

First Sunday of Advent

Not only do we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birthday, we also remind ourselves that He will come again in all of His glory. We must be ready for that second coming of Jesus lest we find ourselves left behind.



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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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

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Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916

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Celebrants

Saturday, December 9

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, December 10

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, December 7 — Immaculate Conception Vigil

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

Friday, December 8 — Feast of Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. STMS Students: Altar Servers/ MC ~ Hunter

5:00 p.m. A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Alex

7:00 p.m. K. Karl, G. Knight/MC ~ Jack

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

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

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

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



Baptisms

Nicholas James

Son of William & Gisella Heuer-Pere

Rest in Peace

Graziano "Rocky" Orlandi

Sacrificial Offerings

November 12, 2023

Adult \$ 17,233.00

Loose \$ 1,675.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

TOTAL \$ 23,843.00

November 19, 2023

Adult \$ 16,031.00

Loose \$ 1,848.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

TOTAL \$ 22,814.00

November 26, 2023

Adult \$ 16,082.00

Loose \$ 1,913.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

TOTAL \$ 22,930.00



**Campaign for
Human Development**
\$5,092.00

*Thank you for your
generous support of
our parish.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 3 — First Sunday of Advent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Ann Miskovich by Family

10:00 am Alfred Bustamante (Ann) by the Garcia Family

12:00 pm Walter Wesolowski by Patricia & Penelope

MONDAY, December 4

6:30 am Susan Burke by Dr. Moll

8:30 am Eddie Richter by Wife & Family

TUESDAY, December 5

6:30 am Intention of Catherine Pfister by Ann Nowak

8:30 am Jean Blozak (Ann) by Eleanor

WEDNESDAY, December 6

6:30 am Margaret Geary by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Tyrone Beird by the Beird Family

THURSDAY, December 7 — St. Ambrose

6:30 am James Rossi by Michael Mercier Family

8:30 am Juventino Lara by Patricia Salinas & Penelope

5:30 pm Susan Burke by Kopenec & McCraw Families

FRIDAY, December 8 — Immaculate Conception

6:30 am Domenico Costantino by Dominique & Angelique Mercier

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of O'Connor Family by Donna

5:00 pm William Janik by Pozdral Family

7:00 pm Intention of Margie Fowler by Ann Nowak

SATURDAY, December 9

8:30 am Dennis J. Keilman by Eleanor Willy

5:30 pm Lillian Jaworski by Family

SUNDAY, December 10 — Second Sunday of Advent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Frank Markey (Ann) by Family

10:00 am Marilyn Rippey by Niall & Maria McShane

12:00 pm Rose Lepara by Family

Stewardship REFLECTION

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here.

Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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".

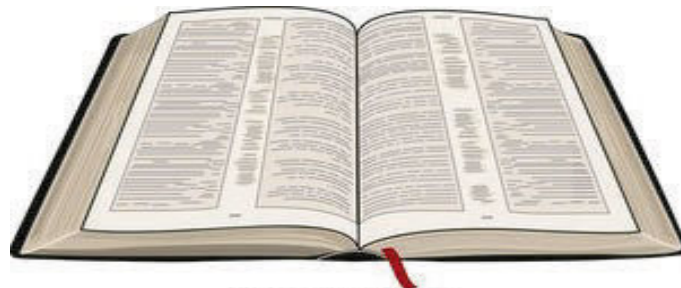
Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: <http://www.stm-cJoin hurch.com/>

Questions?

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

Readings Week of December 3

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez	Elaine Herrmann	Maria Novak
Chiara Andrzejewski	Adelina Hernandez	Steven Nowaczyk
Doris Aurelio	Bertha Birdy Hernandez	Clare O'Brien
Maria Aurelio	Irma Hernandez	Donna O'Connor
Pat Batchelder	Marisol Hernandez	Danny Ogren
Antonio Belmonte	Robert Heseck	James Pancheri
Mary Berry	Becky Hill	Marty Pavlovic
Michael Berry	Marie Hill	Lucille Perz
Michael Billede	Joan Hoess	Judith Peterson
Diane Bochnowski	Sally Joy Hollingshead	Dawn Petro
Cheryl Bostrom	Charlotte Hunt	Johanna Petruch
Linda Braun	Betty Ingbertson	Andrew Pieczyrak
Bill Briney	Joseph S. Iwan	Elizabeth Pilones
Grace Briney	Steve Izzo	Sylvester Porras
Stephany Burney	Elizabeth Jacob	Dennis Powell
Kathleen Burns	Barbara Jamrose	Ronald Prus
Diane Butler	Stanley Jayjack	Jackie Roach
Dorothy Campbell	Kelly Jean	Ann Sardella
James Campbell	Margaret Jones	George Sauer
Janet Cattnach	Kevin Karl	Marie Schultz
Jacqueline Morrow	Dan Karulski	Marianne Schwartz
Christian	Mark Kenney	William Schwartz
Ursula Cichy	Irene Kerps	Zachery Scriff
Charlie Clam	Janet Knight	James Secviar
Loretta Clott	Susan Kolodziej	Jim Seul
Joseph Clune	Gregory P. Koscielski	Renee Shehan
Willie Colby	Melvin Kostalik	Nick Skinner
Charlotte Conn	Crystal Kurek	Laurie Slazyk
Vincent Corsello	Annika LeMonier	Karen Sliwa
Mike Curtain	Chris LeMonier	Deborah Stareck
Valerie Czapkowicz	Debbie LeMonier	Georgianne Suto
Sarah Dalton	Nicklas LeMonier	Florence Stevens
Aaron Dudek	Dorothy Lesnefsky	Carol Storey
Alex Eiland	Kris Lisikiewicz	Charles Svitko
Sherlon Evans	Jo Lisiniewicz	Rose Theis
James Fletcher	Edward Liskiewicz	Michele Thomas
Heriberto Flores	Stanley Liskiewicz	Rosemary Thomas
Maria Flores	Maria Lovell	Russ Thomas
John Forde	James Malayter	Gerardo Trevino
Bonnie Gabrione	Brady Martin	David Trotman
Rich Gagliani	Paul Martin	Kathie Trudgian
Christine Gajda	Carolyn McGill	Anthony Ubane
Andrea Garritano	Larkin McKenzie	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Emily Gibson	Jacob Mencliewicz	Raymond Vanderbok
Joan Glinski	Jenny Mendoza	James Wachel
Monica Gonzalez	Faye Meny	Kathy Wachel
Howard Gralewski	Michael Mercier	Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Margaret Gray	Sandi Merlo	Mark Wein
Susan Graff	Erin Meyer	Ruth Williams
Christine Greenberg	Benjamin Mikels	Annette Wisniewski
Mary Ellen Gullicks	Madeline Mikolanis	Stephanie Wisniewski
Katie Kardes Hargett	John Mitchener	Bill Wisniewski
Rosemarie Havran	Andrew Moll	Dick Wright
Amy Hayes	Thomas Mordaunt	Cecilia Ziegler
Dick Hemingway	Genevieve Mrvan	Cody Ziemkowski
Marie Henke	Bernadine Nemeth	
	Donna Nichols	

First Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and at cockcrow, a good thing? Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us.

We learn that life is not an endless series of days.

You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

Father John Muir ©LPI

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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

ANTICIPATION

"Anticipation. Anticipation is making me late. Is keeping me waiting." ~ Carly Simon

Admit it. If you're like me, you're singing that classic Carly Simon song in your head right now. There's certainly nothing wrong with that. As a matter of fact, it fits in with the season that we begin today: Advent. Advent is all about anticipation.

What do we do when we anticipate something? For myself, I can tell you that I anticipate going on cruises and going to Disney World each year. As those events near, the anticipation ramps. I have lists of things that I need to do in order to be ready for those trips.

If it is a Disney Vacation, I make airline reservations five months in advance and, 60 days out, I go online to make dining reservations. Some of the places I enjoy book up rather early. If I don't make the reservation as soon as I am allowed, I might not get in. So, when New Year's comes around, I am ready for my vacation.

If I am going on a cruise, there are several things to do. If traveling to Europe, I need to purchase Euros. I need to make sure my passport is current. As the cruise gets closer, I need to make reservations to see some of the shows onboard that book up quickly. I might also make reservations to dine in a specialty restaurant as well. All these things need to be done long before boarding the ship.

We are anticipating something HUGE in Advent. It's more than a cruise or a trip to Disney. It's more than anything else we may regularly plan.

Not only do we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birthday, we also remind ourselves that He will come again in all of His glory. We must be ready for that second coming of Jesus lest we find ourselves left behind.

Therefore, we use the days and weeks of Advent to prepare, just as we would for a cruise or any other type of vacation. We make sure our passport is in order by examining our prayer lives. We make sure that reservations are made by living as faith-filled lives as possible.

If all of that is accomplished, we will have much less reason to fear and much more reason to celebrate the hope of the season.

FAITH ACTION: Just as you would prepare for a trip, plan out the next weeks of Advent. Make an Advent wreath or a Jesse Tree or just promise yourself to spend more time in prayer each day focusing upon what is to come.

J. Mike



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
Munster High School Chorale's
Annual Christmas Concert
6:00 p.m. in the church

Join the Munster High School Chorale on Sunday, December 10, 2023, as they return to St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School for their annual concert! The Chorale will sing an evening concert Sunday, December 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

The beautiful tradition of Lessons and Carols will continue Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to begin the Third Week of Advent. I hope that you can join us.



ADVENT Penance SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 P.M.

We will have several visiting priests at our parish on Tuesday, December 19, for an Advent Penance Service. Please try to get to confession if you have not already gone.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, we will have the regular weekend Mass Schedule of 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Sunday. (The Sunday evening Mass at 5:30 p.m. is for Christmas and not for your Sunday obligation.)

Masses for Christmas are:

Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25 at Midnight, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Join the choir in singing Christmas carols before the Midnight Mass. Caroling will begin around 11:15 p.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The applicant told the search committee, "If I'm voted in as pastor of this church, I will work hard to bring us into the 20th century." Someone spoke up, "Um, Preacher, don't you mean the 21st century?" The prospective pastor replied, "Easy does it. Let's just take it one century at a time."



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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|-------------|---------------------------------|
| December 3: | Msgr. Leo P. Hildebrandt (1979) |
| | Rev. Chester P. Zurawiec (1993) |
| December 4: | Rev. Anthony J. Suelzer (1995) |
| | Msgr. Ralph Hoffman (2000) |
| December 9: | Deacon James Haugh (2012) |



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

For info regarding St. Thomas More Religious Education/
Formation contact Emily Hackett: ehackett@stm-church.com.

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

Baby Banks are Back!

Please Help Our Moms and Families

To help support our ministry, the Gabriel Project is hosting a
Baby Bank Fundraiser.

We will be handing out Baby Banks at

**All the exits after Masses
this weekend:**

December 2 & 3.

Please consider taking a bank home
to put on your kitchen counter to
collect loose change.

When your bank is full, simply turn it
in at our Parish Office. We take it from there.

Advent is here. Perhaps this could be your family
Advent project this year.

It's a very simple way to do something kind for others, and it
has the bonus of keeping annoying change out of your
purse or pocket.

Thanks for your continued prayers for our moms & their babies.



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, December 3

Ann, Katie & Paul Harkenrider

Sunday, December 10

Susie, Finn & Nolan Kinsella

December 17

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson • Kaaren Mashura

The Nursery Will Be Closed:

Sunday & Monday, December 24 & 25 • Sunday, December 31

We will re-open in January, depending on the weather.
Would you like to volunteer? Call Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, December 10

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, December 9

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: JoAnn Karr &
Miles Sepiol

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Monday, December 4

7:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

5:00 pm Daisy Troop — Weis Center Main Hall

6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul — Weis Center Room 101

Friday, December 8

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

2:00 pm Knights Christmas Party — Weis Center Main Hall

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

11:00 am Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon
Weis Center Main Hall

Live Christ Share Christ

Join us for a faith-filled morning during Advent by attending on

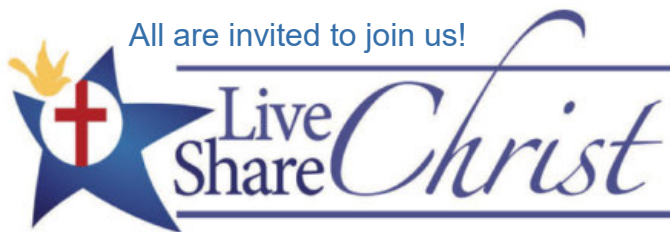
Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

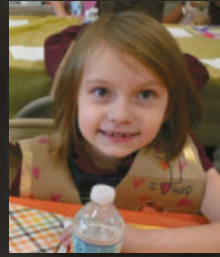
Topic: The Best Kept Secret of St. Thomas More Church
Guest Speaker: Jim Landowski

A Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 Noon will follow.
We are requesting attendees bring some desserts. Thank you!

All are invited to join us!



St. Thomas More School



Friendsgiving

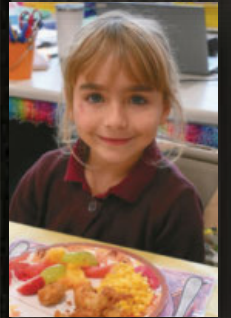
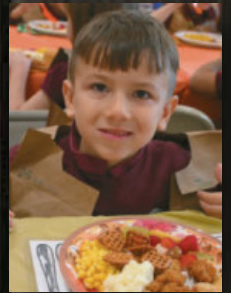
Gathered together in prayer, thankful for family, friends, teachers, pets and their wonderful school, our St. Thomas More School 1st Graders celebrated their Friendsgiving as one, grateful for their many blessings.

Each student created a special "thankful vest" with their family, illustrating all that they value and proudly modeled them at their gathering.

Our thanks to the 1st Grade teaching team and to all the parents who cooked and served a delicious luncheon.

We are grateful for each of these beautiful children and all 550 STMS students and their families.

Our school is truly blessed!



Join us!

Fifth Annual

Advent By Candlelight

**Tuesday Dec. 5th - 6pm
St. Thomas More School Gym**

Come spend an evening of reflection and fellowship with Vicky Hathaway from the Diocese of Gary as she speaks on the meaning and importance of The Nativity.



RSVP REQUIRED: email - stmparish@stm-school.com OR call the office 219-836-8610

St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus **Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale**



Sale Dates:

Monday-Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

While Supplies Last

You'll find the highest quality of evergreen items for all your Christmas and holiday decorating:

Fraser Fir Trees: 6 feet to 12 feet tall

Wreaths: Find a variety of wreaths to choose from (plain or decorated)

Garland: Priced by the foot

Open everyday of the week for your shopping convenience, but everything is selling fast, so hurry!

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 Seniors of STM will enjoy their **Christmas Luncheon this Wednesday.**

After a much anticipated Winter Break, our next meeting will be a social meeting on January 24, 2024.

May the Christmas Season bring you much love and happiness.

Angel Tree

Thanks to those who took a gift tag from our Angel Tree.

Angel Tree Gifts

Please wrap and tag your gift/s with the tag you selected from the Angel Tree. Wrapped & tagged gifts can be brought to church the weekends of

December 2/3 or 9/10 or dropped off at the Parish Office by

December 9 or before.

Thank you for making someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

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!



Our SVDP 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 for our neighbors in need.

We need paper grocery bags!

Please donate your extra paper bags with handles.



Altar & Rosary Society

Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 10

11:00 a.m. in the Weis Center Main Hall

Doors all be open at 10:00 a.m. for volunteers coming to set-up for the luncheon.

We will begin reciting the Rosary at 11:15 a.m.

Our luncheon will follow.

All women attending are asked to bring their favorite main dish or dessert.

We will be collecting **New Children's Winter Hats, Scarves & Gloves.**

Door prizes will be given out after we have lunch.

Dues can also be paid at the luncheon.

Please make your reservation at the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 by December 7, 2023.



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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Masses as ushers, lectors, greeters and altar servers.

If you or anyone you know would like to participate in a parish ministry, please contact AIM: AIM4inclusion@gmail.com

March for Life Indianapolis

Be a Voice for the Voiceless

The Diocese of Gary Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the

Indianapolis March for Life

Monday, Jan. 22, 2024.

We will be leaving the Our Lady of Consolation parish parking lot at 7:00 a.m. CST on premium coach buses.

The day starts with Mass, celebrated by 4 Bishops from Indiana, continues with the March and a Rally afterwards.

The trip home includes a box lunch. Space is limited.

Registration & prepayment are required. Take a stand for life!

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ek34o9ug9523a355&llr=auyfgkvab>

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Events in the Area...

BNI Hosts Royal Brunch

Bishop Noll invites families to attend its 1st Princess Brunch. Enjoy a day of magical experiences from 10:30 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, December 9 at the school, 1519 Hoffman in Hammond. Tickets: \$20/children 12 & under & \$15/adults.

Includes brunch, swag bag, visits by Region Royalty princesses, games, mini princess makeovers (hair/ nails)

Visit <https://bniprincess.givesmart.com> for tickets. No tickets at the door. Info: visit bishoppnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058.

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.

Sharing Meadows Camp Helpers Needed

The Share Foundation is seeking staff, volunteers & campers, for our 2023-2024 Mini-Camps for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Camps include activities, community & prayer. Held at St. Timothy Center in LaPorte, IN:

December 15-17 • March 1-3 • April 26-28 • 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

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