



Hand to the plow, we move on with 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.*

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312
myadron@stm-church.com
Senior Deacons David Kapala, KHS
Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Deacon Joseph Stodola, KHS
Director of Parish Missions Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
Director of Finance & Operations Charles Schrimpf; Ext. 2329
Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

Parish Office Staff

Hours: Mon-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm • Saturday 9:00 am –Noon
Email address: parish.office@stm-church.com
Email address for bulletin: bulletin@stm-church.com
Office Phone 836-8610 Office eFax (219) 533-4280
Bulletin Editor Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Receptionist Phyllis Krizmanic; Ext. 2300
Building Maintenance Mike Popovich 836-8610, Ext. 2313
Custodial Supervisor Kim Smith 836-8610, Ext. 2331

Pastoral Ministries

Environment & Art Helen Jaworski 836-8610
Eucharistic Ministers James Kaspar 836-8610
Hospitality/Greeters Vicky Odegaard 322-6391
Lectors Richard Gard 836-8610
Nursery Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
St. Vincent de Paul Terry Oprinovich 836-8610
Vocations Guidance PJ & Margaret Caraher (219) 680-6775

2023-2024 Pastoral Council Members

Julius Ballanco Leslie Dernulc
Debra Harker, Co-Chairperson Katie Kordeck, Chairperson
Paul Liszewski Bill McCullough
Jean Nanos Joe Peters
Michael Popovich Patty Queroz
Michael Sajn Daniel Straka

St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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

Website: www.stm-school.com
School Phone (219) 836-9151
Principal Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
School Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200
School Reception/Office Associate Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
School Admissions Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development Annette Czarobski; Ext. 2307
Business Manager Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

Parish Ministry Center 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 Katie Kordeck

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/Donna Weidenfeller

..... STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Circle of Prayer Carolyn Cenko 741-2509

..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net

Cub Scouts Patricia Sinclair • plaessandrini@yahoo.com

Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200

Gabriel Project Marilyn Glennon (219) 836-8610

Gifts of Love & Warmth Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544

Girl Scouts Cynthia Navarrete (773) 726-2411

Holy Name Society Bill Burke: sbburke3@att.net

Knights of Columbus Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559

Live Streaming Joann Hajduch (219) 836-8610, Ext. 2245

Mental Health Ministry Dr. Jean Nanos (317) 840-8963

Parish Garden Ministry Noreen Bickel (219) 836-8610

Respect Life Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739

Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916

Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, November 18

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, November 19

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, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

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

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

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Campaign for Human Development

Special Collection Next Weekend

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for over 50 years by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously during our collection

Weekend of November 18/19

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the CCHD upholds the moral and social teaching of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Sacrificial Offerings



October 22, 2023

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Adult | \$ 21,591.00 |
| Loose | \$ 2,167.00 |
| Automated | \$ 4,935.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 28,693.00 |

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, November 13 — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:30 am Ray Alan Wolak by P. Krizmanic

8:30 am Jim Weidenfeller by Wife, Donna Weidenfeller

TUESDAY, November 14

6:30 am Father Frank Torres by Patrica & Penelope Salinas

8:30 am Margaret Blocher by the Blocher Family

WEDNESDAY, November 15 — St. Albert the Great

6:30 am Dr. James Greenwald by Mary Sejda

8:30 am Gabriel Turner by Margaret Grober

THURSDAY, November 16 — St. Margaret of Scotland

6:30 am Lou Rozmanich by Michael & Jill Popovich

8:30 am Larry Monak by Monak Family

FRIDAY, November 17 — St. Elizabeth of Hungary

6:30 am William Janik by Pozdzal Family

8:30 am Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka

SATURDAY, November 18

Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul

8:30 am Maria Eismin by Friends

5:30 pm Jean Hreha (Ann) by Children

SUNDAY, November 19

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Steve Sajm by Leslie Dernulc

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

12:00 pm Rita & Don Aanerud by Gretchen & Kristin Gorski

Stewardship REFLECTION

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy.

We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today?

Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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 12

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
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/



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 Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Sarah Dalton
Aaron Dudek
Betty Ebben
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
James Fletcher
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Rich Gagliani
Christine Gajda
Andrea Garritano
Emily Gibson
Joan Glinski
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Katie Kardes Hargett
Rosemarie Havran
Amy Hayes
Dick Hemingway

Marie Henke
Elaine Herrmann
Adelina Hernandez
Bertha Birdy Hernandez
Irma Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Heseck
Becky Hill
Marie Hill
Joan Hoess
Sally Joy Hollingshead
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Kevin Karl
Dan Karulski
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Melvin Kostalik
Crystal Kurek
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Dorothy Lesnefsky
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
James Malayter
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Carolyn McGill
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Menclawicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Michael Mercier
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Benjamin Mikels
Madeline Mikolanis
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 Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Karen Sliwa
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Charles Svitko
Rose Theis
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
David Trotman
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Mark Wein
Ruth Williams
Annette Wisniewski
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world. The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

Father John Muir

©LPi

Bulletin Deadlines

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

WHAT'S NEXT?

"A lot of time and effort was spent getting to the finish line. It was only when the line was crossed that I was able to make out the next line in the distance." ~ Unknown

Life seems to be all about crossing the finish line. We want, of course, to be the first person to cross but will settle, at least, to have succeeded and crossing the line at any point.

That line might be graduation from grade school, high school, college, or graduate school. It might be a promotion at work. It might be achieving a certain honor. Whatever it is, we have some kind of finish line in mind.

When we finally cross the line, we look back at all the hard work that went into the accomplishment. We generally look ahead as well and ask, "What's next?" That is a very real part of our human nature. And, sure enough, there is another finish line ahead of us that we need to cross. Another task, another accomplishment, another goal that needs to be reached.

I have been thinking about finish lines a lot these past few months as our parish's facilities committee looks toward the future. We know that each time one goal is accomplished, we can see two or three others that need to be met. To that end, we have been looking at immediate, near-future, and long-range goals in order to keep our facilities and properties as safe and up-to-date as possible.

In our spiritual lives, we experience the same thing. Our earlier faith goals may have been as simple as learning our prayers. Later, we become challenged to live our faith by forgiving the person we may not want to forgive or loving the person we believe to be unlovable. When we cross that finish line, we continue to focus on the ultimate finish line that we will cross when we leave this life and enter eternal life. That is the prize for which we should all long.

Life can feel that way. We can put all of our energy into something only to find other "somethings" awaiting us. That is the great challenge and, I might say, the great joy of life. When we feel frustrated, we should look at all that we have accomplished thus far and take heart in the fact that we were able to attain our goals. Knowing that should bolster us to continue doing what it is we need to do.

God does not challenge us to do anything on our own. God has always promised to remain with His people. We need to hold on to that promise and face, boldly, the future that awaits us. Hand to the plow, we move on with our lives.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God for the grace to continue working on your spiritual goals so that you may reach the ultimate finish line of life with Him.

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:

November 13: Rev. Mark Pesch, OFM (1985)
November 14: Rev. Frank D. Torres (2022)
November 18: Rev. Donald E. Benwitz, CSB (1983)



YOU'RE INVITED TODAY

**Sunday, November 12
3:00 p.m. in the church**

Northwest Indiana Symphony
Chorus - Singalong Messiah

Tickets available at the doors:
\$30 adults/\$10 students

ALSO THIS MONTH

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.

DECEMBER DATES TO NOTE

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 join us as the students of St. Thomas More School present **Beauty and the Beast, Jr.** in the school gym.
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Gym doors open a half hour before the show.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

When a four-year-old daughter expressed difficulty in grasping the concept of marriage, her father decided to pull out his wedding photo album. One page after another, he pointed out the bride arriving at the church, the entrance, the wedding ceremony, the recessional, the reception, etc.

"Now do you understand?" he asked.

"I think so," she said. "That was the day when mommy came to work for us, right?"





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

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*

Remembering Those We've Lost

Please keep the following people in your prayers who were remembered at this year's

Liturgy of Remembrance

held at the Weis Center on November 2, 2023

All Souls Day.

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dimitre Adich | Norbert T. Kudele |
| Charles E. Boblink | Eugene J. Kuklinski |
| Scott J. Boukal | Mary Ann Magurany |
| Susan M. Burke | Carl Raymond Malburg |
| Jean O. Burns | Ann Martich |
| Nancy T. Campos | Mark A. Neiner |
| Michael L. Cenko | Gene August Nottoli |
| Donald R. Clark | Florence Therese Obrzut |
| Emily M. Conway | John L. Ostrowski |
| Richard D. Curtis | Chester Alex Pala |
| Doris K. Dabrowski | Carl Peterson |
| Dorothy Dominik | Daniel T. Poludniak |
| Rose M. Dudzik | Dennis M. Ramirez |
| Christopher P. Duray | Nancy M. Rau |
| John P. Etter | Daniel J. Regan |
| Charles Joseph Faso | Timothy J. Ribble |
| Dominic R. Femminella | Luandre "Lou" Rozmanich |
| Laverne Femminella | Gloria Saklaczynski |
| Barbara Jean Foreit | Eugene Sessa |
| Margaret Geary | Janice M. Speziale |
| Barbara Jean Hatfield | Michael G. Stodola |
| Richard Herrmann | Genevieve Vasoli |
| Patricia Rae Hulett | Bernedette Vellutini |
| Nina Olga Iocco | Dolores M. Wendlinger |
| William "Bill" J. Karr | Vivian Rita White |
| Beverly J. Keilman | Robert J. Wojcik |
| Stjepan Kirincic | Thomas S. Yelich |
| Sylvia M. Komyatte | Lawrence Zemkewicz |



Greeters for the Week



Sunday, November 19

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

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

Saturday, November 18

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, November 12

10:00 am Altar & Rosary — Weis Center Main Hall

Monday, November 13

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

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, November 14

4:00 pm Girl Scouts 15472 (4th) — Weis Center Room 104

5:30 pm Cub Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

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

Wednesday, November 15

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

1:00 pm Seniors of STM — Weis Center Main Hall

5:00 pm Daisy Troop — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Gabriel Project — Weis Center Room 101

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

9:30 am Girl Scout Troop 15607 — Weis Center Main Hall

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 19

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson • Janell Kelly

Sunday, November 26

Janell Kelly • Kaaren Mashura

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

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.

St. Thomas More School



Halloween Fun at STMS



October is a busy month at St. Thomas More School that culminates with one of the best days of the whole year Halloween!

A day of classroom parties, great costumes and a fun, school-wide vibe, our students enjoyed a day filled with games and great activities and ended with our best Trunk or Treat yet, as nearly 30 families and staff members hosted a "trunk" filled with treats and prizes. Our thanks to all who helped with the Halloween parties and to all who generously hosted a trunk to make this a memorable and safe day for our 550 students.



Beauty & the Beast, Jr. Join Us for Our 25th Annual Musical Production!



All are invited to celebrate
25 Amazing Years of Theater
and outstanding St. Thomas More School
musicals under the direction of
Angie Lorandos Van Manen.

Join us for the STMS production of Disney
Beauty & the Beast, Jr.

Performances:

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19

Tickets at the Door (no advance ticket sales).
Doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

Adults: \$5 • Students: \$3

Witness our 115 talented St. Thomas More School
students in action.

Thank You!

Our deepest thanks to all who
participated in the recent Double
Good Popcorn Fundraiser.

Thanks to your generosity,
St. Thomas More School

Raised over \$33,000.

Thank you from the bottom
of our hearts!



Altar & Rosary Society

Coffee & Donuts and a Guest Speaker, Too!



All women of the parish are invited.
Today, Sunday, November 12
 11:00 a.m. at the Weis Center
 The Rosary will begin at 11:15 a.m.,
 followed by coffee & donuts.
 Guest Speaker: **Officer James Ghrist**
 Officer Ghrist will discuss holiday safety.

Gabriel Project

Our next meeting of the Gabriel Project ministry is
Wednesday, November 15
 7:00 p.m. • Weis Center — Room 101
 We continue to support moms and their
 babies with clothes, diapers, formula,
 toys and furniture.
 Thanks to our parish members for your
 support and prayers.
 New members are always welcome!



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.

*Please remember to thank our
 Veterans this Veterans Day Weekend.*

Wednesday, November 15

This will be a social meeting, with games and activities for everyone. Come spend a couple of hours enjoying the company of fellow Seniors. Guests are always welcome!

In addition to our social activities, a portion of our meeting will be learning about the Mental Health Ministry at STM.

Dr. Jean Nanos will be giving a short presentation.

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 17.

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.

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.

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.gleBj8tkGMs7AVy2m5E9>

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

Thank you for being an angel!



AIM Ministry

Ability Inclusion Ministry

“I trust that every Christian community will be open to the presence of our brothers and sisters with disabilities and ensure that they are always welcomed and fully included”

Pope Francis

AIM, the Abilities Inclusion Ministry, of the Diocese of Gary is working to set the foundation to do the work that Pope Francis



has called us to do – welcome and include all of our brothers and sisters. AIM’s focus is to provide opportunities for our other-abled parishioners who are called to participate in Masses as ushers, lectors, greeters, and altar servers. We

are working with ministry leaders of the parish to provide them with support and resources for all other-abled individuals who would like to participate in these ministries. If you or anyone

you know has expressed a desire to participate in a parish ministry, please contact AIM at AIM4inclusion@gmail.com

Thank You from the Knights Box of Joy

Our thanks to all in our parish who contributed to this year’s Box of Joy to help children around the world experience a happy Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness in making a difference in a child’s holiday this year.

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.

**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.

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, use
link or QR Code
to sign up now!



<https://tinyurl.com/3znyevz9>

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.



Mental Health Ministry

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

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

Our Pantry Needs:

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

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our neighbors in need, as we work to help with groceries & utility assistance.

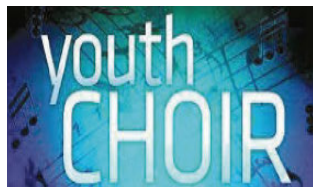


Join the Parish Youth Chorale

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.



Market Day is Back

Convenient Frozen Foods Delivered to Your Door

 **Market Day.** Simply create an account and shop...it's that simple. Everything is delivered right to your door in coolers packed with dry ice, so it stays cold for up to 8 hours after delivery. There's no pick-up or hauling your heavy groceries and all of the food is flash frozen and delicious.

Anyone can order!

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

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.

BOSAK **BOSAK HONDA**
Highland, IN
Merrillville, IN
Michigan City, IN
Parishioners — Serving Northwest Indiana Since 1926.
BosakAuto.com

Mary Moynihan
612 Ridge Road • 836-0515
Allstate
You're in good hands.®
©2000 Allstate Insurance Company Northbrook, Illinois

Home • Commercial • Mirrors • Insurance Work
Picture Framing Experts
Established 1944
GLASS & MIRROR CO.
Gail Steglich www.VDWGM.com
18158 Henry St • Lansing, IL 60438
(708) 474-0049 Fax: (708) 251-5679

Edward Jones
Tom Dinges, AAMS™
Financial Advisor
833 W Lincoln Hwy, Suite 315e
Schererville, IN 46375
219-865-9702 > edwardjones.com

Lansing Cleaners
20% off
must present coupon with incoming order.
Some restrictions apply.

Calumet Windows & Doors
Tim Craig, Parishioner
8516 Garfield Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
219-836-8949
Free Estimates
Winstrom Vinyl Windows

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Schroeder - Lauer Funeral Home
Family Owned and Operated since 1941
Serving Families in IN And IL
708-474-0024 | schroedertlauer.com
Bob Cole- Funeral Director
3227 Ridge Rd • Lansing, IL 60438

IF YOU LIVE ALONE
MDMedAlert!™
✓ Ambulance/Police
✓ Family/Friends
✓ GPS & Fall Alert
CALL NOW! 800.808.9294
As Low As **\$19⁹⁵** /mo.
md-medalert.com

Complete Home Improvement
Roofing
Replacement Windows
Room Additions:
We Design & Build
Licensed, Bonded, Insured
219-924-2270 305 N. Colfax, Griffith, IN

AAA SERVICES
Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing
219-472-8645
Carrier
Turn to the experts
www.AAAservicesHVAC.com

Dr. Anthony Puntillo • Dr. Christopher Crane
Crown Point Merrillville Schererville Valparaiso
662-2264 769-7447 322-8552 462-3537
www.pandcsmls.com
invisalign

CLARENDALE
Now Touring
219-322-8855
ClarendaleOfSchererville.com
Schererville
Member of Life Care Services

T&K Masonry Inc.
All Phases of
Masonry Work
Office: 219-836-1919
Mobile: 219-712-3895
Tony Arens, Parishioner

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Heather Benefiel
hbenefiel@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6464

catholicmatch®
Indiana
CatholicMatch.com/IN

KAY ROGAN, Parishioner
RE/MAX REALTY ASSOCIATES
Cell: 219-712-2458
kayrogan@yahoo.com | kayrogan.com
1544 45th St. • Munster, IN 46321
Selling Northwest Indiana One Yard at a Time!
Represents Sellers and Buyers

SIEMER
HEATING & COOLING
Installing Trust Since 1987
siemerinc.com
219-923-9234

GATLIN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.
Over 80 Years of Business - Starting in 1938
We offer complete plumbing services
Residential & Commercial
SERVING LAKE & PORTER COUNTIES
PH: 219-924-6972
E-mail: gatlplumbing@comcast.net
Indiana Plumbing License #81009039
Licensed - Bonded - Insured

God Bless Munster!
Wendy Mis, George Shinkan,
Joseph Hoffereth,
Chuck Gardiner, Dave Nellans,
Jonathan Petersen
Paid for by MBCC

Please Patronize These Kind Advertisers Whose Support Makes St. Thomas More Bulletin Possible

ATTORNEYS



- Barbara Shaver, Attorney At Law (A Pg)
- Kenneth M. Wilk, Attorney At Law (A Pg)

AUTOMOTIVE

- Bosak Chrysler/Bosak Honda (C Pg)
- Phillips Chevrolet (A Pg)



FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS / ACCOUNTING



- American Community Bank (A Pg)
- Edward Jones- Tom Dingas (C Pg)

FOOD AND DRINK

- Calumet Bakery (A Pg)
- Munster Donut (A Pg)
- Gayety's Chocolates & Ice Cream (A Pg)
- New Oberpfalz Brewing (A Pg)
- Rob's Meat Chop & Deli (A Pg)
- White Rhino (A Pg)



FUNERAL HOMES / MONUMENTS

- Kish Funeral & Cremation Services (A Pg)

HEALTHCARE



- Community Healthcare System (A Pg)
- Puntillo Orthodontics (C Pg)
- We Are Family Home Care (A Pg)



HOME IMPROVEMENT



- AAA Services Heating & Air (C Pg)
- Ace Hardware (A Pg)
- Cadou Decor (A Pg)
- Calumet Windows & Doors (C Pg)
- Fred Doppler & Son Inc (C Pg)
- Gatlin Plumbing (C Pg)
- Gluth Bros. Roofing Co., Inc. (A Pg)
- Kraz Construction (A Pg)
- No Job Too Small (A Pg)
- Rauer Plumbing Inc. (A Pg)
- Rick's Appliance Service (A Pg)
- Rogers Roofing (C Pg)
- Siemer Heating & Cooling (C Pg)
- T&K Masonry Inc. (C Pg)
- Van Der Weides Glass & Mirror (C Pg)

INSURANCE

- Allstate (C Pg)
- State Farm, Kevin Bednarek (A Pg)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Clarendale of Schereville (C Pg)
- Ferree Movers (A Pg)
- God Bless Munster (C Pg)
- Knights of Columbus (A Pg)
- Lansing Cleaners (C Pg)
- St. Anthony Village (A Pg)
- Susan's School of Dance (A Pg)



REAL ESTATE / MORTGAGE

- Better Homes & Gardens Realty - Liz Moreno (A pg)
- Capital Appraisal Co., Inc. (A Pg)
- Coldwell Banker/Alison Gargas (A Pg)
- Remax Kay Rogan (C Pg)
- Rose Real Estate/Carolyn Cenko (A Pg)
- Rossi & Taylor Realty Group (A Pg)



**Your Local,
Neighborhood Bank**

www.acbanker.com

Parishioners: Denise Knapp, Michael Mellon
MUNSTER 8230 Hohman Ave. 836-5870
DYER 1001 Main St. 322-5005
 Branches also located in:
SCHERERVILLE | **CROWN POINT** | **HAMMOND** **FDIC**

ROSE REAL ESTATE

Carolyn Cenko, ABR, GRI
 Associate Broker | Licensed in Indiana & Illinois

(219) 836-2400 Office
 (219) 741-2509 Cell
 (219) 836-4911 Fax
carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
 Rose Real Estate
 1846 45th Ave.
 Munster, IN 46321
www.ROSE-RE.com

Phillips CHEVROLET

Indiana & Illinois' Largest Chevy Inventory

Michael Maheras
708-474-0000
phillipschevyllansing.com
 17730 Torrence Ave. Lansing, IL

KRAZ construction
 "The Positive Company"

YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS IN:

- WINDOWS • SIDING
- GUTTERS • DOORS
- ROOFING • FENCING
- ATTIC INSULATION

CALL NOW: 219-922-5050

Parishioners Paul & Sandy Kraszyk
FREE In-Home Consultations
On-The Spot Estimates
Best Warranty in the Business

We're Celebrating our 96th Year in Business. Trust Your Home to the Company with Experience!

96 YEARS IN BUSINESS

SCAN ME!

www.krazman.com

IMMEDIATE CARE

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM®
 Community Immediate Care
 Munster

1946-45th St.
 Mon-Fri: 8am-8pm;
 Sat-Sun: 8am-4:30pm
COMHS.org
219-703-2420

Donut

Ridge & Calumet
 Munster
 836-1709

50¢ OFF A DOZEN DONUTS WITH THIS COUPON

**FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVING
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Kenneth M. Wilk
 ATTORNEY AT LAW

- GENERAL PRACTICE
- WILLS/PROBATE • ESTATE PLANNING
- PERSONAL INJURY

RUBINO, RUMAN, CROSMER & POLEN
 275 Joliet Street, Suite 330 • Dyer, IN
(219) 322-8222

GLUTH BROTHERS ROOFING Co., Inc.

BRIAN, H. RUSSELL, ERIC & RANDY
844-5536 **FREE ESTIMATES**

Better Homes

Find the Perfect Home to bring Your Dreams to Life!

Liz Moreno - Parishioner
 Broker/Realtor - IN & IL
219-313-3707

CADOU DECOR
 HOME DECOR BOUTIQUE

Looking to hire a store manager in Lansing, IL
 Applicant should have 5 years of experience in sales and dealing with customers.
 Full time or part time.
 Contact owner Summer Megdadi 219-798-3800

Capital Appraisal Company, Inc.

(219) 836-2531 - Munster
 Marlon & Marlene Veldkamp
 Rob Shimko - Parishioners

**Homemade Entrees, Meat Packs
Southern Fried Chicken • Catering**

Rob's Meat Shop and Deli
 1102 Fairview Dr., Dyer, IN
 (219) 322-8760
 Mon-Sat 8am-5pm • Sun 8am-4pm
www.robsmeatshop.com

Excellent Beer!

NEW OBERPFAIZ BREWING

**Delicious Food
Family Friendly
Bottled Beer To Go**

Check website for hours
www.newoberpfaiz.com
 121 E. Main St. • Griffith, IN 46319

www.ssdanz.com

Susan's

SCHOOL OF DANCE

1948 45th Ave.
Munster 513-0908

Rauer Plumbing, Inc.

Commercial • Residential • Service
219-924-8600

9515 Indianapolis Blvd.
 Suite 6D
 Highland, IN 46322
rauerplumbinginc@att.net
 IN License #C051200002

Better Homes

Alison Gargas
219-218-2407

alisongargas@aol.com
alisongargassellhomes.com

Transforming Senior Care

Saint Anthony is revolutionizing person-centered care through environments that are warm, caring, positive and supportive.

We offer a full range of services and treatments including:

- Assisted Living
- Memory Care
- Skilled Nursing
- Rehabilitation Services
- Pastoral Care
- Holy Family Child Care
- All Private Rooms
- Long-Term Care

Full mass with communion & rosary in our beautiful chapel offered daily.
 *Saint Anthony is a nonprofit affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of Gary and the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

219.661.5100
 203 Franciscan Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307
MajesticCare.com/vocations/saint-anthony

ROGERS

ROOFING SIDING WINDOWS
 Family Owned & Operated Since 1968

219-933-9145 **773-768-3022**

catholicmatch®

Indiana

CatholicMatch.com/IN

CAUMET Bakery

Since 1935
 18349 Torrence Ave. • 708-895-3700
 2510 E. 106th
 Chicago, IL 1446-119th St.
 Whiting, IN

A Handyman Service That Really Serves You

NO JOB TOO SMALL
 10% OFF ONE JOB IF YOU ADOPT AN ANIMAL
 Proud to be in Business over 12 Years!
 SERVING NORTHWEST INDIANA
 Licensed, Bonded, Insured
(219) 793-4396
www.nojobtoosmallindiana.com

FERREE MOVERS
 Someone You Can Trust

Pack • Move • Store • Deliver
Thomas Ferree
 550 Kennedy Ave. Schererville
www.ferreemoving.com
322-2644

Rick's Appliance Service, Inc.

Rick Szewka, owner/parishioner
 Repair at a price that's fair
 Servicing ALL makes and models

219-924-3105
 telephone
 Senior Citizen Discount
 Call today for an appointment

State Farm

Kevin Bednarek
219-836-1640

8000 Calumet Ave., Ste. 2 • Munster, IN 46321
www.kevinbednarek.net

We Are Family Home Care

Companion and Personal Care Services
Margaret (nee Ulinski) & Jason Bazarko
STMS Alumni & Diocese Parishioners
 Licensed / Bonded / Insured/Independent

- Alzheimer's / Dementia Care
- 24 hour / Live-in Care
- Meal Preparation
- Assistance w/grooming / hygiene / bathing / Incontinence Care
- Medicine Reminders
- Senior Care
- New Mom Care
- Light Housekeeping
- Errands / Grocery Shopping
- Post Surgery Care
- Transportation

Serving Northwest Indiana • 219-669-5730
www.wearefamilyhomecare.com | care@wearefamilyhomecare.com

WHITE RHINO Bar & Grill

ROUTE 30 & HART ST
 DYER, IN
(219) 864-9200
WWW.WHITERHINOONLINE.COM

Men of St. Thomas More...

We need you!

Msgr. Weis
Knights of Columbus
 Jim Kaczka, Financial Secretary (219) 201-0335

Arden Courts PROMEDICA

Memory Care

708-895-1600 • arden-courts.org/SouthHolland
 2045 E. 170th St. • South Holland, IL 60473

KEVIN KISH, Owner

LIFE-LONG PARISHIONER

10000 CALUMET AVENUE • MUNSTER

(219) 924-3333

www.kishfuneralhome.net

NOT AFFILIATED WITH BURNS-KISH-FH

Gajety's

Stop by to Experience
 Chicago's Finest Hand-Dipped
 Chocolates and Homemade
 Ice Cream since 1920!

708-251-5351 | eatmychocolates.com
 Find us on Facebook!
 3306 Ridge Rd • Lansing, IL 60438

Munster, IN
 Next to
 McShane's

ACE
 The helpful place.

Gus Bock's Ace Hardware
 1820 45th Street • (219) 934-9500

BARBARA M. SHAVER
 Attorney at Law

Wills ~ Trusts ~ Probate ~ Elder Law ~ Medicaid
 2929 Carlson Dr., Hammond, IN 46323
(219) 931-0560