



*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

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

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Deacon Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Deacon Joseph Stodola, KHS
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Director of Finance & Operations Charles Schimpf; Ext. 2329
Pastoral Care Coordinator Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

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Julius Ballanco Leslie Dernulc
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Paul Liszewski..... Bill McCullough
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Michael Popovich..... Patty Queroz
Michael Sajn..... Daniel Straka

St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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

Website.....www.stm-school.com
School Phone.....(219) 836-9151
Principal.....Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
School Administrative Assistant..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200
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 Zozy
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..... Donna Weidenfeller
..... STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
Circle of Prayer..... Carolyn Cenko 741-2509
..... carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net
Cub Scouts Patricia Sinclair • plalessandrini@yahoo.com
Finance..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
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Gifts of Love & Warmth..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
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Seniors of STM Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916
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Celebrants

Saturday, April 13

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 14

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, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14

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

10:00 a.m. T. Ogunyoye & R. Smola/MC ~ Alex

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

Wedding Banns

BANN III — Roger Jachna, III & Priasha Iyer

Rest in Peace

James R. Pancheri • James Kaczka • Richard J. Parra

Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion! Please help our parish. Please contact Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

Sacrificial Offerings

March 17, 2024

Adult	\$ 17,999.00
Loose	\$ 4,099.00
Children	\$ 121.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 30,078.00

March 24, 2024

Adult	\$ 20,043.00
Loose	\$ 4,257.00
Children	\$ 97.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 32,256.00

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Adult	\$ 45,528.00
Loose	\$ 6,996.00
Children	\$ 236.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 60,619.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 7 — Divine Mercy Sunday

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

MONDAY, April 8 — The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 am Nina Olga Iocco by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Robert Biscan (Ann) by Biscan Family

TUESDAY, April 9

6:30 am Elizabeth Costa by Elaine Fechalos

8:30 am Helen Michalik by Family

WEDNESDAY, April 10

6:30 am Maria Ines Gutierrez by Janet Gage

8:30 am Jennifer Speziale by Joseph Speziale

THURSDAY, April 11 — St. Stanislaus

6:30 am Bridget Hennel (Ann) by Bickel Family

8:30 am Joanna Bartkus by Family

FRIDAY, April 12

6:30 am Anthony Portone by Frances Portone

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. John S. Gunia by Son, Kenneth

12:00 pm Roger Jachna, III & Priasha Iyer Nuptials

SATURDAY April 13

8:30 am Edwin Wolak (Ann) by Michael Wolak

5:30 pm John Albizate by Susan Strain & Family

SUNDAY, April 14 — Third Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Francis & Irene Zaczyc by Jim & Carol

Zaczyc & Family

10:00 am Eugene Sessa by Natalie Galvan

12:00 pm Reed Mathews by Dianne Mathews

Stewardship REFLECTION

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...”

ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God!

We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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".

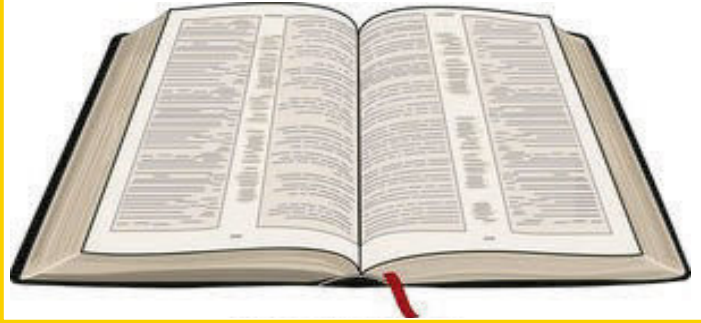
Set-Up Automated Payment: Instruction/forms on parish website: http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/

Questions?

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

Readings Week of April 7

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez	Marie Henke	Bernadine Nemeth
Chiara Andrzejewski	Elaine Herrmann	Donna Nichols
Doris Aurelio	Adelina Hernandez	Maria Novak
Maria Aurelio	Bertha Birdy Hernandez	Steven Nowaczyk
Marielva Banks	Irma Hernandez	Clare O'Brien
Pat Batchelder	Marisol Hernandez	Donna O'Connor
Antonio Belmonte	Robert Heseck	Danny Ogren
Mary Berry	Becky Hill	Marty Pavlovic
Michael Berry	Marie Hill	Lucille Perz
Michael Billeo	Joan Hoess	Judith Peterson
Allen Blocher	Sally Joy Hollingshead	Dawn Petro
Diane Bochnowski	Charlotte Hunt	Johanna Petruich
Cheryl Bostrom	Betty Ingbretson	Andrew Pieczyrak
Marilyn Branco	Joseph S. Iwan	Elizabeth Pilones
Linda Braun	Steve Izzo	Sylvester Porras
Bill Briney	Elizabeth Jacob	Dennis Powell
Grace Briney	Barbara Jamrose	Ronald Prus
Stephany Burney	Stanley Jayjack	Jackie Roach
Kathleen Burns	Kelly Jean	Christina Rzonca
Diane Butler	Margaret Jones	Ann Sardella
Dorothy Campbell	Kevin Karl	George Sauer
James Campbell	Dan Karulski	Marie Schultz
Janet Cattnach	Mark Kenney	Marianne Schwartz
Jacqueline Morrow	Irene Kerps	William Schwartz
Christian	Janet Knight	Zachery Scriff
Ursula Cichy	Susan Kolodziej	James Secviar
Charlie Clam	Gregory P. Koscielski	Jim Seul
Loretta Clott	Melvin Kostalik	Renee Shehan
Joseph Clune	Crystal Kurek	Nick Skinner
Willie Colby	Annika LeMonier	Laurie Slazyk
Charlotte Conn	Chris LeMonier	Karen Sliwa
Vincent Corsello	Debbie LeMonier	Deborah Stareck
Mike Curtain	Nicklas LeMonier	Georgianne Suto
Valerie Czapkowicz	Dorothy Lesnefsky	Florence Stevens
Sarah Dalton	Kris Lisikiewicz	Carol Storey
Aaron Dudek	Jo Lisiniewicz	Charles Svitko
Alex Eiland	Edward Liskiewicz	Rose Theis
Sherlon Evans	Stanley Liskiewicz	Michele Thomas
James Fletcher	Maria Lovell	Rosemary Thomas
Heriberto Flores	James Malayer	Russ Thomas
Maria Flores	Brady Martin	Gerardo Trevino
John Forde	Paul Martin	David Trotman
Bonnie Gabrione	Carolyn McGill	Kathie Trudgian
Rich Gagliani	Larkin McKenzie	Anthony Ubane
Christine Gajda	Jacob Menclewicz	Tony Vanden Heuvel
Andrea Garritano	Jenny Mendoza	Raymond Vanderbok
Emily Gibson	Faye Meny	James Wachel
Joan Glinski	Michael Mercier	Kathy Wachel
Monica Gonzalez	Sandi Merlo	Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Howard Gralewski	Erin Meyer	Mark Wein
Margaret Gray	Gino Michels	Ruth Williams
Susan Graff	Benjamin Mikels	Stephanie Wisniewski
Christine Greenberg	Madeline Mikolanis	Bill Wisniewski
Mary Ellen Gullicks	Robert Minnick	Dick Wright
Katie Kardes Hargett	John Mitchener	Cecilia Ziegler
Amy Hayes	Andrew Moll	Cody Ziemkowski
Dick Hemingway	Thomas Mordaunt	
	Genevieve Mrvan	

Divine Mercy Sunday

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return.

They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?"

My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

Father John Muir

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Nursery Volunteers

Sunday, April 7

Ann, Katie, Paul
Harkenrider

Sunday, April 11

Jennifer & Oliver
Anderson
Kaaren Mashura

Sunday, April 14

Susie, Finn, Nolan & Kian
Kinsella

Sunday, April 28

Nursery Closed

HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD

“The willingness to forgive is a sign of spiritual and emotional maturity. It is one of the great virtues to which we all should aspire. Imagine a world filled with individuals willing both to apologize and to accept an apology. Is there any problem that could not be solved among people who possessed the humility and largeness of spirit and soul to do either — or both — when needed?” ~ Gordon B. Hinckley

In the year 2000, St. John Paul II instituted the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday when he canonized St. Faustina who promoted devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy. Mercy is something that is so desperately needed and, yet, is something that is so rarely given.

We often hold ourselves to a standard that is impossible to meet. None of us is perfect. We all make mistakes. Why is it, then, that we so often demand perfection of others as well as ourselves and fail to show mercy when someone does not measure up?

One of the things that we often cannot stand is when someone calls us immature. If we are called that, we go to great lengths to prove someone wrong. We will do most anything to show that we are mature. Okay, then. “Unwillingness to forgive is a sign of spiritual and emotional immaturity.” So, what are you going to do about it?

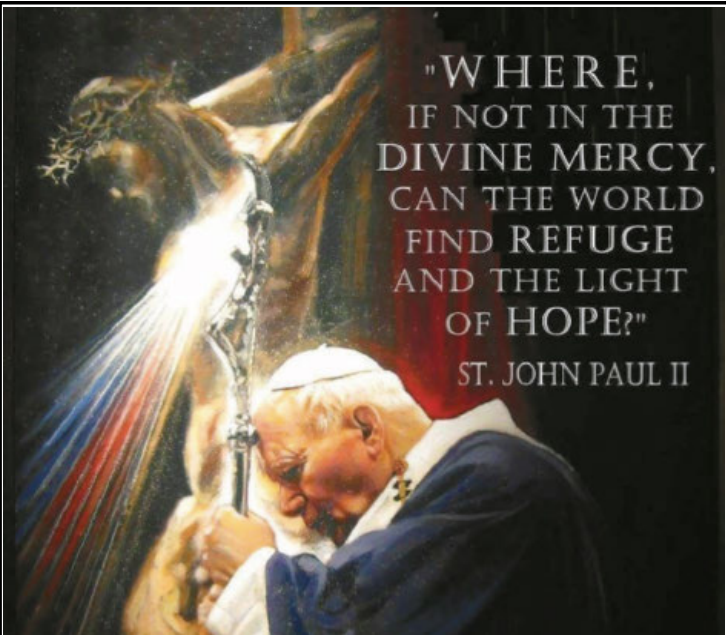
The first thing that we need to do is to admit and accept our imperfection. If we can accomplish that, we will then be able to accomplish the next step: ask God for His mercy and forgiveness. God's love is boundless and unconditional. Yet, in a sense, there are some strings attached. We have been told by Jesus that we cannot be forgiven unless we forgive.

We know that to be true. Anyone who is unloving is also unlovable. Anyone who is merciless will not be shown mercy. Anyone who is unforgiving will not find forgiveness. On Mercy Sunday, we remember our God who is merciful, compassionate, and forgiving. All of that can be ours as long as we emulate His merciful, compassionate, and forgiving love.

You might think that is impossible to do and, in our frail human nature, that might be true. However, thanks be to God, with His help, everything is possible.

We pray this day as we pray each day in the Divine Mercy Chaplet: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

FAITH ACTION: In all that you say and do this day, strive to emulate the compassion, forgiveness, and mercy that comes to us from God. *Fr. Mike*



**“WHERE, IF NOT IN THE DIVINE MERCY, CAN THE WORLD FIND REFUGE AND THE LIGHT OF HOPE?”
ST. JOHN PAUL II**

Oh, how great is the goodness of God, greater than we can understand. There are moments and there are mysteries of the divine mercy over which the heavens are astounded. Let our judgment of souls cease, for God's mercy upon them is extraordinary. ~ Mary Faustina Kowalska

How many people also in our time are in search of God, in search of Jesus and of his Church, in search of divine mercy, and are waiting for a “sign” that will touch their minds and their hearts! Today, as then, the Evangelist reminds us that the only “sign” is Jesus raised on the cross: Jesus who died and rose is the absolutely sufficient sign. Through him we can understand the truth about life and obtain salvation. ~ Pope Benedict XVI

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A minister was hiking in the woods when suddenly a mountain lion appeared ready to devour the man whole.

The minister quickly fell to his knees, looked up to the sky, and prayed, “Dear God, please teach this lion mercy and give him religion.” A chorus of angels was heard as a beam of light shone down on the mountain lion.

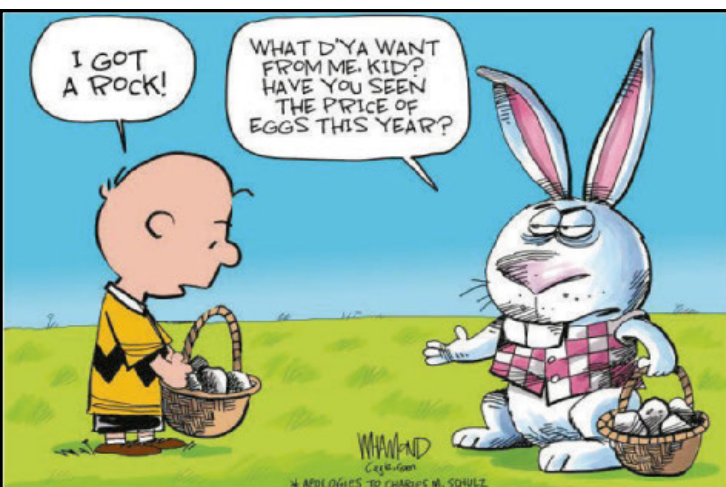
The lion dropped to its knees, looked up to heaven, and prayed, “Dear God, bless you for this food I am about to receive.”



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:

- April 9: Rev. Leonard J. Cross (1982)
Rev. John J. Strebig (2015)
Rev. Charles Doyle (2018)
- April 11: Deacon Jack Krol (2018)





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

April Schedule

- 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 Week



Sunday, April 14

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Denise & Dave Jones

Chapel: Michael Cardone

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paula Serrano

Chapel: Diane Adley

Saturday, April 13

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: JoAnn Karr &

Miles Sepiol

Chapel: Bill & Chris Retseck

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection
After All Weekend Masses

Monday, April 8

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous —Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, April 9

4:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 15472 — Room 101

5:30 pm Cub Scouts — Weis Center Main Hall

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Friday April 12

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

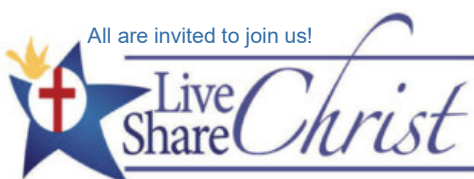
3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 15607 — Weis Center Main Hall

Saturday, April 13

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

Live Christ Share Christ

All are welcome to join us!



Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m.

Weis Center

See you there!

Topic:

Divine Mercy

Speaker: Deacon Napoleon Tabion

Altar & Rosary

Communion Sunday

Sunday, April 14 • 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 11:

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

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 to RSVP.
This event is 21+ ONLY.
Last Day to Respond is Tomorrow: 4/8/24!

More Easter Flower Memorials

Mr & Mrs. Buffone
Mr. & Mrs. Belmonte
Joseph Buffone
Mr. & Mrs. Ruffolo
Vera Paunicka
Dolores Paunicka Callham
Molley Lanham

Deceased Members of
Banik & Piniak Families
Marino Liberio
Marguerite & Leonard Grothouse
In Memory Of
Mrs. Mary Thomson
Tommy Thomson, Jr.

St. Thomas More School



Who Doesn't Love Pie/Pi?

In honor of "Pi Day" (March 14 or 3.14), the St. Thomas More School Student Council hosted a "Pie Your Teacher" event to raise funds to support student events and activities. The event was a huge success!

Our biggest thanks to our generously-spirited teachers and staff who agreed to be "pied" before the entire student body of 540 students.

A ticket was randomly selected by Council members for each participant and then the fun ensued.

Thank you Dr. Francis, Mr. Rueth, Mrs. Tolnai, Mrs. Sarnowski, Mrs. Gierut, and Mr. Francis! We are blessed with exceptional educators who are also such good sports! Aren't we a lucky school?



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

CASH RAFFLE

Tickets Sold After All Masses This Weekend April 6 & 7

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office or purchase from your favorite STMS 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.

Save the Date

St. Thomas More School
Golf Classic
Registration Details Coming Soon



Monday, July 29

Working for the Common Good

St. Thomas More School 1st Graders made a tasty creation recently after reading the book "Stone Soup".

The book, based on a European folk tale, illustrates how hungry strangers convince local villagers to each share



"a little" of their food for a communal soup, so that all can benefit in the abundance of a hearty meal together. The important lesson of sharing and working together for the common good is a lesson we can all benefit from...and the soup was delicious.

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

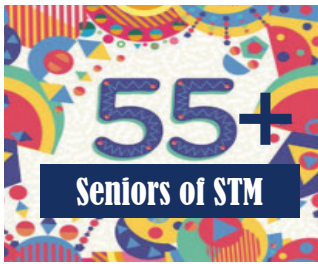
Thursday, April 18

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!**



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.

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 \$20.

Live-Streamers Needed

Many parishioners still rely on worshipping with St. Thomas More from home, thanks to our live-stream Masses. Our **Live-Stream Ministry** has been instrumental in helping those who cannot attend Mass in person stay connected to their parish. *We are currently in need of a few more volunteers* to bring these live-stream Masses to our homebound parishioners to help them stay connected. If you are an adult or teen who can help, please contact Joann Hajduch at jhajduch@stm-school.com.

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

Join Us for the St. Thomas More

Mental Health Ministry Fair

Challenge yourself at various booths:

- Can you deal with anxiety?
- Engage in Prayer
- Expressing your emotions
- What is depression?
- Do you have coping skills?
- Stress relief

Learn how Catholics maintain their mental health.



Visit other organizations serving our community.

Sunday, May 19

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Gym

Free Give Aways
Free Raffles
Free Food

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 19th 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



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Wednesday Evenings

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9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

Session 1: What's Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God's love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

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Session 3: Am I Saved?

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Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Session 5: God Is With Us

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Space is limited - Register soon

Ordination of Steven Caraher

You are Invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood for
Deacon Steven Caraher
Ordained a Priest of the Diocese of Gary
Saturday, June 1, 2024
 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral

If you do not feel comfortable driving to the Cathedral to attend the ordination, the parish has arranged two coach buses to take parishioners to the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass.

Sign-up is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The buses will load from the St. Thomas More parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and load to return from the Cathedral at 1:30 p.m.
Please call the Parish Office if interested: (219) 836-8610.

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Seeking Passionate Volunteers

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Hope and Healing After Abortion

All effected by the hurt, grief and regret of a past abortion are invited to the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on April 12-14. All responses are confidential by calling (219) 552-2944 or email nwinrv@outlook.com or www.helpafterabortion.net for information or to register to the April retreat.

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