

*The things of the world, great or small,
are all temporary. They will crumble away
into dust and leave us with nothing.*



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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Celebrants

Saturday, March 2

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, March 3

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, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

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

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

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

Parish Office Hours



Monday to

Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Bulletin Deadlines

Always be sure your information makes into the appropriate bulletin by submitting articles at least two full weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com. Thank you for your help.

Sacrificial Offerings

February 18, 2024

Adult \$ 15,247.00

Loose \$ 1,926.00

Automated \$ 4,935.00

TOTAL \$ 22,108.00

Church in Eastern Europe

Adult \$ 3,804.00

Loose \$ 1,612.00

TOTAL \$ 5,416.00

Ash Wednesday

Adult \$ 5,341.00

Loose \$ 592.00

TOTAL \$ 5,933.00



Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 25 — Second Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Molley Lanham (Ann) by Grandparents Raymond & Leilani

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am Larry Suter by Laurene Viater

12:00 pm John & Lottie Spudic by Phyllis Rueth

MONDAY, February 26

6:30 am Bernedette ???Vellutini by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Robert Wojcik by Ron & Charlotte Conn

TUESDAY, February 27

6:30 am Charles E. Boblink by Seniors of STM

8:30 am Rose M. Dudzik (Ann) by Laura & Paul Benson

WEDNESDAY, February 28

6:30 am Charles Boblink by Elaine Fechalos

8:30 am Maria Jugovic by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

THURSDAY, February 29

6:30 am Mary Chavez by McGraw Family

8:30 am Michael G. Stodola by Jim Miskovich

FRIDAY, March 1

6:30 am Intention of Laschober Family by STM Family

8:30 am Intention of Aleksandar Al-Akel by Al-Akel Family

SATURDAY, March 2

8:30 am Caterina DiMarzio Vitale by Linda Rescan

5:30 pm Charles & Alice Clam by Charlie Clam

SUNDAY, March 3 — Third Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Mercier & Costantino Families by Michael Mercier & Family

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am Michael G. Stodola by Opat Family

12:00 pm Dimitri Adich by John Guiden

Stewardship REFLECTION

“Here I am!” he answered.

GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church.

But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support?

Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us.

Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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 February 25

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/



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
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
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 Malayter
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Carolyn McGill
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Menelewicz
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 Petrich
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilonis
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jackie Roach
Christina Rzonca
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
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Second Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen. God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

Garden Club Ministry

It's hard to imagine gardening in February, but warmer weather will be here before you know it!

If you love to garden, consider sharing your talents as a member of the STM Garden Ministry and be ready for springtime. Flexible schedule! Info: nbickel@stm-church.com.

BE HOPE FOR ANOTHER

"There was never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope." ~ Bernard Williams

"Sleep on it. Things will look better tomorrow." How many times have we heard someone tell us that when we were worried or trying to figure something out? There are a couple of reasons for that.

One reason is that, when we go to sleep, our subconscious often continues working on whatever problem we have been contemplating and we just might wake up with a solution. The other reason is that, even though we may go to bed feeling gloomy, a good night's rest and gazing at a sunrise and new day cannot help but fill us with hope.

We are a people who continuously look for hope. That is our soul speaking deep within us.

Our soul knows that we have been given the ultimate hope: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ has destroyed darkness, sin, and death. We need not fear death but, rather, embrace the hope given to us by God.

Why, then, do we often live without hope? Perhaps it is because we let our mortal nature speak to us. Our fears, frustrations, wants, desires: these all speak to us and fill us with craving or with dread.

When they do, we often turn to the empty promises of the world to fill whatever perceived void we have in our lives. However, emptiness cannot fill anything. By its very nature, emptiness can only leave us empty.

But God? God can fill us with so much goodness. God can fill us with peace. God can fill us with love, hope, and joy. God is the only answer, the only true answer, for our lives.

The world would have us believe that it can fill us with all that truly matters. However, the things of the world, great or small, are all temporary. They will crumble away into dust and leave us with nothing. What God has to give us will never crumble. It will never fade. It will never leave us.

God gives us true hope. He asks us to embrace that hope and to use it to face our world, to face our own fears and doubts, and to be changed by the hope that He has given to us. In becoming changed, He wants us to be models of hope for others, for those who may have been like us.

If we show the world that God can and does make a difference in our lives, others will see what we have become because of God's love and they can have hope for their own situations as well.

Be that hope for another today.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for those who have lost hope, that they may find it in God's incredible love for them.

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:

February 27: Msgr. Vincent L. Lengerich (2015)

February 28: Deacon Rufus Harris (1991)

Lenten Regulations

All the Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence. This is a reminder of what the guidelines of abstinence are in the Church.

Abstinence: The practice of refraining from meat and meat products. **Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.**

NEXT SUNDAY!

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY CHOIR
WITH THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024
4:00 P.M.

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
8501 CALUMET AVENUE
MUNSTER, IN 46321

FREE ADMISSION

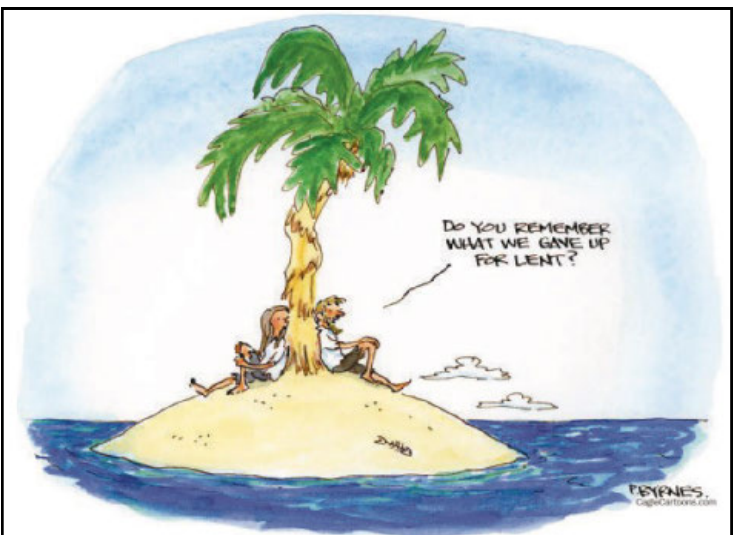
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A lonely frog telephoned the Psychic Hotline and asked what his future held.

His Personal Psychic Advisor told him: "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you."

The frog was thrilled, "This is great!" he said. "Where will I meet her? Will it be at a party of some sort?"

"No," said the psychic. "It won't be at a party. It will be in something called a biology class."





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

February Schedule

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.*
8th Grade Students of Our Parish

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, March 3

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Michael Cardone

Chapel: Maria Rodriguez

Choir: Donna Weidenfeller

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Michelle Walker

Chapel: Dwight Reed

Saturday, March 2

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Cathy Delgado

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Monday, February 26

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, February 27

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

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

7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry — Weis Center Room 104

Wednesday, February 28

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

1:00 pm Board Meeting-Seniors of STM

Weis Center Room 107

Thursday, February 29

5:00 pm Girl Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

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

Friday, March 1

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

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross — Church

Saturday, March 2

10:00 am Spirituality & Worship — Weis Center Room 101

Altar & Rosary Society

Chili Bingo

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 p.m. at the Weis Center.

Doors Open at 5:00 pm for volunteers to help set up Bingo.

We will begin with the

Rosary at 6:15 pm.

Altar & Rosary will provide chili,
hot dogs, chips & beverages.

Women attending are asked to bring :

Desserts • New Door Prize (valued \$10)

Please call the Parish Office by March 9, 2024
with your reservation: (219) 836-8610.

For info: Call Kathleen Pagorek at (219) 972-0539.



Live Christ Share Christ

Reignite your faith this Lenten Season by joining us for our next
Live Christ Share Christ meeting.

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Topic: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Speaker: Jim Blakely

Nursery

The Nursery is available to young children, ages infant to 4,
during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Bride's Room.

March 3: Ann, Katie, Paul Harkenrider

March 10: Susie, Finn, Nolan & Kian Kinsella

March 17: Jennifer/Oliver Anderson & Rachel Perezchica

March 24 — Palm Sunday: Rachel Perezchica &
Kaaren Mashura

March 31 — Easter: Closed



Stations of the Cross

Everyone is invited to
join us
for Stations of the Cross

Fridays
During Lent
7:00 p.m.

at

St. Thomas More Church.
All are welcome!



Catholic Schools Week 2024

Each year, during Catholic Schools Week, we honor a family who has consistently lived a faith-filled life and demonstrates a strong and ongoing belief in the importance of Catholic education.

This year's honorees exemplify the impact and importance of Catholic education first hand.

2024 Belief in Catholic Education

Kathleen & Tony Pagorek



We are proud to announce the 2024 recipients: **Kathleen & Tony Pagorek**

For four generations, members of Kathleen and Tony Pagorek's family have attended Catholic schools, leaving a long legacy of faithful family members who value and believe in the importance of a strong faith-filled education as one of the cornerstones of a happy and centered life, guided by God.

From Kathleen's parents, to her and Tony's own education, to their four children (Tony, Jr., Erica, Bryan and Hilary) to, now, their three grandchildren, Catholic education has been at the forefront of their family's formative years.

Family Thoughts About Catholic Education:

For Kathleen, a Pre-K teacher at St. Thomas More School for the past 30 years, and husband, Tony, the values, the connection to God and the importance of attending regular Mass are key reasons they believe Catholic education makes a real difference. Additionally, they value the strong school ties they have with other, like-minded Catholic families, the high academic expectations and structure, with emphasis on empathy and love for one another...all part of the many reasons Kathleen and Tony chose St. Thomas More School for their children. Continuing the tradition, their children have chosen Catholic schools for their children, too.

The Importance of a St. Thomas More School Education:

At St. Thomas More School, Kathleen and Tony found all the components they found important for a strong, faith-filled foundation for their family. Strong teams of dedicated teachers, working together for the benefit of their students are a huge factor in student success; the extra love and compassion STMS teachers and staff provide is hard to find in other education sectors and they recognize the importance of educating the "whole" child, providing not only a faith base and high quality academics, but offering sports, extra-curricular activities and social opportunities all in one place: St. Tom's.

Kathleen, in particular, loves our Church Buddy program, allowing students to foster a strong relationship with students of a different age/grade and the Sacramental preparation that happens during the school day.

We are thankful that this beautiful, faith-filled family has chosen to be a part of our vast St. Thomas More School family and we look for them to continue the legacy of Catholic education for generations to come.



Catholic Schools Week Highlights:

Mission Day

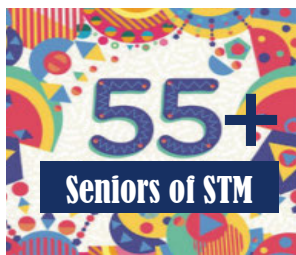
The final day of this year's Catholic Schools Week at St. Thomas More School was a family day, dedicated to helping others in our community: Mission Day.

Families gathered in the school's gym for a morning of fellowship, camaraderie and service work.

From making dog toys from old t-shirts for our furry friends at the Humane Society, to creating birthday kits for clients of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, filled with cake mix, frosting, candles, streamers and more, to cutting and crocheting plastic bags to make warm, dry sleeping mats for the homeless, our benevolent STMS families worked side by side to "do good" for others. Our thanks to all who helped make this a great day.

We look forward to more Mission Days ahead.

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.

Enjoy your extra Leap Year Day this Thursday!

The next meeting for the Seniors of STM will be

Wednesday, March 6

Business Meeting

Our meeting will feature guest speaker Terri Sakelar from the Community Health Diabetes Center discussing "Healthy Aging".

Don't forget to sign-up at this meeting for our

Pot Luck Luncheon

Wednesday, March 20.

More details coming soon via the bulletin.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

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



Have you been reading your Little Black Lenten Book?

This week, the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen reminds us that "The only time our Lord asked the apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship."

Have you spent some quiet time with the Lord?
Can you spare six minutes a day?

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.

Mental Health Ministry

Food for Thought....

"You are not your illness. You have an individual story to tell. You have a name, a history, a personality.

Staying yourself is part of the battle." — *Julian Seifter*

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.

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

St. Dymphna Discussion Group

Offered by the STM Mental Health Ministry

As we prepare our souls during the Lenten Season, let us prepare our minds. What better way than to come to the St. Dymphna Discussion Group, an evening of talking about topics related to everyone's mental and emotional health?

Whether it is you or someone you know, come listen to the discussions. Come join us for an evening of sharing and learning about mental health!

The evening discussions will be held on

Tuesday Evenings

(except February 27th)

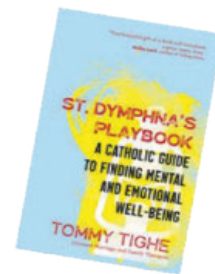
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March 5 Hopelessness

March 12 Fatigue

March 19 Lack of Pleasure

Contact the Parish Office with questions or to reach the STM Mental Health Ministry.



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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Friday, March 8

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The Director of Maintenance provides maintenance leadership to our parish facilities & grounds through organizing, planning and implementing programs to support preventative & corrective maintenance.

The successful candidate must: Prioritize, delegate, supervise & 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 identifying necessary repairs. Responsible for budgeting and purchasing for maintenance department. Assist/oversee implementation of capital projects & vendor activities. Manage life/fire/security safety systems & 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.

Must Also: 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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11:00 a.m.
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Academics

- Licensed teachers who are experts in education and passionate about sharing that knowledge with students.
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- Firmly believe in fostering an educational environment where academic excellence is not only expected but celebrated.

Service

- Participates in various student and parent activities which occur in school including student clubs and after-school activities.
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Leadership

- Enthusiastic leaders who are willing to continue their own learning and apply that new knowledge with all whom they encounter.
- Responsible problem solvers who are able to utilize technology and data to make creative decisions in their daily activities.
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Application Instructions

Please send letter of interest, resume, copy of teacher's license, and references to sfrancis@stm-school.com.

Events in the Area...

Munster Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Munster Lions Club host its 67th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 3, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Munster High School Cafeteria, 8808 Columbia Avenue. Tickets at the door (\$10 Adults/ \$5 Children) or from parishioners Mike Mezey at mwmezey@hotmail.com or Chris Ylo at ecylo@yahoo.com. Raffle tickets available, too. <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/munster>.

Wounded Healers

Dealing with the loss of a loved one? Join Wounded Healers to help you work through your grief. All sessions meet Wednesdays at St. James in Highland, 9640 Kennedy Ave (corner of Kennedy & 45th) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Separate Beginning Groups for those dealing with the loss of a Spouse or Significant Other, Parent, Sibling or Friend or Child or Grandchild. Advanced Groups: "Coming Back" & "Parents Moving Forward". Meeting dates:
March 6 • March 20 • April 3 (Speaker)
April 17 • May 1

Lenten Soup Suppers at St. John Bosco

Each Wednesday until March 20. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8/person. Each week offers a choice of 4 different soups, salad, bread/butter, crackers, dessert and drink. Dine-in or carry-out.
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April 13, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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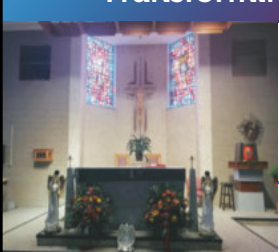
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