalize our current membership list so
that we can accurately plan the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, November 1

Business Meeting

Speaker:

Mark Mathley—First Merchants Bank

Topic: Scams & Senior Security

Wednesday, November 15

Social Event

Games, activities & fun for all our great members .

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	Canned Fruit
Pancake Mix	Canned Vegetables:
Syrup	Peas
Cake Mix	Green Beans
Frosting	Spaghetti/Pasta
Peanut Butter	Pasta Sauce
Jelly	Rice
Snacks	Shampoo
Hamburger Helper	Toothpaste &
Instant Potatoes	Toothbrushes
Mac & Cheese	Dish Soap
Pork & Beans	Toilet Paper



Box of Joy Collection

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing the Box of Joy again this year.

A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox that's packed with your donated toys, clothing, school supplies & other treasured items. Every child who receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells



The Story of Jesus.
You can find a Kiosk in the Narthex of our church beginning next **Saturday, October 21** to pick-up your box and gift suggestions. The boxes will be available until the

End of Masses on Sunday October, 29.

Only 4 Simple Steps Step 1:

Pick up a Box of Joy at the Kiosk.

Step 2:

Pick up the brochure with gift suggestions & instructions.

Step 3:

Go shopping.

Step 4:

Drop off your Box of Joy.



Return boxes to the Weis Center on

Drop-Off Day:

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
St. Thomas More Weis Center

On behalf of the STM Knights and the children who will receive these boxes, we thank you for your time & generosity. Your help will make a child happy this Christmas.

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 next weekend).

Market Day is Back

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Look for an instruction packet in the Parish Office or at the Chapel & Main Church Entrance and start shopping.

Knights of Columbus Fall Raffle

Thank you to all the awesome parishioners of St. Thomas More, who participated in the Knights of Columbus Fall Raffle. Because of your generosity the Knights will be able to continue their charitable works.

The lucky raffle winners are...

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Mary Jo Biscan — St. John

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Help Wanted: Director of Maintenance

The Director Maintenance will provide maintenance leadership to our parish facilities 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-task. Able to communicate effectively verbally and in writing, utilizing Microsoft Excel and Word. Technology proficient. Team player. Strong problem solver with good interpersonal skills. Open to feedback; committed to quality. Practicing Catholic.

Cover letter & resume: jobopenings@stm-church.com

Events in the Diocese

Stop Human Trafficking

Join St. Michael's Parish as they present real human trafficking information, including details of NWI residents who have survived. Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall, 1 W. Wilhem in Schererville. Please RSVP to (219) 525-4335 or visit www.thesharegroupnwi.com.

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7132 Arizona Avenue in Hammond, will host an exhibit of the Shroud of Turin, from Monday, October 23 to Saturday, November 4. Visit the OLPH website for times or email: olphhammond@gmail.com.

Parish Mission

Holy Martyrs & Our Lady of Consolation Parish Mission "All Are Welcome, All Belong" with guest speaker, ValLimar Jansen, a highly regarded inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist.

Sunday, November 12: "Created in God's Image by the Love of God"

Monday, November 13: "Transformed by the Love of God"

Tuesday, November 14: "Sent Forth to Be the Love of God"

The mission will start nightly at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. 8303 Taft Street in Merrillville. Free will offering. Contact Melissa Novak: (219) 769-1755 or evangelization@46410.org

Events in the Area...

Elizabeth Seton Reunion

If you, or someone you know, was a 1975 graduate of Elizabeth Seton High School in South Holland, IL, plan to be a part of the 50th Class Reunion, being planned now. On Facebook, search "Seton Academy 50th Reunion Class of 1975 and click to join. Not on Facebook? Email us at: Seton50reunion2025@gmail.com. The committee is looking forward to hearing from you.

Las Vegas Night in Dyer

Join the Dyer Knights of Columbus Council 38082 for Las Vegas Nite, Saturday, November 4 at St. Joseph Gym, 440 Joliet (Rt. 30) in Dyer. 5:30-11:30 p.m. Featuring casino games, cash raffle and more. Must be 21+ to attend. \$15 admission. (219) 718-3787.

Camp Sharing Meadows

The Share Foundation is seeking staff, volunteers and campers, are requested for our

Fall 2023 Mini-Camps

for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities. The camps are filled with activities, community & prayer and will take place on the following dates at the St. Timothy Center in LaPorte, IN: October 20-22, November 10-12 and December 15-17. Each session runs from 7:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday to 2:30 p.m. (CDT) on Sunday. For more information info contact Corinne at (219) 778-2585 or camp@sharefoundation.org.

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