

There are many people who think that they
can hide their sins and failings from God.
Perhaps it began with Adam and Eve
covering themselves and hiding from God
when He entered Eden.
We cannot hide from God.
We should not hide from God.
God knows all and understands all.



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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Nursery..... Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
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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
School Phone.....(219) 836-9151
Principal.....Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
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School Reception/Office Associate..... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
School Admissions..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development..... Annette Czarobski; Ext. 2307
Business Manager..... Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

**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
Gabriel Project..... Marilyn Glennon (219) 836-8610
Gifts of Love & Warmth..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts Cynthia Navarrete (773) 726-2411
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Live Streaming..... Joann Hajduch (219) 836-8610, Ext. 2245
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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 20

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 21

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 20

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

Sunday, April 21

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 14 — Third Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Francis & Irene Zaczyk by Jim & Carol Zaczyk & Family

10:00 am Eugene Sessa by Natalie Galvan

12:00 pm Reed Mathews by Dianne Mathews

MONDAY, April 15

6:30 am Laverne Femminella by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Donna Jean Strange by Family

TUESDAY, April 16

6:30 am Delores Sperl by Family

8:30 am Richard Garcia (Ann) by the Serrano Family

WEDNESDAY, April 17

6:30 am Teresa McAuliffe Krzyzaniak by Terry Laciak

8:30 am William J. O'Brien, Jr. (Ann) by Family

THURSDAY, April 18

6:30 am Thelma Luna by Your Nursing Colleagues

8:30 am Richard M. Monak by Lilyan Monak

FRIDAY, April 19

6:30 am Lenora L. Phillips by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am James Szymanski by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

SATURDAY April 20

8:30 am Frank Flynn by Wife, Mardi

5:30 pm Christopher Duray by Phil Papesh

SUNDAY, April 21 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am James L. Klein, Sr. (Ann) by Eli Zak & Margaret Zak

10:00 am Robert Wojcik by Ron & Charlotte Conn

12:00 pm Walter J. Bracich (Ann) & Angela Bracich by Family



Baptisms

Reagan Mary

Daughter of
Crystal & Sean O'Leary

Ezekiel Isaiah

Son of
Nicole & James Blakeley

Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion! If serving God and your parish is something you feel strongly about, please consider this fulfilling ministry.

Interested parishioners should contact Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.



Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Sacrificial Offerings

April 7, 2024



Adult	\$ 14,251.00
Loose	\$ 4,229.00
Children	\$ 0.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,339.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

Stewardship REFLECTION

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...”

LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others.

Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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/>.

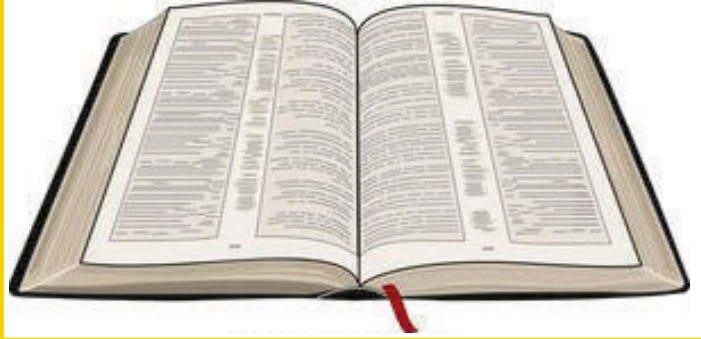
Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering".

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 14

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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

Third Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this

Liturgy of the Word

touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist.

That Word-induced fire counts, too!

Father John Muir ©LPI

Nursery Volunteers

Sunday, April 21

Jennifer & Oliver Anderson • Kaaren Mashura

Sunday, April 28

Nursery Closed

HONESTY IS INTEGRAL

“The best measure of a man’s honesty isn’t his income tax return. It’s the zero adjust on his bathroom scale.” ~ Arthur C. Clarke

Every year, April 15th is the deadline for the filing of our income taxes. As that day looms, we become more and more skittish, especially those who have put off filing until the last minute.

We all know the stories about tax day. Many talk about the people they know who cheat on their taxes. Some brag about how they have gotten away with lying for years. Given all of those stories, April 15th might well be certified as a holiday for liars.

Honesty is expected, not only in reporting taxes due, but in every aspect of our lives. Honesty should be an integral part of our lives in everything that we say and do, if for no other reason than honesty does not require any extra work or stress.

We all know what dishonesty does to us. It makes us think that others are dishonest as well. After all, if we lie about things, surely others must. At least that is what a chronically dishonest person thinks.

Not only do we come to distrust others, we also stress over what version of what story we have said. When we lie, we have to remember that lie, to whom we told that lie, and under what circumstances we told that lie. Not only that, we must remember that today, tomorrow, next week, next year, and any time in the future.

It is too much work to remember one lie, let alone a multitude of lies. That is why we should simply be honest people.

Oh, sure, we might have to take our lumps if we decide to be honest. But, there is a certain purification that takes place when we do as well. Total, open, and complete honesty makes us feel better about ourselves.

Just as we should be honest with everyone in our lives, we should be honest with God. I do not know why I should even have to say this; however, there are many people who think that they can hide their sins and failings from God.

Perhaps it began with Adam and Eve covering themselves and hiding from God when He entered Eden. We cannot hide from God. We should not hide from God. God knows all and understands all. If we go to God with a contrite spirit and ask for His forgiveness, God forgives all. So, be honest with your taxes — and with your God.

FAITH ACTION: Be honest with yourself and with God today and feel the relief that comes from doing so.

Fr. Mike



CONGRATULATIONS!

Julius Ballanco has been a very active member of our Parish Pastoral Council as well as on other committees and commissions.

Through the years, Julius has also been active in Scouting and was recently honored to receive the National Eagle Scout Association’s Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

Congratulations, Julius. Your parish family is proud of you!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A pastor had a really bad week. On Sunday, since he was still very frustrated, he started to take it out on his parishioners.

He began his sermon with, “Everyone in this parish is going to hell if they don’t change their ways.”

One man in the back began to laugh. So the pastor said it again louder. The man continued to laugh.

The pastor went out to him and asked why he was laughing. The man replied, “Because I don’t belong to this parish!”



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 14: Rev. Walter S. Mastey (1997)
- April 17: Rev. Frank A. Seimetz (1965)
- April 19: Rev. Hilary S. Halter, OFM (1983)





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

April Schedule

- 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



Saturday, April 20
5:30 p.m. Mass
Main: Ron & Kandace Mack
Chapel: Patty Pfister

Sunday, April 21
8:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Yvette Radziwiecki
Chapel: Rachel Kolar
10:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Tim & Amy Jevyak
12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Pat Batchelder

Parish/Ministry Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection
After All Weekend Masses

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Altar & Rosary Communion Sunday
Breakfast After 10:00 Mass —Weis Main Hall

Monday, April 15

7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous —Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry (Planning Meeting for Fair) — Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542 — Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 am Morning Bible Study —Weis Center Room 101
1:00 pm Seniors of STM — Weis Center Main Hall

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday April 19

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

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, April 17

Social Meeting

Come join the Seniors Wednesday for a fun-filled afternoon.

This is the last day to sign up for the Spring Luncheon on May 1st.

Cost: \$20

Cost includes entrée, beverage, soup, salad, dessert and tax/tip.

Main Entrée Choices:

Chicken Marsala • Cranberry Sauce Pork Roast
Pasta Primavera with Shrimp

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVDP Pantry Needs:

Soup
Cereal
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Instant Potatoes
Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Canned Peas
Canned Mixed Vegetables
Spaghetti/Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Pancake Mix • Syrup
Hamburger Helper
Rice

Shampoo
Dish Soap
Toilet Paper



A Dynamic New Teen Ministry

Announcing a Dynamic New Youth Ministry for St. More Thomas More Teens

A Continuing Faith Formation Program is being created for high school teens here at St. Thomas More. Currently in the planning process, it will launch in September.

All high school teens are invited to attend!

Young adults (age 18 to 40) are still needed for program planning and to serve as team leaders.

The current vision for the program is that food, beverages and prayer will begin each meeting, allowing for time to socialize before delving into the evening's topic.



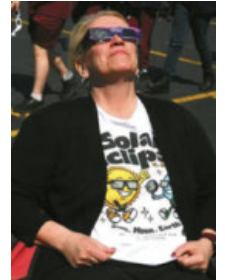
The main focus of each topic will be *"how does that part of our Catholic faith fit into my life?"*

There's no tests and no homework. Teens are free to ask the questions. Team leaders are there to present the topic, provide help,

offer direction and act as guides.

The teen group will meet on Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. twice each month at the Weis Center. To get in on the ground floor and be a part of this exciting program, provide your contact information to Phyllis Krizmanic in the Parish Office or Bernadine (Bernie) Barrett, O.S.F. at bb44@ameritech.net or send a text to (219) 781-2801.

St. Thomas More School



Sometimes, the Science Lesson Comes Right to Your Door!

Every once in a while, a great science experience comes right to us with no effort at all, like last week's awesome eclipse!

Excited and prepared, our students learned about the eclipse leading up to the big event and many worked on special projects. Younger students made and decorated masks to hold solar glasses safely in place while viewing. The power of Mother Nature was exciting and amazing...the power of seeing our 500+ students watching science history together was impactful.

The next chance to witness an eclipse in our area will be 2044.. Only 20 more years ...hope they keep those special glasses handy!



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

CASH RAFFLE

Purchase tickets in the Parish Office.

Last Chance: 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 16

1st: \$5,000 • 2nd: \$3,000 • 3rd: \$1,000 • 10 – \$100

Drawing held on 4/16/24 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20
Winner need not be present.

Dining for Dollars

Five Guys

8231 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN

Thursday, April 18

All Day:

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Show this ad to support our school

STMS earns \$1.00 for every shake ordered.



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

Rainbows Program

Grief Support Group for Children

The St. Thomas More Mental Health Ministry is starting a Rainbows Program.

Rainbows is a grief support group for children in grades 1-8.

We are in need of adult volunteers to facilitate small group discussion.

Volunteers will lead small groups of children at monthly Rainbows meetings, working with them to deal with loss experienced through death, divorce, or separation.

Training will be provided.

If you are interested in helping the children of our parish through this important ministry, please contact

Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com



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

This is the Last Chance to Nominate Someone!

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the Red Ballot Boxes

Join Us for the
St. Thomas More

Mental Health Ministry Fair

Learn how Catholics maintain their mental health.

Visit other organizations serving our community.

Sunday, May 19

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

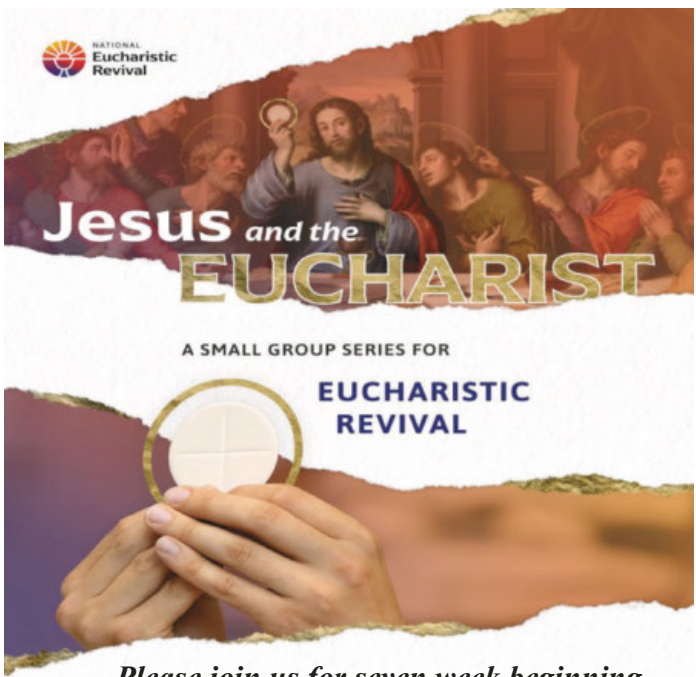
St. Thomas More Gym



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

**Free Food
Free Give-Aways
Free Raffles**



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

*Please join us for seven week beginning
May 1st/2nd*

Wednesday Evenings
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

or

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

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country.

This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Refreshments will be provided, and we hope to see you there!

To sign up online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZNGLLQ>



Space is Limited • Register Soon

Registration Form

Full Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will attend on (Circle One):

Wednesday Evening or Thursday Morning

If you need child care, please list name (s) and age below:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

*Please drop in collection basket
or return to the parish office*



1 DAY 10 BUSES 500 FAITHFUL

— DIOCESE OF GARY —

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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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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.

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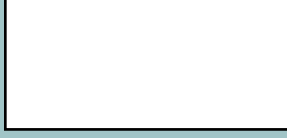
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