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Without detail, the story ceases to exist.
So it is with our faith. Detail is so very important.

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 23

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, March 24

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 23

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

Sunday, March 24 — Palm Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. N. Arman, C. Dagholor/MC ~ Hunter

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

Little Black Lenten Book

Can you spare just 6 minutes a day?

"Think of someone you find hard to forgive.

Forgiveness can't always be accomplished in one sitting... or one day.

But you might be able to do it by Easter"

Have you spent some quiet time with the Lord?



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 17 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Rose Gacsko by Bob Klosek

10:00 am Michael G. Stodola by Alonzo Family

12:00 pm John L. Ostrowski by Francine Maccaroni

MONDAY, March 18

6:30 am Vivian Rita White by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am John Jurkash (Ann) by Jurkash Family

TUESDAY, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Charles (Bud) Boblink by Phil & Marilyn Hickey

8:30 am Chet Milen by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 20

6:30 am Intention of Luciana Abraham by Juanita Caraballo

8:30 am Rochelle Kuzminski (Ann) by Aunty Honey, The McCoy Family, Maribeth Fattore

THURSDAY, March 21

6:30 am Norbert T. Kudele by Elaine Fechalos

8:30 am Janice Speziale by Joseph Speziale

FRIDAY, March 22

6:30 am Violet Jurich by Tom & Louisa Jurich

8:30 am Marguerite Grothouse by Family

SATURDAY, March 23

8:30 am Joseph Dagnillo (Ann) by Donna Weidenfeller

5:30 pm Lillian Jaworski by Family

SUNDAY, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Joseph Yadron by Family

10:00 am Dorothy Jurkash by Jurkash Family

12:00 pm Walter J. Bracich by Family



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!

Sacrificial Offerings

March 10, 2024



Adult	\$ 31,166.00
Loose	\$ 1,450.00
Children	\$ 108.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 40,583.00

Catholic Relief Services
\$4,584.00

Stewardship REFLECTION

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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:

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Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering".

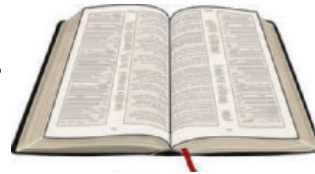
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Questions?

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Readings Week of March 17

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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 Mencelewicz
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 Pilonas
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 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on.

She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess."

She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment.

Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday.

In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

Father John Muir

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Nursery

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

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson • Rachel Perezchica

Sunday, March 24 — Palm Sunday

Rachel Perezchica • Kaaren Mashura

March 31 — Easter Sunday — Closed

PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS

“Detail exists for only one reason, to uphold the narrative reality of the story being told.” ~ Joe Rohde

Today's quote was taken from one of my favorite people. Joe Rohde might not be known by a lot of people. However, if you are in to Disney like I am in to Disney, you will recognize his name as of one of the Walt Disney Imagineers.

Joe has been instrumental in bringing many aspects of the parks to life. Most recently, he was the driving creative force behind Pandora in Disney's Animal Kingdom. Detail, to Joe, is everything.

If you have ever been to the Animal Kingdom and went to Harambe Village to do the safari, you will see their original theme work. Joe made sure that Disney brought people over from Africa just to thatch the roofs of the buildings so that the “village” would be as authentic as possible.

Detail is everything. And, as Joe Rohde states, detail is what drives and upholds the narrative reality. Without detail, the story ceases to exist.

So it is with our faith. Detail is so very important.

Some people, sadly, live on the fringes of the details of our faith narrative. They barely know the stories of our faith. They may just know certain prayers, sometimes not even enough to follow along in Church. Their minimal knowledge of the details of the faith contribute to their drifting away because the story of Jesus Christ just does not make sense to them. It does not hold their interest. They are too busy paying attention to the details of the world.

We are deep into the season of Lent. This holy season is rich in detail, yet many may not even know it. They may barely comprehend the rules and regulations of Lent (fasting and abstinence) but not understand why we do what we do. Stations of the Cross and other devotions might be totally foreign to them.

If the faith is going to have any meaning to us at all, we need to know the details of it. Dig into the faith. Read as much as you can. Watch inspirational movies. Read inspirational books. Go to Lenten services and participate. Ask questions along the way if you are unfamiliar with what we do or why we do it.

The more details you can come to know, the more clearly Jesus Christ will come into focus. He is waiting for you -- in all the details.

FAITH ACTION: If there are aspects of your faith about which you know you are unclear, do all that you can to learn about them so that you may know the Lord as completely as possible.

In. 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 19: Rev. Milan F. Bach (1995)

March 22: Rev. George C. Muresan (1996)

PENANCE SERVICE THIS WEEK

On Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Lenten Confessions will be heard. There will be several priests available to hear confessions from 7:00 p.m. until finished.

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.**

MARCH EVENTS FOR LENT/EASTER

March 27

7:00 p.m. Taize Prayer and last opportunity for confession before Easter. (Please note that there will be only one priest hearing confessions this evening so please go to confession on March 19.)

March 28 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

March 29 - Good Friday

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service

March 30 - Holy Saturday

There are no confessions heard on Holy Saturday

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Baskets

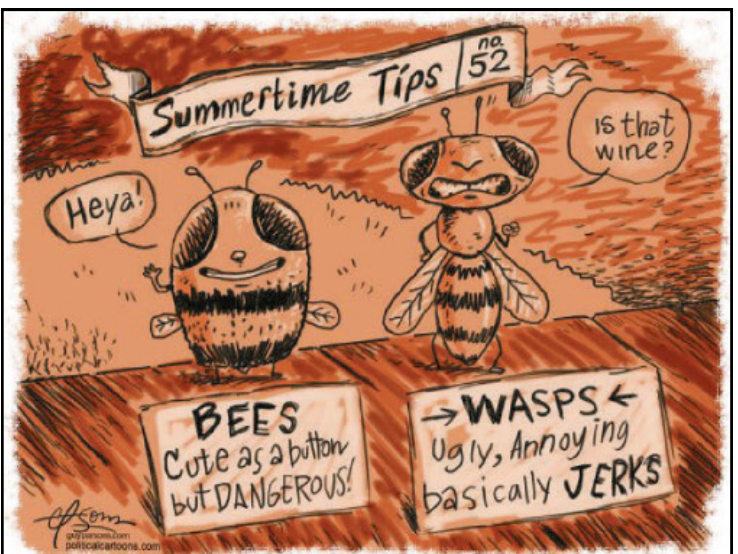
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Masses on Easter Sunday are at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window and his ears flap in the wind?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?





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

1/2 *First Communicant Practice*
All Wednesday & Thursday Students
All must attend both nights

4 *First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.*

Please plan to attend this inspirational and meaningful meeting.

St. Thomas More School



Sharing a Love of Writing & Reading

St. Thomas More School Kindergarten classes have been busy cultivating their early reading skills with each week holding new literary adventures for these young, enthusiastic students who love to challenge themselves and explore all that they have been learning.



As part of their reading development, students recently penned their own "how to" stories, planning their story line and order of events leading to the conclusion. They then illustrated their step-by-step narrative.

To finish this great learning unit, Kindergarten visited the 1st Grade to read their stories aloud.

It's so exciting to see these young readers and authors take their next steps in the broad world of reading adventures...the sky's the limit.

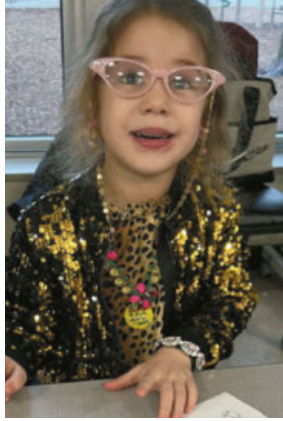


100 Days of School

100 Days of School has a lot of meaning for our youngest students, far beyond the school year being more than half over.

It's a great time to celebrate 100...counting to 100,
sorting by 100...everything 100!

But the best activity in Preschool was undoubtedly dressing up as their 100 year old selves...such fun and so clever!



GOOD NEWS! BOOK FAIR
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FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!

Hope to see you this Wednesday at our annual

Pot Luck Luncheon

Wednesday, March 20

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

All attendees are asked to bring a dish to share!

Main dishes are also welcome.

Please bring a dish according to your last name.

Desserts — A to L

Side Dish or Salad — M to Z

Next Sunday, the Seniors will have their annual

Mass for Our Deceased Members

Sunday, March 24

10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

All current and past members are urged to join us at this Mass. Seats will be reserved in the front of the church for the Seniors attending.

Donuts and coffee will be provided after Mass at the Weis Center. Please sign up if you plan to attend at our March 20th Luncheon or in the Parish Office.

All sign-ups are due by Wednesday, March 20.

Mental Health Ministry

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 101

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 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

Catholic Charities Easter Baskets

Bring Joy to Both Children & Adults

This Easter

Thank you to everyone who picked up a bag last weekend after Mass.

Please return your filled bag

to the Parish Office or Narthex on

March 9/10 or 16/17.

There will be a **Special Second Collection**

the weekend of

March 16/17

to help pay for

Food Baskets

Catholic Charities

will be distributing.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Gabriel Project

Please join us for our next meeting

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101



The STM 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

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



Deacon Steven Caraher's Ordination to the Priesthood

You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of one of our very own!

Deacon Steven Caraher

will be

Ordained a Priest of the Diocese of Gary

Saturday, June 1, 2024

10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral.



Some of you may not feel comfortable driving to the Cathedral to attend the ordination.

We're here to help!

The parish has arranged two coach buses to take parishioners to the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The buses will load at 9:00 a.m. on our parish parking lot and proceed to the Cathedral.

The buses will load for our return from the Cathedral at 1:30 p.m.

That should give you time to linger after Mass for First Blessings.

Please call the Parish Office if interested: (219) 836-8601.

Thank You from the Knights

The Msgr. Weis Knights of Columbus Council 10596 extends their thanks for your generous support and participation at our

Lenten Fish Fry.

We are especially grateful for the partnership with our fellow parishioners at Byway Brewing Co. to help us host the event.

Special thanks to the St. Thomas More Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Maintenance Staff & 8th Grade Students who assisted us in making the event a huge success.

NWI Catholic Newspaper

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New Teen Ministry

Calling For Volunteers

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a dynamic new youth ministry here at St. Thomas More Parish. We are calling upon passionate individuals to join us in inspiring and nurturing the Catholic faith of our high school teens.



Why Volunteer? Many young adults say they drifted away from their faith due to unanswered questions. Our mission is to create a welcoming space where teens can freely explore their faith, ask questions and receive spiritual guidance in a non-classroom environment.

Who We're Looking For: We are seeking dedicated group leaders, preferably between the ages of 18 and 40, who are practicing Catholics eager to share their faith. Your role will involve leading, encouraging, and supervising teens in small groups, providing them with information and tools for living their faith.

Your Impact: As a group leader, you will play a vital role in fostering an environment where the teens feel heard, valued and spiritually supported. By sharing your faith journey, you can have a lasting impact on their lives.

Get Involved: If you are passionate about guiding young minds on their faith journey, we invite you to join us!

Please leave your contact information at the parish office or contact Bernie Barrett at bb44@ameritech.net.

Planning and organizing sessions will be held in April & May 2024. We aim to kick off this exciting program in September.

Bulletin Deadlines

All bulletin articles must be submitted at least two full weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com. Thank you for your help.

AIM Ministry

Ability Inclusion Ministry

"I trust that every Christian community will be open to the presence of our brothers and sisters with disabilities and ensure that they are always welcomed and fully included"

Pope Francis

AIM, the Abilities Inclusion Ministry, of the Diocese of Gary is working to set the foundation to do the work that Pope Francis has called us to do – 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. We are working with ministry leaders of the parish to provide them with support and resources for all other-abled individuals who would like to participate in these ministries. If you or anyone you know has expressed a desire to participate in a parish ministry, please contact AIM at AIM4inclusion@gmail.com.

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More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America.



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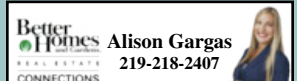
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