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

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St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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

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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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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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Gabriel Project Marilyn Glennon (219) 836-8610
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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, January 20

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, December 21

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

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

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

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

Rest in Peace

Eugene Frank Florek

Daniel H. Cortez • Martha Burns

Parish Office Hours



Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Closed January 15 – MLK Day

Sacrificial Offerings

December 31, 2023

Adult \$12,337.00

Loose \$1,731.00

Automated \$4,935.00

TOTAL \$19,003.00

January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary

\$14,068.00

January 7, 2024

Adult \$19,716.00

Loose \$1,675.00

Automated \$4,935.00

TOTAL \$26,326.00



Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 14 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Susan Burke by Joellen & Branko Aleksandrovich

10:00 am John Tumpich by Jeff and Becky Camalick

12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Bragiel Family by Tom & Linda Murray

MONDAY, January 15

6:30 am Richard Herrmann by Mary Ann Kekich & David Colpitts

8:30 am Alex Kukurugya by Dr. Lisa Laskarin, James & Josephine Laskarin

TUESDAY, January 16

6:30 am Carl R. Malburg (Ann) by Dennis & Lucy Perz

8:30 am Sylvia M. Komyatte (Ann) by Altar & Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, January 17 — St. Anthony

6:30 am Deceased Members of Rybowiak Family by Pagorek Family

8:30 am Patricia Owczarak (Ann) by Phyllis Rueth

THURSDAY, January 18

6:30 am Donn Davidson by Family

8:30 am Walter Bracich, Jr. (Ann) by Joseph Ramirez

FRIDAY, January 19

6:30 am Timothy Ribble by Tina Schmidt-McNulty & Family

8:30 am Bill Karr by Kaaren Mashura

SATURDAY, January 20 — St. Fabian

8:30 am Bill Karr by Mary Ellen & Herb

5:30 pm Susan Burke by Elaine Butynski

SUNDAY, January 21 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Martin Nemeth by A. Piekarczyk

10:00 am Susan Burke by Tim & Carol Dionne

12:00 pm Carolyn Smiley by the Sefton Family

Stewardship REFLECTION

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

JOHN 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for.

Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world.

Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for 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
Marielva Banks
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Marilyn Branco
Linda Braun
Bill Briney
Grace Briney
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Ursula Cichy
Charlie Clam
Loretta Clott
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Daniel Cortez
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czupkiewicz
Sarah Dalton
Aaron Dudek
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 Kades 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 Ingbertson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Kevin Karl
Dan Karulski
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Melvin Kostalik
Crystal Kurek
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Dorothy Lesnefsky
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
James Malayer
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Carolyn McGill
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Mencliewicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Michael Mercier
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Gino Michels
Benjamin Mikels
Madeline Mikolanis
Robert Minnick
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 Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Karen Sliwa
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Charles Svitko
Rose Theis
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
David Trotman
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Mark Wein
Ruth Williams
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Readings Week of January 14

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom).

We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began.

The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real. It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church?

Who was there? What did you feel?

How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

Father John Muir

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Bulletin Deadlines

Due to altered printing deadlines during this holiday period, printing schedules are altered until mid January. Please submit articles **at least 2 weeks in advance:** bulletin@stm-church.com.

HE INVITES YOU

"The practice of discernment is a part of higher consciousness. Discernment is not just a step up from judgment. In life's curriculum, it is the opposite of judgment. Through judgment a person reveals what he needs to confront and learn. Through discernment, one reveals what he has mastered." ~ Glenda Green

Today's scriptures speak to us about discernment. They contain some of my favorite bible stories. The first reading is about Samuel and his teacher Eli. Samuel was dedicated to God and was in the temple learning from his master, Eli. Eli had been well versed in the ways of the Lord; but, for a long time, God had not been speaking to His people.

When Samuel began to hear the call of God in His sleep, he went to Eli, thinking that his teacher was calling him. Eli merely sent him back to bed, that is, until Eli realized that it was God who was calling the youth. So, he instructed Samuel, the next time he would hear the voice, to say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel did just that and began a close relationship with God.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the call of some of the first Apostles. John the Baptist pointed at Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Two of John's disciples left John in order to follow Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the brother of Simon. Andrew brought his brother to Jesus and Jesus said that Simon would be called Peter. They left all that they had to follow Jesus.

Learning what to do, what voice to listen to, what command to follow takes a great amount of discernment. The more we pray and reflect, the better we will be able to discern the voice of God when He speaks to us. And He does speak to us. It is not often direct, as it was in the case of Samuel. Most often, it is through the words and actions of those around us.

If we are open to all the possibilities of God, we will not miss Him when He speaks to us. We need to make a conscious decision to keep our eyes, minds, and hearts open for the Lord. Then, as Samuel did, we need to invite Him to speak to us. And, as Samuel, Andrew, and Simon Peter, we need to accept His invitation to follow, no matter where He may lead.

FAITH ACTION: Make time to sit in silence today, keeping yourself open to hear the Lord call to you, knowing that it may come in a variety of ways.

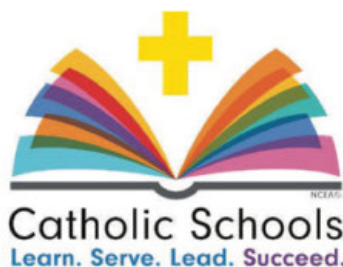
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PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

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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| January 14: | Rev. George J. Naudzius (1963) |
| | Msgr. Alvin J. Jasinski (1969) |
| | Msgr. John F. Morales (2020) |
| January 16: | Deacon Joseph Kwitko (2004) |
| January 19: | Rev. Ignatius C. Vichuras (1984) |
| January 20: | Deacon Joseph Wilczynski (2004) |
| | Rev. Tony Valtierra (2007) |



DEDICATED TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In a couple of weeks, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. I could wait until then to say something, but I think it is important to bring to our awareness the importance of Catholic education.

We are privileged to have a school attached to our parish. There are not many parishes left who have schools anymore.

Our school gives us the opportunity to provide a faith-based environment in which our students can learn. Having virtues and values at the forefront of what we do, our students can model the love that was at the foundation of all that Jesus did.

It is important to remind our students that learning and knowledge comes with responsibility to self and to others. We do not teach or learn in a vacuum, we do it all with Jesus in our minds and hearts.

Thank you to all who support our parish and, thus, give us the opportunity to provide a school for our children to learn. May God reward you!

Discover Catholic Schools

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

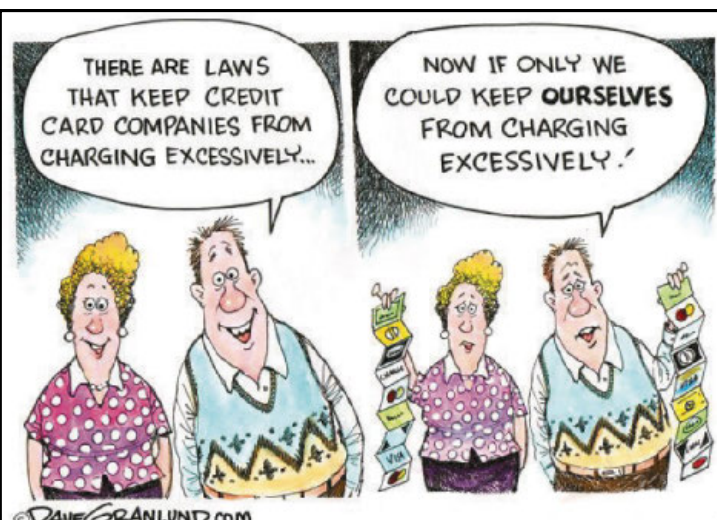
A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day.

One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer.

As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?"

"What dear?" she asked gently, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.

He looked at her with a wry smile and said, "I think you're bad luck."





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

January Schedule

17/18 Class
24/25 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*

April Schedule

3/4 Class
10/11 Class
17/18 Class
24/25 *Last Class for All Except First Communicants*

May Schedule

1/2 *First Communicant Practice*
All Wednesday & Thursday Students
All must attend both nights
4 *First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.*

Live Christ Share Christ

Live Christ Share Christ will
not meet during the month of January.
We will resume meetings in February.

We hope everyone will join us when we reconvene
for our next meeting

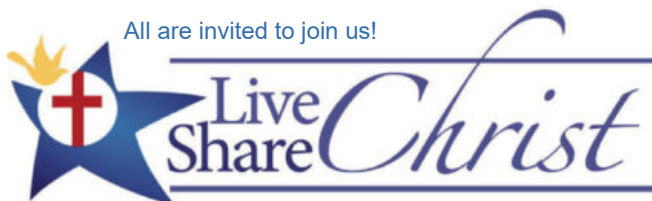
Saturday, February 10

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Topic: Presence of God

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Yee

All are invited to join us!



Greeters for the Week



Sunday, January 21

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski

Chapel: Joe & Kathy Tolnai

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Sergio & Lisa

Mendoza

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 a.m. Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

Chapel: Celeste Peltzer

Saturday, January 20

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Mack Family

Chapel: Patty Pfister

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection
After All Weekend Masses

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

9:30 am Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

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

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

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

?:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15499 — Weis Room 101

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Help our parish by becoming an
Extraordinary Minister of
Holy Communion.

Share the presence of Christ in the
Eucharist with our parishioners.

Consider becoming an
Extraordinary Minister.

If interested, please contact Jim
Kaspar at 219-836-2343.



Nursery

The Sunday morning is closed till mid-February.

If you'd like to volunteer when we re-open, please contact
Kaaren at 219-836-5079.

Advertise With Us!

If you have a business that you'd like to promote through
advertising in our parish bulletin, please contact

John Plagens at (440) 346-0753 or jplagens@4lpi.com.

Parishioners in need of work or services usually contact
the trusted advertisers in our bulletin first.

St. Thomas More School




Please Join Us for Night of Fun!

Mardi Gras SOIRÉE

Saturday, February 10
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Villa Cesare • Schererville, IN

Libations • Dinner • Dancing
Online Auction
Fun Surprises All Night!

Tickets on Sale Soon!
Visit our Facebook page
for a link or watch the bulletin
for a QR Code to purchase tickets

Plan to Attend!

This event is open to everyone! And everyone who likes to have a good time should plan to join us for some Mardi Gras-style fun!

Want to Help with Our Event?

The Mardi Gras Committee is seeking the following items for our Online Auction:

Local Dining Gift Cards

Gift Cards for Services:

Nail/Hair Salons

Oil Change/Auto Repair

Children's Activities:

Skating, Bounce House, Bowling

Entertainment Certificates:

Movie Theater

Local Theater Productions

Museums

Sporting Events

Yeti Cooler/Stanley Items



The Online Auction is open to everyone!

Bid from the event, or from home, or from anywhere!

Great items added each week until the event.

St. Thomas More School Open House

**Sunday
January 28**

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Enter at Door #1

Preschool • Pre-K
Grades K-8

- A-Rated by the Indiana Department of Education
- Dedication to Academic Excellence
- Faith-filled, Kind Environment
- 20+ Extra-Curricular Activities
- Emphasis on Leadership & Service to Others



**Join Our
School Family!**

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www.stm-school.com



Heating Things Up

The weather outside might be frightful, but our 4th grade students were keeping things nice and toasty in their classroom with one of their latest science experiments.

Students, working in groups, created their own version of a solar oven. To sweeten the project, their goal was to make s'mores via solar power. Each solar oven design was unique, but all accomplished what they set out to do...heat the marshmallow and melt the chocolate.

The final results were both successful & delicious! Well done, students!



Mental Health Ministry

Food for Thought...

"Mental health is not a destination but a process...
it's about how you drive, not where you are going."

Noam Shpancer, PhD

The Mental Health Ministry meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Join us for our next meeting on

Tuesday, February 23

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

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.

For more information, 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.

Every Monday

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center

For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

Mental Health Ministry meetings will resume later this month.

Contact: Dr. Jean Nanos at drjnanos@stm-church.com

Pancake Breakfast

Join the St. Thomas More Ushers Club for the reinstatement of their annual

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 28

All are invited to attend:

7:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Gym

Cost:

Free-will offering

Tickets Available for the Ushers Raffle, too!

Total of \$1,000 will be awarded.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

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.



Career Networking Group

The Career Networking Group will no longer hold regular meetings due to low attendance and difficulty in securing relevant speakers.

If you have employment questions or need a resume review.

Please contact D. Weidenfeller at

219-688-7597 or STMCareerGroup@gmail.com for assistance.

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.



Come and relax, meet new people, and see what all the talk is about with the Seniors of STM.

New members are encouraged to join!

Wednesday, January 24

Social Meeting

Mark your calendar to start off the New Year with a resolution to join this fun loving organization.

The meeting will be at

1:00 p.m. in the Weis Ministry Center.

Watch the bulletin for updates on future meetings.



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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.

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

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

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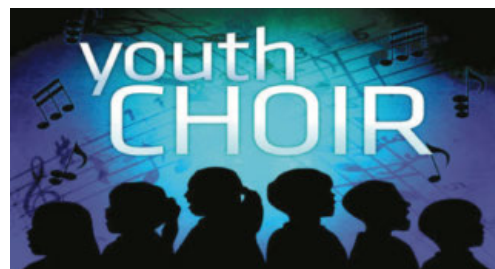
St. Thomas More Parish Youth Chorale.

The Youth Chorale is open to all parish students 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.

Contact Michel Domingue at mdomingue@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 x2340.



Stay Informed/Keep Informed

The staff and bishops of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) invite you to sign up for the Indiana Catholic Action Network (ICAN), which exists to form and update the faithful on the

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AIM Ministry

Ability Inclusion Ministry

AIM, the Abilities Inclusion Ministry of the Diocese of Gary, is working to set the foundation to 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.

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The Director of Maintenance will provide maintenance leadership to our parish facilities & grounds through organizing, planning and implementing programs to support preventative & corrective maintenance improvements. **The successful candidate must:** Prioritize, delegate, supervise, and instruct as needed the maintenance staff in areas such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry and HVAC. Prioritize emergency, corrective and preventive maintenance. Perform daily, weekly, monthly & yearly building inspections with attention to detail to identify necessary repairs.

Be responsible for budgeting and purchasing for maintenance department. Assist/oversee implementation of capital projects & vendor activities. Manage life/fire/security safety systems and emergency protocols. **Qualifications Include:** Minimum 5 years' experience in general maintenance with supervisory experience. High School Diploma or equivalent. College degree or other training desired. **Also must be:** Flexible to changing priorities/conditions. Organized & able to multi-task. Able to communicate effectively; technology proficient. Team player. Strong problem solver with good interpersonal skills. Open to feedback; committed to quality. Practicing Catholic. Cover letter & resume: jobopenings@stm-church.com

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Hours: Mon-Fri from 5:30 pm-11:00 pm & occasional Sundays. Apply in person at STM Parish Office, 8501 Calumet in Munster or email: jobopenings@stm-church.com.

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St. Thomas More Parish

The bookkeeper is responsible for supporting the accounting department & financial operations. Hours: evenings & Saturday, reception duties and support staff. Must be proficient in various databases, accounting software (QuickBooks) and Microsoft Office Suite. Strong organizational skills with the ability to multi-task and prioritize work. High school degree. Minimum 2 years bookkeeping experience. Church or non-profit bookkeeping experience preferred. Please email your resume to: Maria Vega at mvega@stm-church.com.

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