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Mission Statement : *The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.*

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Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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

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School Parent Association Brooke Mills (219) 836-9151
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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

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Peace & Social Justice Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship Kaaren Mashura
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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
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Girl Scouts Cynthia Navarrete (773) 726-2411
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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

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

Celebrants

Saturday, October 28

5:30 p.m. Carmelite Father

Sunday, October 29

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, October 28

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

Sunday, October 29

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

10:00 a.m. N. Arman, C. Dagholar/MC ~ Hunter

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, October 23 — St. John of Capistrano

6:30 am Michael Cenko by the Seniors of St Thomas More

8:30 am Donald Woszczynski (Ann) by Family

TUESDAY, October 24 — St. Anthony Mary Claret

6:30 am Intention of Howard Gralewski by Wife, Diane

8:30 am Susan Burke by Marlon & Marlene Veldkamp

WEDNESDAY, October 25

6:30 am Gregory & Lillian Molinaro by Bonita Molinaro

8:30 am Emily Conway (Ann) by Mr. & Mrs. Rick Peterson

THURSDAY, October 26

6:30 am Larry Zemkowicz by John Chris Forbes

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Joseph Class of 1971 by James Kaspar

FRIDAY, October 27

6:30 am Intention of Jeffrey Perz & Family by Dennis & Lucy Perz

8:30 am Robert Horan by Dave & Burdee Piniak

SATURDAY, October 28 — Sts. Simon & Jude

8:30 am Robert Nowak by Ann & Family

5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Smosna by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Smosna

SUNDAY, October 29 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Francis & Irene Zaczek by Jim & Carol Zaczek & Family

10:00 am Dennis Trelinski, Sr. by Joyce Trelinski & Family

12:00 pm Leslie Garcia (Ann) by Family



Baptisms

Gabriel William

Son of
Thomas & Elizabeth O'Connor

Evelyn Rose

Daughter of
Peter & Patrice Zagotta

Rest in Peace

Gene August Nottoli • John F. Pellar

Stewardship REFLECTION

*"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's
and to God the things that are God's."*
MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God.
We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards"
of the gifts God has given each of us.

All God is asking is that we give back a portion of
what He gave us.

This is the essence of Stewardship.
God should be our first priority in everything.
All else comes second, especially our money.

Sacrificial Offerings

October 15, 2023



Adult \$ 19,575.00

Loose \$ 1,675.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

TOTAL \$ 26,185.00

Special Collection for SVDP

\$ 21,498.00

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...

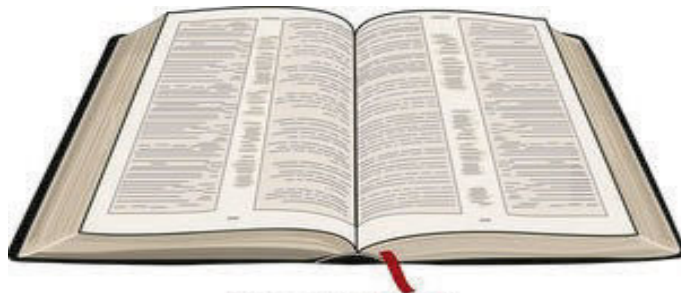
Joshua Alvarez
Chiara Andrzejewski
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billeo
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Bill Briney
Grace Briney
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Janet Cattanaach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Ursula Cichy
Loretta Clott
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Sarah Dalton
Aaron Dudek
Betty Ebben
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
James Fletcher
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Rich Gagliani
Christine Gajda
Andrea Garritano
Emily Gibson
Joan Glinski
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
Christine Greenberg
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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 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 22

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
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now.

Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime. What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

Father John Muir

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SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES

"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact." ~ Les Brown

Many people wait for the "perfect time". They wait for that perfect moment when they can best accomplish something. Until that perfect time comes, though, they do nothing except wait. And wait. And wait.

The perfect time may never come. There may always be some reason to refrain from doing something. When you think about it, a lot of wasted opportunity goes into the waiting.

Now is the perfect time. That is the attitude that we need to take. Now is the perfect time. Not later, not tomorrow, not next week, but now. When we decide to do something immediately, we have the opportunity to make a positive impact in people's lives. If we do not take the opportunity, nothing will get done.

I know that I can sound like a broken record at times. I have said this before: too many people wait for the perfect opportunity because they think that they need to do something big in order to make a difference. While they wait for that big opportunity, many smaller opportunities are left by the wayside, opportunities that could have positively affected other people.

Do not wait. Seize the moment. If an opportunity to do good comes our way, we should do the good. The chance may not come our way again. If we do the good, we might change a person's life for the better. Is that not what God wants us to do? Did Jesus not commission us to proclaim the Good News? Should we not reach out to others and give them what God has entrusted to us? Of course we should.

Some might say that our world is too fragile a place, too risky a place, too dangerous a place to do good for others. What we do might be misinterpreted. What we do might open us up to being used by others. What we do might get us in trouble. Yes. It might. We might be talked about. We might be misunderstood. We might be used. But if we can make a positive difference, let it be.

The world was a fragile and dangerous place for Jesus. He came to proclaim the Good News. He healed the sick and raised the dead and they crucified Him for it. He knew it would happen but He loved us too much to deny us the help we needed. Let us love others in the same manner.

FAITH ACTION: If you see an opportunity to do good for someone today, take the opportunity and make a positive impact in their life.

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 26: Rev. Joseph Klinker (1964)
Rev. James A. Stapleton (1981)
October 28: Rev. James W. Meade (2020)

THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

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

Tuesday, October 31

Because of Munster's Trick-or-Treat hours, our Vigil Mass for All Saints Day will be at 4:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. Bring your ghosts and goblins dressed in their costumes, if you wish. A blessing — and their first treat — will be given to the children immediately after the Mass.

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus
Singalong Messiah (in the church)
Tickets available at the doors: \$30 adults/\$10 students

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation program (RCIA) began at the first of this month. If you had been thinking about entering the program to discern becoming Catholic, it is not too late. Come to the Parish Office on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and speak with Deacon Joe.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A golfer hit his drive on the first hole 300 yards right down the middle. When it came down, however, it hit a sprinkler and the ball went sideways into the woods. He was angry, but he went into the woods and hit a very hard 2 iron. The ball hit a tree, bounced back at him, hit him in the temple and killed him.

As he was at the Pearly Gates, St. Peter looked at the big book and said, "I see you were a golfer, is that correct?"

"Yes, I am," he replied.

St. Peter then said, "Do you hit the ball a long way?"

The golfer replied, "You bet I do. After all, I got here in 2, didn't I?"





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

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*

Greeters for the Week



Saturday, October 28

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Carolyn Cenko

Chapel: Bill & Chris Retseck

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil

Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholer

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Monday, October 23

5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Steak Fry
Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Room 101

Tuesday, October 24

4:00 pm Girl Scout (4th) Troop 15472 — Weis Room 104

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

7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry — Weis Center Room 101

Wednesday, October 25

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

1:00 pm Seniors of STM **Board Meeting** — Weis Room 107

Friday, October 27

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



Carmel Apple Sale

Help support the St. Thomas More
Boy Scout Troop #542
during their annual

Carmel Apple Sale

After All Masses

Today • Today • Today

October 21 & 22

Plain • Peanut • Pecan • Walnut

Bulletin Deadlines

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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 Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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.



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 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.

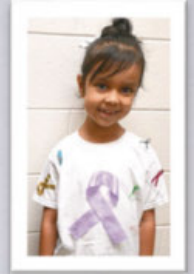
Sunday, October 29

Susie, Nolan & Finn Kinsella

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

October 22, 2023

St. Thomas More School



St. Thomas
More School
Observes

Cancer Awareness Day

Supporting
Others with
Love

Cancer
touches the lives
of everyone.

Students & staff at St. Thomas More
School had the opportunity to show support
for those affected by this disease with an out of
uniform day in exchange for a monetary donation,
collecting \$2,000 to be used to help local
cancer patients.



Mental Health Ministry

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

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.

Our final meeting in this series will explore these subjects:

Tuesday, November 7

Topic: Hopelessness

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



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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, November 1

Business Meeting

Our speaker will be Mark Mathley from First Merchants Bank, who will speak about Scams and Senior Security. Plan to attend this relevant and important meeting.

Important!

If you are a long standing member of the Seniors, a newer member, or someone thinking about joining, *please make it a point to pay your \$10 annual dues* as soon as possible.

Please pay at a Senior meeting or at the Parish Office. We are trying to finalize our current membership list so that we can accurately plan the remainder of the year.

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 & Green Beans	Dish Soap
Snacks		Toilet Paper



Altar & Rosary Society
36th Annual

Holiday BAZAAR

Saturday, November 4
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Gym

Find the Perfect Christmas Gifts!
Artisans • Crafters • Business Vendors • Food • Raffles • More

Knights of Columbus News

Membership Drive This Weekend — October 21 & 22 *After All Masses*

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus will be available at the main entrance of the church this weekend to answer



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OF COLUMBUS®**

questions about our organization and sign up new members.

You will find brochures in the pews with information about our Council to take home.

Free Steak Dinner *for Those Interested in Joining*

Men of the parish who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are invited to a free Steak Dinner on October 23 at the Weis Center to learn more about our organization.

Steak Dinner & Social Meeting Monday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of socializing and a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings.

Dinner cost is \$10 for members; candidate guests are free.

All attending dinner need to RSVP — ASAP
to Dave Kritzer at dkritzer@sbcglobal.net

Box of Joy

The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting a Box of Joy campaign. 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

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.

Fill Boxes to Give — Only 4 Simple Steps

Step 1: Pick-up a Box of Joy at the Kiosk in the church or stop in the Parish Office.

Step 2: Pick-up brochure with gift suggestions & instructions.

Step 3: Go shopping.

Step 4: Drop off your Box of Joy.

Return Boxes on Drop-Off Day:

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Drop-off between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the 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.

More Fall Raffle Winners

Our apologies! Two winners of the Knights of Columbus Fall Raffle were omitted in last week's bulletin notice.

Congratulations — \$100 Winners

Julia Rack — Munster

Barbara Milen — St. John

The Fall Raffle took place at the annual Oktoberfest.

Thanks, once again, to all who participated.

Apples for Students

Every year the Apples for the Students program helps St. Thomas

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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).

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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

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

Spanish Preparation

All are invited to the Spanish Preparation to St. Louis de Montfort's Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary on Thursday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Carmelite Monastery Basement. The preparation consists of 33 week lessons (one per week) with two retreats. Info: (219) 365-0582.

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, for our

2023-2024 Mini-Camps


for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities. The camps are filled with activities, community & prayer. Will take place on the following dates at the St. Timothy Center in LaPorte, IN: October 20-22, November 10-12 & December 15-17 (2024 dates coming soon). Each session runs from 7:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday to 2:30 p.m. (CDT) on Sunday. For more info contact Corinne at (219) 778-2585 or camp@sharefoundation.org.

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