

The background of the poster features black silhouettes of a priest and a nun. The priest is on the left, shown in profile facing left, wearing a white clerical collar. The nun is on the right, also in profile facing right, wearing a white head veil. Overlaid on these silhouettes is the text for National Vocation Awareness Week. A large, stylized, grey number '50' is positioned behind the word 'VOCATION'.

NATIONAL **VOCATION** AWARENESS WEEK

The entire People of God is responsible
for awakening vocations in the Church.

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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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 Katie Kordeck

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..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597

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carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net

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Parish Garden Ministry Noreen Bickel (219) 836-8610

Respect Life Leslie Dernule (219) 741-3739

Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916

Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, November 11

5:30 p.m. Carmelite Father

Sunday, November 12

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, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

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

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

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

Rest in Peace

Rose Trgovcich • Lenora L. Phillips

Join the Parish Youth Chorale

Our St. Thomas More Parish Youth Chorale has begun. The Youth Chorale is open to all students in the parish in **Grade 2 and above.**

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.



Sacrificial Offerings

October 22, 2023



Adult	\$ 13,973.00
Loose	\$ 2,353.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,261.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 5

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Michael D. Madura by Beverly Kopman

10:00 am William Burke by Wife & Children

12:00 pm Michael Gryn (Ann) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

MONDAY, November 6

6:30 am Tabion and Alikpala Families by Tabion Family

8:30 am William W. Burke by Family

TUESDAY, November 7

6:30 am Edward Huttle by Jane Huttle

8:30 am Mary Jonkouski by Daughter, Marilyn Pajor

WEDNESDAY, November 8

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

8:30 am Joseph Reihel by Family

THURSDAY, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

6:30 am Mary Ann Bogielczyk by Mike & Jill Popovich

8:30 am Cecilia Guziar by Ann Nowak & Family

FRIDAY, November 10 — Leo the Great

6:30 am Michael Banik by Dave and Burdette Piniak

8:30 am William DiCristofano by Sandra Englebrecht

SATURDAY, November 11 — Martin of Tours

8:30 am Pam Rossi by Michael Mercier Family

5:30 pm Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka

SUNDAY, November 12

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am George Danculovich by Leslie Dernulc

10:00 am Madajczyk Family by family

12:00 pm Gwen Jablonski by Gretchen Kristin Gorski

Stewardship REFLECTION

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

MATTHEW 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything.

We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other.

Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

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".

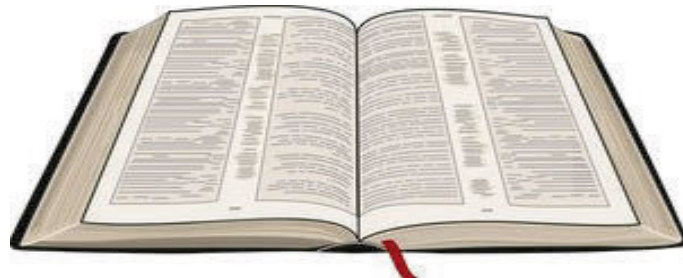
Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: <http://www.stm-cJoin hurch.com/>

Questions?

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

Readings Week of November 5

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



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
Charlie Clam
Loretta Clott
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtin
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 Malayer
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Carolyn McGill
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Menciewicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Michael Mercier
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Benjamin Mikels
Madeline Mikolani
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
Lucille Perz
Judith Peterson
Dawn Petro
Johanna Petrich
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 Secvair
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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?'" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father"

indicates that he is a

sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus.

I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

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

Bulletin Deadlines

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you. You will know. You will know when it's right." ~ Dorothy Day

When I taught at Bishop Noll Institute the first three years of my priesthood, several students came up to me through those years contemplating their future and asked me what I thought they should do with their lives. They wondered what vocation they might have.

My response to them was always the same thing: What excites you? What fills you with joy? What would you like to do on a regular basis throughout your life? You see, I am of the firm conviction that God wants us to be happy and fulfilled in our lives. God does not want us to be sad and feel as if our lives are meaningless.

Dorothy Day was of the same conviction. We will know our vocation by the joy that it brings us. We will know. It really is that simple. We observe National Church Vocation Awareness Week. During this week, we ask people to consider a couple of things:

- Is God calling you to a Church vocation? Do you feel pulled to the diaconate, priesthood, or religious life? Can you imagine yourself serving God and His people in a Church vocation?
- Is God calling someone you know to a Church vocation? Do you recognize in a son or a daughter, in a sibling, in a relative, neighbor, or friend the potential of a Church vocation?

If you believe God is calling you to a vocation in the Church, do yourself a favor and pursue it. He will give you the grace that you need to see clearly what He is calling you to do if allow Him the opportunity to do so.

If you believe God is calling someone else to a Church vocation, be His voice and invite that person to consider a vocation. There are many deacons, priests, brothers, and sisters who will tell you that the first thought of a vocation came to them through someone else mentioning it.

That was the case for me. While I might have thought about being a priest when I was younger, I did not pay it any real attention until Sr. Grace Clemens, OSF told me that I would make a good priest and that I should pray about it. After telling a priest I knew well about that, he, too, said the same thing. The rest is history.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who are being called to become a deacon, brother, sister, or priest, that they may have the grace to consider the call and the courage to respond to the call.

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:

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| November 5: | Msgr. Timothy F. Doody (2004) |
| November 7: | Msgr. Joseph J. Viater (1996) |
| November 8: | Deacon Melvin Jefferson (2003) |
| November 9: | Rev. Joseph Kelchak (2018) |
| November 10: | Rev. Ben Domsich (1994) |
| November 11: | Rev. John B. Schaeffer (1975) |
| | Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, D.D. (1993) |

THIS MONTH AT ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

Sunday, November 12

Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus

Singalong Messiah at 3:00 p.m.

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

- Exposition after morning Mass each day
- Evening prayer with presentation and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. each evening
- Fr. Robert Ross is our speaker.

VETERANS DAY

This year, Veterans Day, which falls on Saturday, will be observed on Friday, November 10th. Thank you to all of our veterans who served in the various branches of the military in order to protect our freedom!

CONTINUED THANKS TO THE CARMELITE FATHERS

This weekend, I am in the middle of nowhere. Well, actually, I am somewhere. It just doesn't look like it. I am in the middle of a transatlantic cruise and, quite literally, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean making my way back home. I will return to the parish this coming Saturday evening.

Thank you to the Carmelite Fathers who have covered the parish since I left a week ago and who will continue to cover everything necessary — daily Masses, emergency calls, anointings, funerals, et cetera — for another week. They are wonderful neighbors and always very willing to help. They make my job of pastor much easier. I couldn't do it without them.

Thank you, Fathers!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Not quite getting the concept

A youth pastor was with his youth group one evening and instructed those gathered to turn to the book of Acts. After a few seconds of thumbing through the pages, he heard one of the students say, under his breath, "Why don't they put these darn books in alphabetical order?"





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.

November Schedule

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



Sunday, November 12

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk
Chapel: Marilynne Ciric

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Maria Rodriguez
Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: Diane Adley
Choir: Robert Hill

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

Saturday, November 11

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: JoAnn Karr &
Miles Sepiol

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Monday, November 6

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, November 7

5:30 pm Girl Scouts 2nd & 3rd Grade — Weis Main Hall

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

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

Wednesday, November 8

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

4:00 pm Altar & Rosary — Weis Center Main Hall

6:30 pm Career Networking — Weis Center Room 101

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

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

Live Christ Share Christ

Join us for the next Live Christ Share Christ meeting

Saturday, November 11, 2023

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Topic:

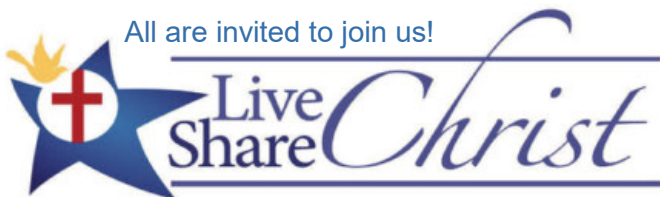
Inspiring Faith in Prison Ministry

Speaker:

Deacon Mike Prendergast

We look forward to seeing you!

All are invited to join us!



Be an Angel This Christmas

and Help Someone in Need

St. Thomas More Church will be participating in the **Catholic Charities Angel Tree Project** at the end of November/early December.

If you are interested in volunteering, to help set the program up and organize gifts, or for more information, please complete the

Google Form at:

<https://forms.gle/Bj8tkGms7AVy2m5E9>

or contact the Parish Office at 219-836-8610.

Thank you for being an angel!



All Veterans Invited

All area Veterans & Active Duty Military Personnel are invited to a

Veteran's Day Observance

Join St. Thomas More School for a musical tribute to Veterans

Friday, November 10

9:15 a.m. in the South Parking Lot



Sunday Nursery

The Sunday Nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Bride's Room off of the Church Narthex (near main entrance).

Sunday, November 12

Susie, Nolan, Finn & Kian Kinsella

Sunday, November 19

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson • Janell Kelly

Sunday, November 26

Closed

St. Thomas More School



Red Ribbon Week

Congratulations Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to the grade level STMS winners of the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest, shown here with school principal, Dr. Samantha Francis and art teacher, Mrs. Mels Efantis.

Each winner received a Dairy Queen gift card.

We are happy to participate in this important week, stressing the importance of living a healthy life, free from harmful substances.

Thanks to Officer Ghrist for facilitating this crucial message.

Great work, students!



Dining for Dollars

Everyone is invited to participate in the next event at

Chipotle Mexican Grill

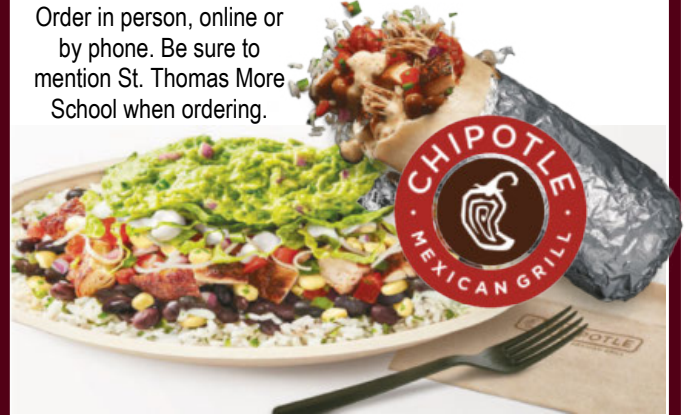
Wednesday, November 8

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

Enjoy a delicious Mexican dinner and help St. Thomas More School raise important funds for our students and staff.

8201 Calumet Ave, Munster, IN 46321 • (219) 836-2426

Order in person, online or by phone. Be sure to mention St. Thomas More School when ordering.



HOMECOMING

YOU'RE INVITED TO A REUNION FOR

ALUMNI

& ALUMNI PARENTS

NOVEMBER 25

STMS GYM

Spread the Word!
5:30 p.m. Mass
followed by
HomeComing.
See Facebook page or
Use link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4AE2EA7FA7-45773804-stthomas>

Come back "home" to St. Thomas More School & reconnect with your school family. STMS Alumni & Alumni Parents from all graduating years are invited. Must be 21+ to attend.





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Monday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Order via link below or the QR code:
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Altar & Rosary Society

Coffee & Donuts and Guest Speaker, Too!

All women of the parish are invited.

Sunday, November 12

11:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Set-up volunteers can enter at 10:00 a.m.

We will begin with the Rosary at
11:15 a.m., followed by coffee & donuts.

Our Guest Speaker will be
Officer James Ghrist

Munster Police Department

discussing safety during the holidays & more.

For more information, please call Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.



Holy Name Society

Join the men of our parish for the next Holy Name meeting on

Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

We are proud to welcome our special Guest Speaker,

Fr. Mike Yadron

Discussing the topic:

“Entering the Advent Season with Hearts Wide Open”

We hope you'll attend.

Knights of Columbus

Box of Joy

The Knights are once again 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.

Find our kiosk in the Narthex
of the church to pick up your box
and gift suggestions.



Fill Boxes to Give — Only 4 Simple Steps

Step 1: Pick-up a Box of Joy at the Kiosk in the church

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

Step 3: Go shopping.

Step 4: Drop off your Box of Joy on November 11.

Return Boxes on Drop-Off Day:

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the Weis Center
On behalf of the STM Knights & the children who will
receive these boxes, thanks for your time & generosity.
Your help will make a child happy this Christmas.

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, November 15

Social Event

Come on out & enjoy some time with your friends in a relaxed,
social setting. There will be something for everyone.

Wednesday, December 6

Christmas Luncheon

Center for Visual and Performing Arts • Noon until 3:00 p.m.
Reservations can be made at the next Senior Meeting or in the
Parish Office. All reservations must be made by

Friday, November 17th.

Menu choices and prices:

Roast Beef - \$28 • Roast Loin of Pork — \$24

Italian Style Baked Chicken — \$25

Lunch includes salad, vegetable, dessert & coffee, tea or water.

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

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.

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



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

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for the Final Career Networking Meeting

Walk-in Session:

Have all your questions answered for a successful job search.

Important Note:

Due to low meeting attendance and the inability to secure speakers, November 8, 2023 will be our last meeting.

Jim Kaczka & Donna Weidenfeller will be available for assistance through email:

stmcareergroup@gmail.com after November 8, 2023.

Thanks for 15 wonderful years!

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster

When: The Second Wednesday of Every Month

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!

For those who are *unemployed* (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.

Have your cover letter, resume or thank you critiqued.

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Market Day

Events in the Diocese

Parish Mission

Holy Martyrs & Our Lady of Consolation Parish Mission
"All Are Welcome, All Belong" with guest speaker, ValLimar Jansen, an inspirational/catechetical speaker and musician.

Sunday, 11/12:

"Created in God's Image by the Love of God"

Monday, 11/13: "Transformed by the Love of God"

Tuesday, 11/14: "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

Hope for the Holidays

Join the Diocese of Gary & area parishes as they present "Hope for the Holidays: Finding Light & Peace Amid the Stress of the Season" with guest speaker, Paul Jarzembowski on Sunday, November 19 at Our Lady of Consolation Vamos Hall.
Dinner at 5:00 p.m. (free will offering). Presentation at 6:00 p.m. Babysitting available.

For info & registration: <https://www.garyoyya.org/hope/>.

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...

Wounded Healers: Help for the Holidays

If you are dreading the holidays and wondering how your grief will allow you to get through them, then plan to attend our special Wounded Healers Holiday Help Program. Wednesday, November 15 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. James Church, 9640 Kennedy Avenue in Highland. To reserve your spot, call (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers-nwi.com.

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: 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.

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.

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