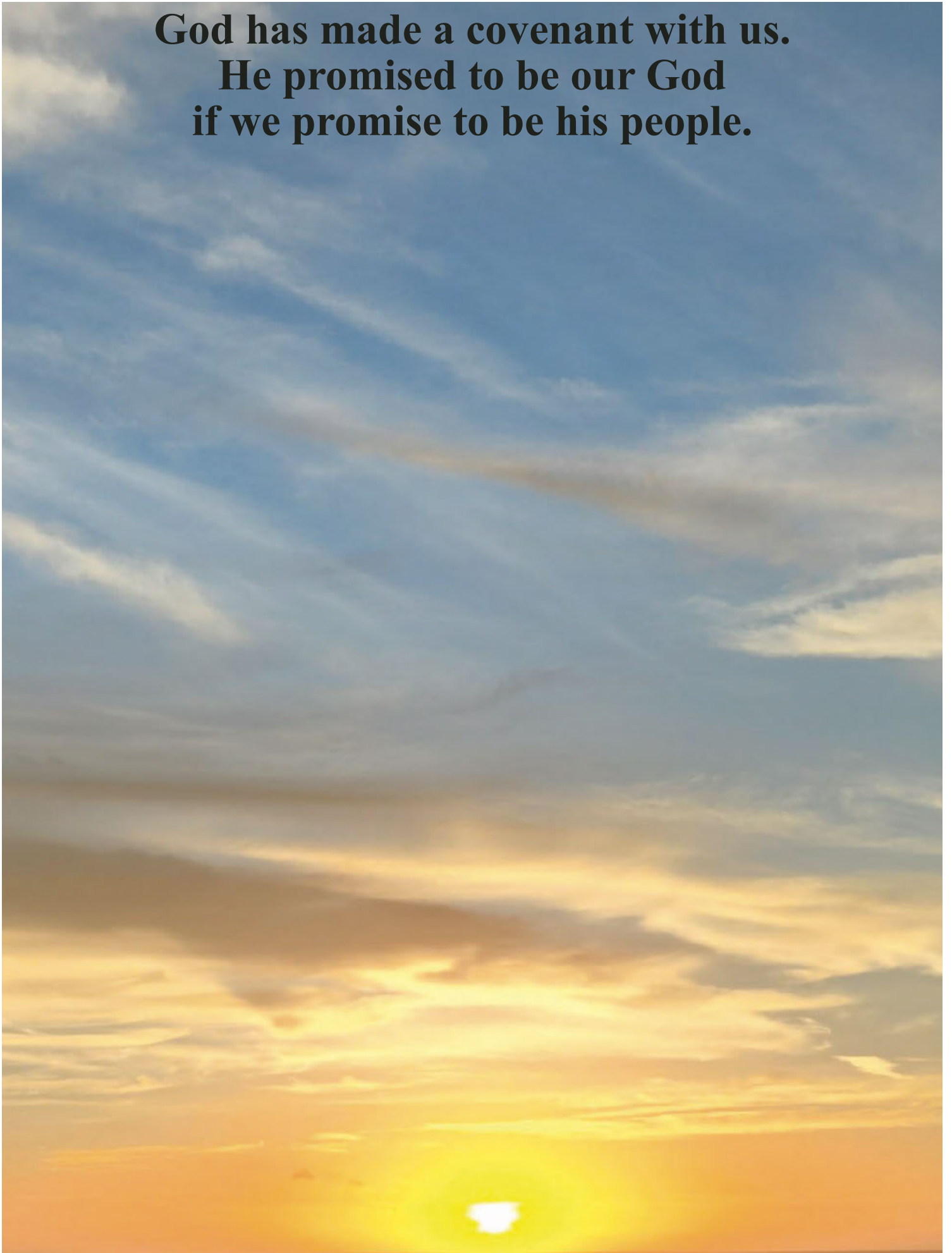


**God has made a covenant with us.
He promised to be our God
if we promise to be his people.**



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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Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

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Parish Ministry Center Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

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Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

First Friday 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

Baptisms First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly attending at least six months before the Baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.

Pre-Baptism Class 2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.

Marriage Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month preparation program for marriage.

Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:

Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.



New Parishioner Registration

To make it as convenient as possible for you, new parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

Stop in during the day, or take advantage of our convenient Saturday office hours.

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education Phone 836-8610

Director Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

Administrative Assistant Cindy McMahon; Ext. 2236

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

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education Tim Jevyak
Parish Life Katie Kordeck, Tamara Kozy
Peace & Social Justice Noreen Bickel, Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship Paul Liszewski

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Altar & Rosary Society Cindy Keilman 923-9862
Boy Scouts Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109
Career Networking Group Jim Kaczka/Donna Weidenfeller
..... STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
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..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
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Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916
Ushers Club Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, March 9

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, March 10

6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

Servers

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, J. Sajm/MC ~ Derek

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

12:00 p.m. S. & E. Ramirez/MC ~ Jack

Rest in Peace

Trina Nicole Pappas • Barbara A. Prahovich



Stations of the Cross

Everyone is invited
to join us for

Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent
7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church.
All are welcome!

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon



Sacrificial Offerings

February 25, 2024



Adult	\$ 18,370.00
Loose	\$ 1,675.00
Children	\$ 75.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 27,979.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, March 4

6:30 am Nancy T. Campos by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Alexsander Al-Akel by Al-Akel Family

TUESDAY, March 5

6:30 am Charles (Bud) Boblink by Steve & Cheryl Bozacki

8:30 am Jose Caraballo by Wife Juanita

WEDNESDAY, March 6

6:30 am Jose Alvarado by Garcia Family

8:30 am Cyril Moran by Wife and Daughter

THURSDAY, March 7

6:30 am Laura Holda Wikel (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Joseph Kwiatkowski (Ann) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

FRIDAY, March 8

6:30 am Tim & Robert Sannito (Ann) by Family

8:30 am Charlotte Natzke (Ann) by Marilyn Pajor

SATURDAY, March 9

8:30 am Leonard Grothouse by Family

5:30 pm Doris Dabrowski (Ann) by Daughter

SUNDAY, March 10 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Phyllis Garber (Ann) by Joe and Cynthia Sindall

10:00 am Charlotte Madajczyk (Ann) by Family

12:00 pm Dimitri Adich by John Guiden

Stewardship REFLECTION

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the
shape of anything..."*

Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God?
"Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we
can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize.
Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are
much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time,
comfort or health.

Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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 March 3

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/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

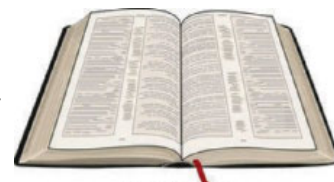
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20 -21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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 Curtin
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 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 Menclewicz
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 Panheri
Marty Pavlovic
Lucille Perz
Judith Peterson
Dawn Petro
Johanna Petrich
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
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

I am the Lord your God ...
You shall not have other gods beside me.
Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well.

In sports and life, the best ones love the basics. Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love. Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

Father John Muir
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A NEW REALITY

"Neither the Ten Commandments nor the great commandment is revelatory if separated from the divine covenant with Israel or from the presence of the Kingdom of God in the Christ. These commandments were meant and should be taken as interpretations of a new reality, not as orders directed against the old reality." ~ Paul Tillich

Paul Tillich was required reading when I was in the seminary. His theological writings were quite profound and delved deeply into the mystery of God. He gave reason to reflect in a very serious way about what God was telling His people in the past as well as in the present age.

Today's first reading, from the Book of Exodus, enumerates the Ten Commandments as given by God through Moses. Those Ten Commandments were provided to the people in order to give them the direction that they needed in order to be a better people. They provided the people with the focus on God and community that was needed in order for the people to survive.

The Ten Commandments, through the years, have been assailed in many ways. Most people treat the Ten Commandments more like Ten Suggestions and do not take them very seriously. However, the commandments were given to the people so that they would better live their faith and strengthen their relationship with their Creator.

When Jesus began His public ministry, He told His followers that He had not come to do away with any of the commandments; but, rather, to fulfill them. He reminded us that the very foundation of the commandments was love. If we live as a people of love -- loving God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves -- we would, truly, be fulfilling the desire of God for His people.

The very fact of the matter is that we cannot live without rules and laws. We cannot. We are mortal and corruptible. We can be too easily swayed, if left on our own and to our own devices, to leave the path that leads to the Kingdom and follow the path to perdition.

We need the commandments. And, even more, we actually need to embrace them and to follow them. God has made a covenant with us. He promised to be our God if we promise to be his people. Let us hold dear to the commandments and what they teach to us.

FAITH ACTION: Reflect upon the Ten Commandments and see what you need to do to change your life so that you are living according to them rather than allowing yourself to stray from them and, thus, from God.

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:

March 4: Msgr. Robert B. Weis (1992)
March 8: Rev. Patrick A. Meehan (1969)
March 9: Rev. Rocco J. Guerriero (1968)

YOU'RE INVITED 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 CALLUMET AVENUE
MUNSTER, IN 46321

FREE ADMISSION

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.**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
- If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

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 10

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Yvette Radziwiecki

Chapel: Toni & Zig Jedrzejczak

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Claudia & Art Mazon

Chapel: Diane Adley

Saturday, March 9

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Michelle Strimel

Chapel: Bill & Chris Retseck

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection

After All Weekend Masses

Monday, March 4

- 6:00 pm Religious Formation/Education — Weis Room 107
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Girl Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

Tuesday, March 5

- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542 — Weis Center Main Hall
7:00 pm St. Dymphna Discussion Group — Weis Room 101

Wednesday, March 6

- 9:30 am Morning Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101
1:00 pm Seniors of STM Social Meeting — Weis Main Hall
5:00 pm Daisy Troop — Weis Center Main Hall
6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul — Weis Center Room 101

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth — Weis Center Room 101
4:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 15499 — Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross — Church

Saturday, March 9

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

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.



Nursery

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

Sunday, March 10

Susie, Finn, Nolan & Kian Kinsella

Sunday, March 17

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson
Rachel Perezchica

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

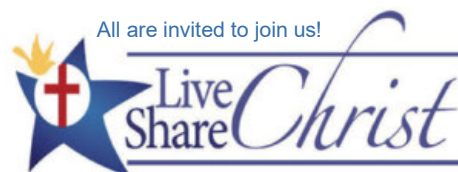
Rachel Perezchica & Kaaren Mashura

March 31

Easter Sunday

Closed

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

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.

St. Thomas More School



6th Grade CYO Champions



A big shout out to the 6th Grade St. Thomas More School Boys Basketball Team, who took home the Diocesan CYO Championship trophy in a well-fought game against St. Patrick of Chesterton.

This team has proven time and time again that teamwork, challenging practices and a good mental attitude provide the recipe for a successful team and we applaud their efforts and hard work.

Playing a big part in their success was an energetic fan base of parents, siblings and classmates, who were always there to cheer them on. Well done, boys! Congratulations, Eagles!

St. Thomas More School

Now Seeking Great Teachers

The mission of a St. Thomas More School teacher is to
*"Educate the Whole Child
 in the Values of Jesus and Mary through*



What we are looking for in new teachers and staff:

Faith

- Practicing Catholics who are committed to lighting the fire of our faith in the minds and hearts of young people.
- Organized adults who can inject the love of their faith into their lesson plans.
- Building relationships with the school community through the teachings of Jesus.

Academics

- Licensed teachers who are experts in education and passionate about sharing that knowledge with students.
- Engaging educators who know how to stimulate young minds through active learning.
- 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.
- Generously share your time, talents and treasures with the community, fostering a spirit of stewardship and collaboration.
- Embody Jesus' values of compassion, humility, and understanding through following directives to the school's leadership.

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.
- Devoted to cultivating young minds and hearts, empowering students to embrace truth, choose goodness, and live virtuously in the service of others.

Application Instructions

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

Congratulations, Dr. Francis!

We know that we are incredibly lucky to be led by an amazing, dynamic school principal, but it's nice to know that her hard work and dedication is recognized outside of our immediate school family, too.

We are proud to announce that Dr. Samantha Francis, St. Thomas More School principal, was recently honored with the St. Catherine of Siena Leadership Award at the annual all-Diocesan school conference of nearly 500 Diocese of Gary teachers and principals last month at Marquette High School in Michigan City. Dr. Francis truly embodies our school motto, "Excellence Happens on Purpose" and we are so blessed that she lives each day wholeheartedly following this motto herself, and works to inspire our students and staff to do the same.

Thank you, Dr. Francis! We're so proud to call you "ours".



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.

New members are always welcome.
Bring a friend to any of our meetings.

The next meeting for the Seniors of STM is this week.

Wednesday, March 6

Business Meeting

Our guest speaker is Terri Sakelaris from the Community Health Diabetes Center discussing "Healthy Aging".

Plan now to attend this informational meeting.

Pot Luck Luncheon

Wednesday, March 20

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

Please bring a dish to share!

Bring a dish according to your last name.

A to L — Dessert

M to Z — Side Dish or Salad

Main dishes are also welcome.

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, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Weis Center • Room 104

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

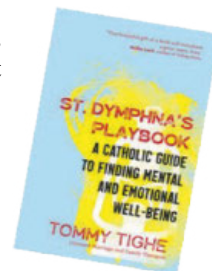
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. • Weis Center

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.

Every Monday • 7:00 p.m. • Weis Center

For more information: www.emotionsanonymous.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

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



Little Black Lenten Book

Can you spare just 6 minutes a day?

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

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Have you spent some quiet time with the Lord?



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Friday, March 8th

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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Catholic high schools, SVDP Thanksgiving turkeys, local
Seminarians, local police/fire departments, Gabriel Project,
Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts,
Planting Possibilities, Campagna Academy and more.

Save the Date:
Holy Name Fish Fry
Friday, March 15

Gabriel Project

Please join us for our next meeting

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101

The St. Thomas More Gabriel Project continues to provide assistance to moms who need help by providing them with clothes, diapers, formula and other items for their babies.

Our sincere thanks to all who have donated items

for the mothers and infants we serve.

Also a big thank you to all parishioners who are participating in our Baby Banks project! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We welcome new members to join our ministry.



Holy Name Society

Everyone is invited to join us for our next meeting featuring

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Declan McNicholas

Discussing

“Missionary Discipleship in Parishes”

Monday, March 18th

7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

Please plan to attend this inspirational and meaningful meeting.

Council of Catholic Women

Indiana(polis) Spring Retreat – April 13, 2024

Spring Retreat on

April 13, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary Cathedral • 1207 Columbia Street • Lafayette

All Indiana women are invited.

Retreat Focus: The Eucharist; Guided Adoration

Inspirational Speakers • Guided Spiritual Painting

Retreat Cost: \$20. Please RSVP to ICCW, Tammy Metzinger, 1236 N 800 W. Delphi, IN 46923 or (765) 427-4441 by 4/7/24.

MASS FOR THE OTHER-ABLED

11:00 a.m.

Sunday

March 10, 2024

Reception to follow.

RSVP and send questions to
aim4inclusion@gmail.com



Cathedral of the Holy Angels
640 Tyler St., Gary



Apples for Students

The Apples for the Students program at St. Thomas More School will conclude at the end of this month.

Last Day to Submit

Strack & Van Til Receipts:

Sunday, March 31



Wounded Healers

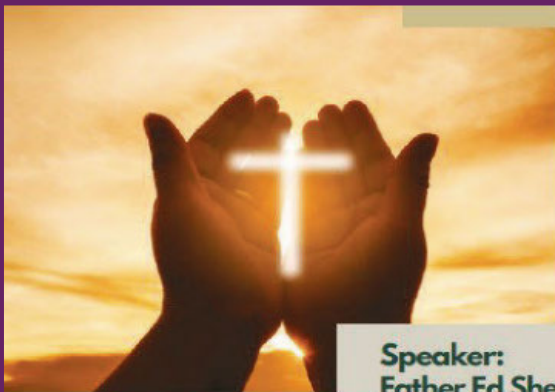
Dealing with the loss of a loved one?

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




Speaker:
Father Ed Shea OFM

"Open Our Eyes Lord"
Reflections on the Journey of Lent 2024

Sunday, March 17, 2024
1:30 pm Gathering
2:00 pm Talk

Holy Angels Cathedral
640 Tyler St.
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BRING JOY TO CHILDREN & ADULTS THIS EASTER

We are partnering with Catholic Charities to provide Easter baskets. Here is how you can help:

- Pick up a bag this weekend
- Fill the bag with age appropriate Easter treats
- Return the filled bag to the narthex on March 9/10 or 16/17.
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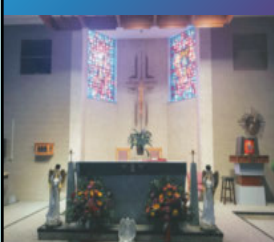
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