



St. Thomas More School

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Educating Tomorrow's Leaders in an Environment of Kindness & Respect Where Excellence Happens on Purpose!

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Open House Today!
Sunday, January 28
9:00 a.m. — Noon
Catholic Schools Week

Faith Based Curriculum

- Regular Mass Attendance & Participation
- Sacramental Preparation
- Lectors
- Cantors
- Altar Servers

Smaller class sizes lead to better classroom behavior & allows for more individualized attention.

Small Class Sizes 20:1 Ratio



Our Preschool & Pre-K programs are curriculum based and offer a world of interactive, social & academic learning experiences for young children through both play and structure-based activities, beginning at age 3.

Preschool Pre-K Half or Full Day



20+ Clubs & Activities



5 Girls & Boys Sports



Boys & Girls sports offered through our Diocesan CYO: Basketball • Cross Country Soccer • Volleyball • Track

Athletic participation provides an additional platform for growth, as students learn the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, cooperation & leadership outside the classroom setting.

Emphasis on the Arts



The Arts are incorporated into our school curriculum, offering Spanish, art & music classes during the school day with additional opportunities for artistic expression, from drama to chorale to art.

Classes are structured to address every student's learning style. Honors classes are offered to provide a varied-paced curriculum so that every student can learn at their optimum pace to achieve academic success.

A+ Honors Program



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
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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
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2023-2024 Pastoral Council Members

Julius Ballanco Leslie Dernule
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
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School Admissions Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
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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, Tamara Kozy
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
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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
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Parish Garden Ministry Noreen Bickel (219) 836-8610
Respect Life Leslie Dernule (219) 741-3739
Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, February 3

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, February 4

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, February 3

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

Sunday, February 4

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

10:00 a.m. L. Patton, A. Monroy/MC ~ Nick

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

Rest in Peace

*Carmen Derkacz
Jane Kieltyka • Eugene G. Lesko*



Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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.

Sacrificial Offerings

January 21, 2024



Adult	\$ 17,232.00
Loose	\$ 1,954.00
Automated	\$ 4,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,121.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 28 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Doreen Jurkash by Jurkash Family

10:00 am Carolyn Smiley by Phyllis Rueth

12:00 pm Walter V. Bracich by Family

MONDAY, January 29

6:30 am Anne Scepkowski by Family

8:30 am Nancy Bossi by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

TUESDAY, January 30

6:30 am Eugene Turner by Bill Burke

8:30 am Roland Kwasny (Ann) by Evelyn & Family

WEDNESDAY, January 31 — St. John Bosco

6:30 am Michael G. Stodola by Helen Rich

8:30 am Larry Monak (Ann) by Monak Family

THURSDAY, February 1

6:30 am Bernie Vellutini by Zurawski Family

8:30 am Father Anthony Balczun by Carol & Mary Sejda

FRIDAY, February 2 — Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am Joseph Pawlak (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Carmen Garcia (Ann) by the Serrano Family

SATURDAY, February 3 — St. Blaise

8:30 am Ray Freudinger by Angela Burke

5:30 pm Catherine Flynn (Ann) by Family

SUNDAY, February 4 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Christopher Duray (Ann) by Wife & Family

8:00 am Timothy Sannito by Ed & Debbie Pilawski

10:00 am Scott Boukal by Jim and Carol Zaczek & Family

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

Stewardship REFLECTION

*"Brothers and sisters:
I should like you to be free of anxieties."*
1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things?

God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need.

Try this – use the word "pray"
instead of the word "worry" in the future.
Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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 Billeto
Allen Blocher
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Marilyn Branco
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
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 Ingbreton
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 Schults
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
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Readings Week of January 28

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms.

Apparently, so do many others.

The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row.

Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes.

Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself.

We know what that is like.

We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails.

Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division.

They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on.

Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace.

What if we made room for his word where we need it?

Father John Muir

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USE YOUR AUTHORITY COMPASSIONATELY

"If you wish to know what a man is, place him in authority." ~ Yugoslavian proverb

Authority is a big word for us. It is a big concept. It can also be a big problem. When we are very young, we appear to accept the authority of our parents and others quite naturally. When they say something, we do it. We do not seem to ask many questions or rebel against it. That is, when we are very young.

Then something happens to us. We begin to question the authority of others. Older brothers and sisters, parents, teachers, employees, law enforcement officers, religious — they are all suspect. We do not want to listen to what they have to say nor do we want to follow their advice or their direction.

If our human nature holds authority in such contempt, why, then, do so many people want to become a person of authority? We know what often happens in those matters. A person who was anti-authoritarian often becomes someone who will not tolerate his or her authority to be challenged. That person often sets ridiculous rules or non-attainable goals. That person often runs roughshod over his or her underlings.

"If you wish to know what a man is, place him in authority." That proverb certainly rings true. So, let us look at the man we call Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Jesus entered a synagogue and was met by a man with an unclean spirit. Jesus silenced the spirit and healed the man. The response of those present? "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

Yes. Jesus has authority. But He does not lord His authority over others. He does not make others do what He wants. He uses His authority to set us free: free from sin, free from fear, free from death.

That is the same authority that Jesus gave to His followers and the type of authority that He wants His followers to use.

It is incumbent upon us, who know the Lord, to use what He has given to us wisely, never to browbeat others, but always to do all that we can to love, to nurture, and to set others free. We have received authority from God. Let us never misuse it.

FAITH ACTION: If you have authority over others, make sure that you use your authority to nurture them and help them to grow.

Fr. Mike

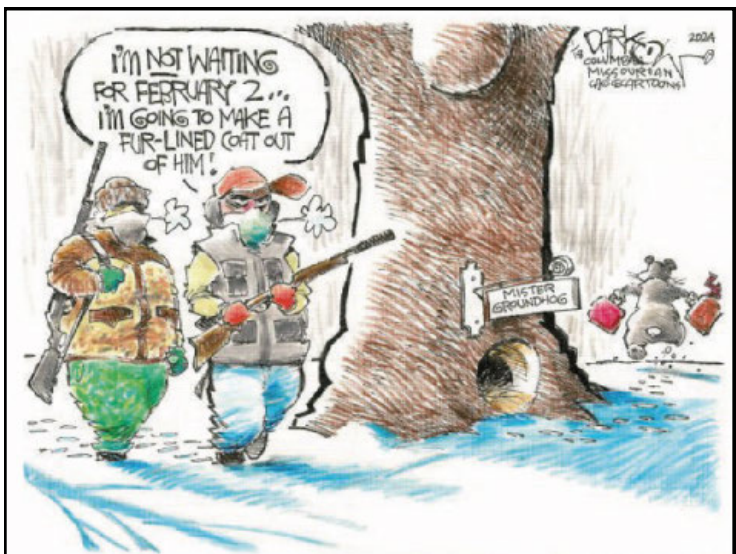
Discover Catholic Schools a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Have you ever wondered...

- Why Tarzan doesn't have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?
- Why we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
- Why someone believes you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?



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 29: | Rev. Edward M. Boney (1971) |
| January 30: | Rev. Joseph Zobel (1967) |
| | Rev. Clarence Mazur (2001) |
| January 31: | Rev. Joseph R. Niezgoda (2008) |
| February 2: | Rev. Dennis Teles (2014) |
| February 3: | Msgr. Francis A. Rego (1987) |



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

January Schedule

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*

27 *Sacrament of Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.*

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.*

Greeters for the Week



Sunday, February 4

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Michael Cardone

Chapel: Maria Rodriguez

Choir: Donna Weidenfellar

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Michelle Walker

Chapel: Dwight Reed

12:00 a.m. Noon Mass

Main: Maria Cano

Saturday, February 3

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Cathy Delgado

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Monday, January 29

6:00 pm Gardening Ministry — Weis Center Main Hall

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, January 30

5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #15574 — Weis Main Hall

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

Wednesday, January 31

9:30 am Morning Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101

1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting — Weis Room 107

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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

Gabriel Project

Please join us for our next meeting

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 p.m. • Room 101 • Weis Center

The St. Thomas More

Gabriel Project

continues to provide assistance to
moms who need help with providing
diapers, clothes, formula and other
items for their babies.

Our most sincere thanks to all who
have donated items for the mothers
and infants we serve.

Thanks to everyone who is
participating with the Baby Banks.

We welcome new members to join us.



Live Christ Share Christ

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!



Nursery

The Sunday Nursery 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



Come Join Us!
Everyone is Invited
for a Great Night of
New Orleans-Style Fun!

**Purchase
Tickets Now!**
Deadline to Purchase
1/30/24!



Mardi Gras SOIRÉE

Saturday, February 28

6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Villa Cesare • Schererville, IN

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

Tickets on Sale Now!

Use QR Code to Purchase Tickets & View Online Auction Items!

St. Thomas More
School
Celebrates
Catholic Schools
Week 2024

Honoring Our Community Heroes

All Active Duty Military & Veterans
Police & Fire & EMT/First Responders
are invited to join the
Students & Staff of
St. Thomas More

Tuesday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church
Reception & Refreshments to Follow
Please spread the word to others
who serve our community.

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



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 first Seniors of STM meeting of 2024 is this week.
New members are encouraged to join!

Join us for our next Seniors of STM meeting

Wednesday, February 7

Business Meeting

Speaker: Officer James Ghrist
Munster Police Department

Officer Ghrist will speak about "Senior Safety".
He will discuss personal safety, scams, when to call the police
and will answer your questions and address your concerns.

Join us for this important meeting.

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

Mental Health Ministry

Food for Thought....

"You don't have to control your thoughts.
You just have to stop letting them control you."
Dan Millman

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday, February 27

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

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.



Thanks from Environment & Art

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who devoted
time and talent to set-up and take down the Christmas décor in
our church!

Thank you to Principal, Dr. Samantha Francis and teacher, Mrs.
Kathy Tolnai for allowing some of the St. Thomas More School
8th grade students to participate and help. We are very grateful
for the extra manpower.

Our committee received lots of compliments from parishioners.
This could only happen with all the help that was generously
provided.

We appreciate everyone who took part. We'll see you at Easter!

Environment and Art Ministry



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.

Pancake Breakfast

Back by popular demand.
Join the St. Thomas More Ushers Club
for their Annual

Pancake Breakfast Today, Sunday, January 28

All are invited to attend:

7:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Gym

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, milk or coffee.
Visit with our great parishioners!

Cost:

Free-will offering

Tickets Available for the Ushers Raffle, too!
Total of \$1,000 will be awarded.



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
Church's legislative priorities to advance the common good.
During each annual meeting of the Indiana General Assembly,
the ICC brings the teachings of our Catholic faith to Indiana's
legislators and needs your help to
amplify the Church's witness. Sign up for communications and
action alerts by going to: indianacc.org/register

Right to Life

The following Lake County Right to Life events are upcoming:

February 19: Oratory Contest Deadline

March 12: General Meeting

April 19: 2024 Fundraising Banquet

For more information about these events or to learn more
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The Director of Maintenance will provide maintenance leadership
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Maria Vega at mvega@stm-church.com.

Events in the Area...

Paczki Ball Dinner/Dance

All are invited! Join the Dyer Knights of Columbus #8082 host their annual Paczki Ball on Saturday, February 3rd from 6:00 -11:00 p.m. at Andorra Banquets, 1112 Route 41 in Schererville. Cash bar and family-style Polish dinner, followed by dancing featuring E-Z Tones Polka Band. Tickets: \$40/person.

To purchase tickets or request additional info, contact Ed Hebda at (219) 865-6922 or Edhebda8082@yahoo.com.

Munster Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The Munster Lions Club is hosting their 67th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 3 from 7:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at the Munster High School Cafeteria, 8808 Columbia Avenue.

Tickets at the door or from parishioners Mike Mezey at mmezey@hotmail.com or Chris Ylo at ecylo@yahoo.com. Tickets: \$10 Adults/ \$5 Children. Raffle tickets available, too.

Munster Lions club has been serving Munster & the community since 1938. For more information club: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/munster>.

Classical Music Concert

St. Michael Church in Orland Park, IL has launched a Concert Series to promote fine Classical Music in our area.

All concerts are free to the public (free will offering taken). The next concert will be January 28 at 4:30 p.m. by accomplished

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Quinceanera Preparation Class

"Quinceanera" is a traditional celebration of life & gratitude to God on the occasion of the 15th birthday of young Hispanic women. The family usually requests a Mass or blessing from the Church, showing the importance of Catholic values.

A Quinceanera Preparation Class for all young women will be held at St. John Bosco School, 1231-171st Place in Hammond, on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This program will be facilitated by Adeline Torres. Cost is \$25 (includes materials, lunch, snacks & instruction). Enter through Door A.

To register or for more information, please contact Vickie Blackwood at (219) 844-9027 or sjbreigion@comcast.net.

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