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

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8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

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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
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Celebrants

Saturday, November 25

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 23 — Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. C. Dagholar, A. Monroy
MC ~ Francesca

Saturday, November 25

5:30 p.m. J. Dye, X. Fonseca/MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Derek

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

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



Baptisms

Coyote Moon

Son of
Christian and Melissa Moffitt

Rest in Peace

Daniel "Dan" S. Taraszka

Bulletin Deadlines

The holiday season is now upon us and printing deadlines are altered for the remainder of the calendar year.

Please be sure to submit articles *at least two full weeks in advance* to: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Campaign for Human Development Special Collection This 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. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Weekend of November 18/19

Donate online or learn more: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Dernule

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

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

MONDAY, November 20

6:30 am Intention of Stephanie Perz by Dennis & Lucy Perz

8:30 am Robert W. Kaspar by Son, James Kaspar

TUESDAY, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Margaret Krizmanic (Ann) by Krizmanic Family

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

WEDNESDAY, November 22 — St. Cecilia

6:30 am Julianna Pavel-Kaspar by Husband James Kaspar

8:30 am Walter J. Bracich by Neis Family

THURSDAY, November 23 — Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Gene Leahy (Ann) by Sopata Family

FRIDAY, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

6:30 am Shirley & William Vance by Edward & Diane Smosna

8:30 am Helen Yadron by Family

SATURDAY, November 25

8:30 am Jack & Mona Powers by Patti Stofko

5:30 pm Jack Palmer (Ann) by Family

SUNDAY, November 26

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Claude Posilovich by Witkus Family

10:00 am Edward J. Solczak by Family

12:00 pm John Holda (Ann) by Family

Stewardship REFLECTION

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

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 Billede
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Linda Braun
Bill Briney
Grace Briney
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Janet Cattana
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 Menclewicz
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

Readings Week of November 19

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
(see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

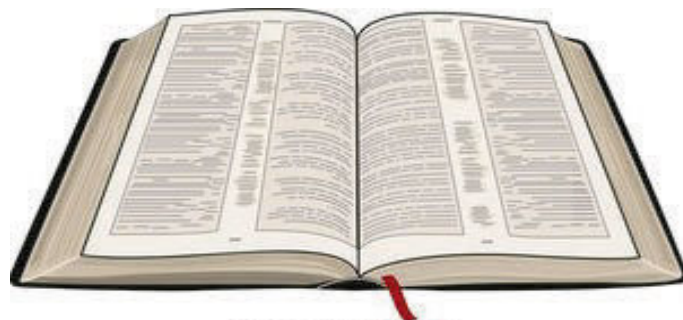
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d -12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it.

My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair.

The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment.

The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible.

If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

Father John Muir

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?!

"We have an unknown distance yet to run, an unknown river to explore. What falls there are, we know not; what rocks beset the channel, we know not; what walls ride over the river, we know not. Ah, well! we may conjecture many things." ~ John Wesley Powell

When I saw the cartoon that I used in today's Pastor's Page, I was immediately taken back to many vacations of my youth. "Are we there yet?" was a phrase that rang out in our car almost as frequently as "he hit me" or "he's looking at me". I often remember those days and say a quick and quiet prayer for my parents who had to put up with us.

"Are we there yet?" Is a phrase that applies to our spiritual lives as well. We are on the way to the Kingdom. We have been told that since we were old enough to listen. We have been reminded that everything that we say or do will determine whether or not we get to heaven.

Knowing that, we can become quite anxious. "Are we there yet" can also mean "How much longer do I have to continue doing what I am doing?"

It is hard to be a Christian. It is hard because it calls us to be counter-cultural. We are challenged to live our lives against the whims and the values of the world. The world would have us believe that no one matters, that no one is important, that we are the only ones that matter. If that is the case, we can do anything or say anything we want as long as we get our way. If anyone gets hurt in the process, "too bad, so sad."

A Christian, however? A Christian is called to see the needs of all people, to reach out to those in need, to seek forgiveness to those we have harmed, and to live in peace. A Christian is called to embrace the values of Christ which are radically different than the values of the world.

That is extremely hard work. It often brings about ridicule rather than praise from others. The world will do its best to keep us from clinging to Jesus. It will work as hard as it can to loosen our grip on the Lord and make us cling to its own warped set of values.

Stand firm. Be secure in the knowledge that, if you live your lives for Christ, He will bring you safely home at the end of your days.

Being a Christian is not easy. Being a Christian may involve hardship and peril. But, being a Christian is what our life is supposed to be all about.

FAITH ACTION: Live your faith proudly and boldly this day, confident in the knowledge that God is with you and that you will "get there" one day.

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 19: Rev. John S. Woods (1966)
November 20: Deacon John Townsend (1987)
November 22: Rev. Matthew Kish (2012)

THANKSGIVING DAY

Please join us this Thursday, November 23, at 9:00 a.m. for our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass.

God has blessed us abundantly. This is our opportunity to gather in thanksgiving and praise, thanking Him for His wonderful love.



**Sunday-Tuesday
November 26-28
Annual Forty Hours**

- + Exposition after morning Mass each day
- + Please come to church throughout the day to visit the Blessed Sacrament
- + Evening prayer with presentation followed by Benediction each evening at 7:00 p.m.
- + Fr. Robert Ross is our speaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 10

Munster High School Chorale's
Annual Christmas Concert
3:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday, December 17

Lessons & Carols
6:00 p.m. in the church

Tuesday, December 19

Advent Confessions at 7:00 p.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Q. What does the turkey do on the computer?
A. Google, Google!

Q. What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving?
A. Lucky!





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

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*

January Schedule

3/4 No Class — *Happy New Year*
10/11 Class
12 *Confirmation Retreat for 8th Grade*
17/18 Class
31 Class

February Schedule

1 Class
7/8 No Class — *Munster No School*
14/15 No Class — *Ash Wednesday*
21/22 Class
28/29 Class

March Schedule

6/7 Class
13/14 Class
20/21 Class
27/28 No Class — *Holy Week*

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Mass
 Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
 Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller

Saturday, November 25
5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Carolyn Cenko
 Chapel: Bill & Chris Retseck

10:00 a.m. Mass
 Chapel: Kate Dagholor

12:00 Noon Mass
 Main: Pat Batchelder

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection
After All Weekend Masses

Sunday, November 19

12:00 pm 2nd & 3rd Grade Girl Scouts — Weis Main Hall

Monday, November 20

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

Angel Tree

St. Thomas More and Catholic Charities are teaming up to help members of our community in need this Christmas.

By selecting a tag or tags for someone nearby from our

Angel Tree

Available Thanksgiving Weekend

you will be able to make this Christmas a little brighter for those in our area who are in need of some holiday help and a special gift or two.

Take a tag from the tree, which will be in the church narthex next weekend, and follow the directions that will be available on your tag and in the bulletin.

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 26

Janell Kelly • Kaaren Mashura

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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.

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.

St. Thomas More School



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

All are invited to celebrate

25 Amazing Years of Theater at STMS

Join us for the final performances of the STMS production of Disney

Beauty & the Beast, Jr.

Saturday, November 18 — 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19 — 2:00 p.m.

Tickets at the Door. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

Adults: \$ 5 • Students: \$ 3

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

Another Fun Mom's Night Out

Exceptional children are raised by remarkable moms, and St. Thomas More School is blessed to have both!

We happily welcomed over 50 STMS moms to this month's Mom's Night Out for an evening of great conversation, building new friendships, camaraderie and most of all, fun.



Thanks to all who organized this fun school event and to all who attended. We can't wait until the next one!

Supporting Our Theater Department

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the outstanding theater program at St. Thomas More School, under the direction of Mrs. Angie Van Manen. And after many years and many memorable musical productions, it is time to replace some of our well-used and worn equipment, like our stage and light control board.



Thanks to our always generous and amazing school families, over \$2,000 was raised for the theater department during the "Blackout & Light the Stage" out of uniform day, filling the school with all-black attire in support of our wonderful program.

In addition, our 8th Grade Girl Scout troop is supporting STMS theater program, having raised \$2,000 as part of their Silver Award project.



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.

Wednesday, December 6

Christmas Luncheon

Center for Visual and Performing Arts

Noon until 3:00 p.m.

This is an advance reservation event (reservation deadline was
Friday, November 17)

We look forward to seeing our members to celebrate
the Christmas season.

Looking Ahead to the New Year:

Wednesday, January 24

Social Event

To Be Announced

Wednesday, February 7

Business Meeting

Speaker:

Officer James Ghrist—Munster Police Department

Wednesday, February 21

Pizza Party

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Business Meeting

Speaker: Terri Salelaris

Community Health Diabetes Center

Topic: Healthy Aging

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.

Altar & Rosary Society

We would like to thank all the volunteers & church staff who
helped make our 36th Annual Bazaar a big success.

Kaaren Mashura
Carolyn Cenko
Virginia Gaugher
Patty Pfister
Cindy Keilman
Dona Gerlach
Judy Reck
Kathleen Pagorek

Therese Sons
Ann Nowak
Jackie Pietraszak
Janell Kelly
Nadia Arman
Molly Whelan
Noreen Bickel

Patti Davids
Kim Smith
Phyllis Krizmanic
Cindy McMahon
Maria Vega
Pam Pasyk
Charlie Schimpf
Fr. Mike

Special thanks to Munster Police Officer, Steve Serna,
for helping keep us safe.

Also, our thanks goes to Munster Donut for their bakery dona-
tions and Howard & Sons Meat Market & Jewel Food Store for
their food donations.

A big thanks to all the Munster businesses, our parishioners,
crafters and business vendors who donated to the
Gift Raffle.

We couldn’t have done it without you!

See you in November 2024.

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.

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 Career Networking

Our deepest thanks to Donna Weidenfeller, Jim Kaczka, all who
have helped lead our Career Networking Group for the past 15
years and the many speakers and guests of the group.

Thanks to your work and efforts, members of our parish and
community have been helped through difficult employment
times, a recession and a pandemic.

The continued work of this group has aided those seeking better
employment opportunities by providing valuable career
information, and even more important, encouragement and hope.

Although this ministry has now disbanded due to low meeting
attendance and difficulty in getting speakers, both Donna and
Jim will remain available to answer employment questions, as
needed through this email address:

STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

We are forever grateful for the help and support this group
provided for our parish. Thank you.

HOMECOMING

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Mental Health Ministry

Food for Thought...

"Mental health problems don't define who you are.
They are something you experience. You walk in the rain and
you feel the rain, but are you not the rain"

Matt Haig

If you are interested in helping those who struggle with anxiety,
depression, isolation, and
loneliness, come join us to learn
how! No mental health training
required. The Ministry is formed
by parishioners and mental health



education will be provided by professionals.

Contact: Dr. Jean Nanos at drjnanos@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 to attend our meetings.

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For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

Mental Health Ministry monthly meetings will resume in January.

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SVDP Caps for Kids

The cold weather is upon us, and it is time to don
hats and gloves! We are currently

Collecting New Hats and Gloves

for children who need them.

Please consider donating a pair of
gloves or a hat to the Caps for Kids.

**Place donations in the box in the
church vestibule.**

Donated items will be distributed to
people in our community and school
who are in need of warm weather gear.

We truly appreciate your ongoing generosity!



Join the Parish Youth Choral

We are still accepting members for the St. Thomas More Parish
Youth Choral.

The Youth Choral is open to all parish students
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. Contact Michel Domingue at
mdomingue@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 x2340.

Events in the Area...

Holiday Market

St. Margaret Ann Polish School will holding a Holiday Market on Sunday, December 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Millennium Banquet Hall by Salvatorian Fathers Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Street in Merrillville. Clothing, crafts, jewelry, baked goods and more. Free Admission. All invited.

Sharing Meadows Camp Helpers Needed

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:

December 15-17

2024 Dates: March 1-3, April 26-28 and May 10-12

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.

Share Foundation Christmas Bazaar

All are invited to the first edition of the Christmas Bazaar on December 9 at the St. Timothy Center of Sharing Meadows, 6437 County Road 300, LaPorte, IN. All sales from this event will benefit Share Foundation with the Handicapped. For details, please call (219) 778-2585.

Love, Inc. Helping Families This Holiday

Those who would like to adopt an area family for Thanksgiving or Christmas by providing a holiday meal and/or gifts this holiday season should contact Love, Inc. for any last minute needs. You can reach Love, Inc. (Love In the Name of Christ) at (219) 923-2775 or clearinghouse@loveincgtrham.org. To learn more about this group, visit their website at www.loveincgtrham.org.

Spanish Preparation


Join 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 with two retreats. Info: (219) 365-0582.

Elizabeth Seton Reunion

Be a part of the Class of 1975 Elizabeth Seton High School event, as they plan the 50th Class Reunion. On Facebook, search "Seton Academy 50th Reunion Class of 1975 and click to join. Not on Facebook? Email us at: Seton50reunion2025@gmail.com.

Grief Share

Join St. John the Evangelist for Grief Share on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for a 13 week program. All sessions are in a safe, confidential, secure group setting at the church, 10701 Olcott Avenue in St. John. For information, please call (219) 365-7784.

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