

# *Easter 2024*

*The Lord's victory has become our victory.  
The Lord has risen from the dead  
and now so shall we.*



*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 Finance & Operations ..... Charles Schimpf; Ext. 2329  
Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315  
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Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

**St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)**

**Parish Office Staff**

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Vocations Guidance ..... PJ & Margaret Caraher (219) 680-6775

**2023-2024 Pastoral Council Members**

Julius Ballanco ..... Leslie Dernulc  
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](http://www.stm-school.com)  
School Phone ..... (219) 836-9151  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
School Administrative Assistant ..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200  
School Reception/Office Associate ..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201  
School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309  
Director of Development ..... Annette Czarobski; Ext. 2307  
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**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 Cozy  
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](mailto:STMCareerGroup@gmail.com)  
Circle of Prayer ..... Carolyn Cenko 741-2509  
..... [carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net)  
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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  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: [sbburke3@att.net](mailto:sbburke3@att.net)  
Barbara Shaver 838-9200  
Knights of Columbus ..... Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559  
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Parish Garden Ministry ..... Noreen Bickel (219) 836-8610  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739  
Seniors of STM ..... Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916  
Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

# Celebrants

**Saturday, April 6**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, April 7**

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, April 6**

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

**Sunday, April 7**

8:00 a.m. K. Karl, G. Knight

MC ~ Derek

10:00 a.m. G. & R. Santellano

MC ~ Hunter

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

# Wedding Banns

**BANN II**

*Roger Jachna, III & Priasha Iyer*

## Parish Office Hours



**Monday to Friday:**

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

*Closed Easter weekend:*

March 30 & April 1

## Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles at least two full weeks in advance to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com) to ensure your information will be included when you need it. Thank you for your help.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, March 31 — Easter Sunday**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

**MONDAY, April 1**

6:30 am Dolores M. Wendlinger by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Ernest Chmara by Family

**TUESDAY, April 2**

6:30 am Jim Matthews by Pagorek Family

8:30 am Bert Woess, Sr. by Son, Bert & Daughter, Eileen

**WEDNESDAY, April 3**

6:30 am Michael Stodola by Rose Yothment

8:30 am Donna Henkels by Beatrice Henkels Pluard

**THURSDAY, April 4**

6:30 am Edward Labus by Mary Coman

8:30 am Richard Herrmann by Bernadine Nemeth & Family

**FRIDAY, April 5**

6:30 am Elizabeth Costa by Joseph Carole Janusonis

8:30 am Timothy J. Ribble (Ann) by James Kaspar

**SATURDAY, April 6**

8:30 am Delores Sperl (Anniv) by Family

5:30 pm Teodor Dabrowski (Anniv) by Daughter

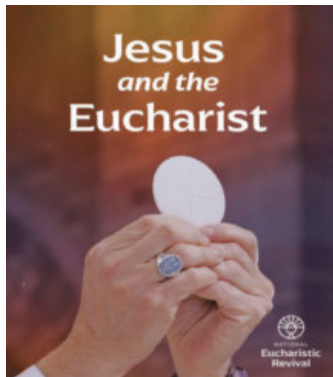
**SUNDAY, April 7**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Dorothy Dominik by Agnes Adich

10:00 am Aria Sefton by Mom & Dad

12:00 pm Steve & Katherine Mardjetko by Family



## Small Group Coming Soon!

**Jesus and the Eucharist Small Group at St. Thomas More will begin in May.**

Watch the bulletin this month for sign up information. Plan to join us!

## Stewardship REFLECTION

*“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”*  
COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us.

We celebrate and sing *“Alleluia.”*

Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year!

Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

## 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/](http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/)

### Questions?

Contact Maria Vega, Business Manager at: (219) 836-8610, #2339 or [mvega@stm-church.com](mailto:mvega@stm-church.com)

## Pray for the sick of our parish...

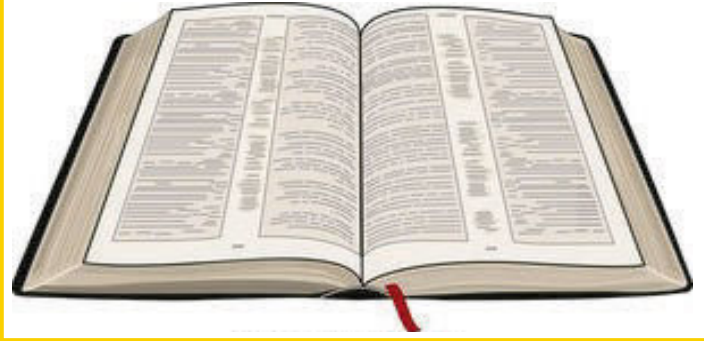
Joshua Alvarez  
Chiara Andrzejewski  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Marielva Banks  
Pat Batchelder  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billedo  
Allen Blocher  
Diane Bochnowski  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Marilyn Branco  
Linda Braun  
Bill Briney  
Grace Briney  
Stephany Burney  
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 Ingbretson  
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 Menclewicz  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Michael Mercier  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
Gino Michels  
Benjamin Mikels  
Madeline Mikolanis  
Robert Minnick  
John Mitchener  
Andrew Moll  
Thomas Mordaupt  
Genevieve Mrvan

Bernadine Nemeth  
Donna Nichols  
Maria Novak  
Steven Nowaczyk  
Clare O'Brien  
Donna O'Connor  
Danny Ogren  
Marty Pavlovic  
Lucille Perz  
Judith Peterson  
Dawn Petro  
Johanna Petruich  
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 Ubane  
Tony Vanden Heuvel  
Raymond Vanderbok  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda  
Mark Wein  
Ruth Williams  
Stephanie Wisniewski  
Bill Wisniewski  
Dick Wright  
Cecilia Ziegler  
Cody Ziemkowski

## Readings Week of March 31

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student.

One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet.

Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!"

Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out. As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving.

But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling.

In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy. We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones.

Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death.

These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

*Father John Muir* ©LPI

**AS HE SAID**

**“Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, ‘Christ is risen,’ but ‘I shall rise.’”**  
~ Phillips Brooks

Easter is such a splendid day and is, indeed, the most important feast in the liturgical life of the Church. Some accord that distinction to Christmas. However, Christmas would not mean a thing if the Christ-Child did not ultimately die and rise from the dead. Easter is truly what it is all about.

When Easter arrives, we shuck the gloomy mantle that we have worn throughout the Lenten season. Lent was that time of repentance and many of us can get quite dark as the days progress.

Since Lent encourages us to look within and come into contact with our sinfulness, we often lose the joy that is within us. Some people even begin to lose hope as they gaze at their sinfulness and wonder if God could ever forgive them.

Thus, at Easter, we glory in the decorations of the day. The smells of the lilies and other flowers send a fragrance through the air that even those of us with seasonal allergies delight in sensing.

The flame of the Paschal Candle burning bright and tall in front of us reminds us that Christ is the Light and His light has dispelled the darkness of sin and death.

Yet, for many, Easter is only about externals. The externals point to Christ.

Phillips Brooks reminds us, Easter is not only about the Lord, it is about us all. The Lord's victory has become our victory. The Lord has risen from the dead and now so shall we.

That is what we proclaim at the Easter liturgies. That is what we proclaim throughout the Easter season. That is what we nurse in our heart and soul. That gives us the grace and the courage that we need to face everyday life. One day, if we remain faithful to God here on earth, we shall be able to join in His resurrection.

The Lord is risen as He said. Alleluia, alleluia!

**FAITH ACTION:** In prayer today, take the time to thank the Lord for the victory that He has won for you and for all of those who are so important to you. *In. Mike*

**HE IS RISEN!**



**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 31: Msgr. Ferdinand J. Melevage (2015)
- April 2: Msgr. Everard N. Klein (1983)
- April 6: Rev. Louis A. Jeziorski (1973)
- Rev. Gilbert G. Wirtz (1981)

You have made it special  
*Thank You!*

Thank you to all who made Holy Week, the services and Masses of the Triduum, and Easter Sunday Masses so special.

To those who decorated, who served at the altar, who sang in the choirs or as cantors, who played piano, organ, or other instruments, who distributed the Holy Eucharist to the faithful, or who greeted those who attended the services and Masses, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Our services and Masses are about us. Yes, you and me. Us. We are the people of God here at St. Thomas More Church and we are the people who celebrate a wondrous victory wrought for us by our loving Savior.

It is good to gather in prayer. It is good to worship together. It is good to share in the various ministries of the Mass. Let us continue to praise our God with thankful lives of praise and love.

As you gather with family and friends on this day, take the time to thank God for all that He has done for you. Indeed, the old gospel tune is so true: **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Knock, knock!  
Who's there?  
Bunny.  
Bunny who?  
Some bunny has been eating my carrots.



Knock, knock!  
Who's there?  
Alma.  
Alma who?  
Alma Easter candy is gone. Can I have some of yours?





# Religious Education

## Religious Education Classes

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

### 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 Schedule

**Sunday, April 7**

**6:30 a.m. Mass**

Main: Tanya Vasquez

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: Maria Rodriguez

Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: Michelle Walker

**Saturday, April 6**

**5:30 p.m. Mass**

Main: Michelle Strimel

## Parish/Ministry Schedule

*St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection*  
*After All Weekend Masses*

**Monday, April 1**

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

**Tuesday, April 2**

5:30 pm Cub Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

5:30 pm Girl Scouts — Weis Center Room 101

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

**Wednesday, April 3**

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, April 4**

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

**Friday, April 5**

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

**Saturday, April 6**

10:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
Council Meeting  
Weis Center Main Hall & Kitchen

## Live Christ Share Christ

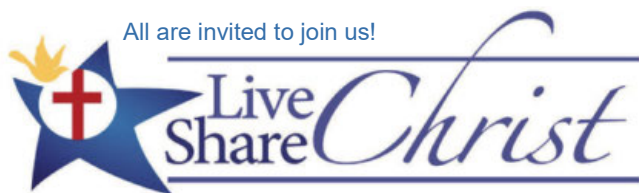
Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m. • Weis Center

Topic: Divine Mercy

Speaker: Deacon Napoleon Tabion

All are invited to join us!



## Altar & Rosary

*Communion Sunday*

**April 14, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Mass

Members are invited to enjoy a  
Breakfast Bar following Mass  
in the

Main Hall of the Weis Center.

We will begin reciting the Rosary at 11:15 a.m.,  
followed by the Breakfast Bar.

*Women attending are asked to bring  
Fresh Fruit & Desserts.*

Altar & Rosary will provide a buffet style breakfast.

*Our Guest Speaker:*

**Marilyn Glennon**

Topic: The many good works of the Gabriel Project Ministry.  
A free-will offering will be taken for the Gabriel Ministry.

*Please make your reservations by  
Thursday, April 11th*

by calling the Parish Office: (219) 836-8610  
or Kaaren (219) 836-5079.

## Catholic Charities Easter Baskets

*Thank You!*

Catholic Charities was  
overwhelmed with the response  
by our St. Thomas More  
parishioners for its

**Easter Basket Program.**

91 Easter bags were filled with  
toys, puzzles, socks and candy  
for seniors and children,  
infant to age 13.

\$5,500 was donated by you  
during the recent special  
collection to help pay for the  
Easter Food Baskets.





# St. Thomas More School

## Lenten Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, St. Thomas More School student-led Stations of the Cross for our entire student body, inviting school parents to join us.



Thanks to the talents of student musicians, the music for Stations has been provided by our 8th grade students cantoring and playing the piano. Like our students, our faculty utilized a recent



spring day to take their professional development session outdoors for Stations of the Cross, spending the time in their faith families in the sunshine.



## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

# CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office or purchase from your favorite St. Thomas More School student.

**Tickets: \$20/each**

Winners will be pulled at the Home & School Meeting April 16, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

**First Prize: \$5,000**

Second Prize: \$3,000 • Third Prize: \$1,000 • 10 – \$100 Prizes  
Winners need not be present.

**Tickets Will be Sold After All Masses  
Next Weekend – April 6 & 7**

## Working Together to Help Others

Service to others is part of the service & leadership components of a St. Thomas More School education.

Throughout the year, students in all grades work on service and philanthropy projects to help others in our community, and beyond.

Recently, STMS 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Church Buddies teamed up to make fleece blankets for children in local homeless shelters for their Almsgiving Lenten project.

The students worked hard cutting and tying each blanket, making a huge stack of beautiful blankets to share with other children.



## Happy Easter

On behalf of the teachers, staff, administration and students of

**St. Thomas More School**

we wish everyone a blessed and joyous

**Easter**

filled with the love of Jesus and peace in your heart.

## Dining for Dollars

Help St. Thomas More School when you join us for our next Dining for Dollars.

**Five Guys**

8231 Calumet Ave. • Munster, IN

**Thursday, April 18**

All Day: 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Be sure to show this ad or tell them you're there to support St. Thomas More School and the school will earn 20% of your order, plus **\$1 for each milkshake!**



# EASTER FLOWER

## M • E • M • O • R • I • A • L • S

Please remember these individuals who have been honored with Easter flowers.

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- John Tumpich, Sr.  
Phyllis Tumpich  
John Benson  
Elaine Benson  
John Buczkowski  
Ruth DeFries  
Johanna Petruich  
Steve Vrlík  
Elizabeth Vrlík  
Joseph Pykosz  
Frances Pykosz  
Mary Ann Magurany  
Jim Weidenfeller  
Dagnillo Family  
Weidenfeller Family  
Edwin Nadratowski  
Everett Meier  
The Medina Family  
Goldie Ruiz  
Joseph Greichunos  
Jane Greichunos  
Greichunos Family  
Doktyz Family  
Robert Solivais  
Frank Picicco  
Antoinette Picicco  
Peter Jurich  
Violet Jurich  
Joanne Jurich  
Johnnie & Jackie Kovach  
Joseph Lorenc  
Arnold Susoreny  
Neal & Jo Tolley  
Allen & Rita  
Alexander
- Bob & Jackie Tolley  
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## 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 Easter to All!

The Seniors will meet this  
**Wednesday, April 3**  
*Business Meeting*

We will elect officers for 2024-25, followed by your choice of games for Game Day.

### Wednesday, May 1

#### *Annual Spring Luncheon*

Andorra's Banquet Hall • 12:00 Noon

Sign-up for Luncheon must be done by **April 17 (no exceptions)**

Sign up at a meeting or at the Parish Office.

All meals will be \$20; details will be upcoming.

## Mental Health Ministry

The Mental Health Ministry meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101

## 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](http://www.emotionsanonymous.org)

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Help our parish by becoming an  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.**  
Share the presence of Christ in the Eucharist with our parishioners.

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

## 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](mailto:bb44@ameritech.net). Planning and organizing sessions will be held in April & May 2024. We aim to kick off this exciting program in September.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

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



## Little Black Lenten Book

### Did you enjoy the Little Black Lenten Book?

If you are looking for more inspirational reading, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

## St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

### Would you consider becoming a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and the Church.

**This is a 3-year commitment.**

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process. The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council.

### Discernment Sessions

will be held on the following Tuesdays:  
**April 30 • May 7 • May 14**  
at 7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center Room 101

**New Council members will be chosen  
Pentecost Sunday  
May 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age.

The nominees *cannot* be a full-time employee of the parish or school.

Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination.

Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

**Nomination Deadline:**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**End of the Noon Mass**

**Only  
2 More  
Weeks to  
Nominate  
Someone!**

## Nomination Ballot

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the  
Red Ballot Boxes**



# OUR MINISTERS ROCK!

Please join us for our annual Parish Appreciation  
Dinner so we can say

# THANK YOU!

Come enjoy classic diner dishes, 50s rock & roll  
music, and plenty of fun!

Saturday April 20th 2024 from 6 - 10pm  
in the School Gym

Please call our direct line 219-836-0052 OR email  
us at [parishappreciation@stm-church.com](mailto:parishappreciation@stm-church.com)  
to RSVP.

This event is 21+ ONLY.





**NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

**God** is doing something **NEW**  
and he is calling you to be a part of it!

**Jesus & The Eucharist Small Group Starting Soon at STM!**

## Ready to be a part of something life-changing?

It's an exciting time to be Catholic! The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist: the greatest gift God has ever given to humanity and the very source of our strength. Encounter the reality of the Real Presence, and fall in love with your faith like never before.

### WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE REVIVAL

- ◆ Join a Eucharistic Revival small group.
- ◆ Sign up for the *Heart of the Revival* newsletter.
- ◆ Keep an eye out for upcoming Revival events in your area.
- ◆ Explore our free library of videos on the Eucharist for information and inspiration!
- ◆ Intercede for the Revival through prayer and fasting.
- ◆ Register for the long-awaited National Eucharistic Congress.
- ◆ Learn more about the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.
- ◆ Help bring the Revival to your parish!

SCAN THE CODE TO GET STARTED!  
[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



## 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) 836-8610.**

## Parish Welcome Table

You'll find a helpful, informative person in the Narthex at the **Parish Welcome Table** before and after most Masses.

We're here to answer your questions, help with parish registration, provide you with spiritual resources and take documents headed for the Parish Office.

Most weekends you will find Noreen Bickel, Director of Parish Mission, at the table.

Stop by and say hello!

**To answer one of the most asked questions:**

No, we are not selling anything; we are here to serve you!



## Violin, Guitar or Piano Lessons

*This summer, why not do something different?*

Learn the technique and rudiments of these beautiful instruments!

**Michel Domingue,**

Assistant Music Director of St. Thomas More Church and experienced music teacher, is offering classes in violin, piano and guitar during the months of May, June and July for beginners.

Must be at least 6 years old.



### Private Lessons: \$20/Half-Hour

Held mornings/afternoons in the St. Thomas More Chapel. Group play for those taking private lessons will be available free each week for an additional 45 minutes so that students can experience a band/orchestra-like session with their peers.

### Group Lessons: \$10/Half-Hour

Held afternoons/evenings in the Church Narthex. Payment both types of lessons is due monthly. Students are responsible for bringing their own violin or guitar (a piano is available in the Chapel). If you need assistance in buying or renting an instrument, please contact Mr. Domingue. For more information or to sign up, if interested, please contact Michel Domingue at (219) 836-8610 x2340 or [mdomingue@stm-school.com](mailto:mdomingue@stm-school.com).

## Hope and Healing

*Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*

April 12-14, 2024

A past abortion can bring much grief and regret.

It leaves a deep spiritual and emotional wound.

Rachel's Vineyard retreats have been helping women and men affected by abortion for over 20 years. It is confidential and non-judgmental, based on Scripture, and a safe place to be honest with oneself, bringing about forgiveness, closure, and healing. The stories are always different. But the pain is shared. If you know someone whose life has been touched by an abortion, woman or man, please reach out to them and tell them about Rachel's Vineyard where they'll find forgiveness, hope and healing. Call or text the confidential number 219-552-2944, or email [nwinrv@outlook.com](mailto:nwinrv@outlook.com). [www.helpafterabortion.net](http://www.helpafterabortion.net)

## AIM Ministry

### Ability Inclusion Ministry

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 by providing opportunities for our other abled parishioners who are called to participate in Masses. If you or anyone you know has expressed a desire to participate in a parish ministry, contact AIM at [AIM4inclusion@gmail.com](mailto:AIM4inclusion@gmail.com).

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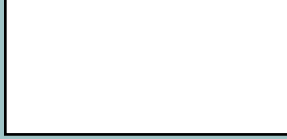
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