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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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Preschool through 8th Grade

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

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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
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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, April 27

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 28

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 27

Confirmation

10:30 a.m. N. Arman, G. Knight/MC ~ Abi
Volunteers/Siblings should contact
atlarservers@stm-school.com

5:30 p.m. C. Fonseca, J. Dye/MC ~ Nick

Sunday, April 28

8:00 a.m. K. Karl, G. Knight/MC ~ Abi

10:00 a.m. L. Patton, A. Monroy/MC ~ Hunter

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

Congratulations

Congratulations on Receiving the Sacrament of Marriage
Roger & Priasha Jachna
Married at St. Thomas More on April 12, 2024.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, April 22

6:30 am Jack Hicks by Donna Gerlach

8:30 am Donna Henkels by Beatrice Henkels Pluard

TUESDAY, April 23

6:30 am Larry Monak by Monak Family

8:30 am Michael & Mickey Lipay by Family

WEDNESDAY, April 24

6:30 am Michael G. Stodola by P. Krizmanic

8:30 am Michael L. Cenko by Wife & Sons

THURSDAY, April 25 — St. Mark

6:30 am Joe Trgovcich by Diane Trgovcich

8:30 am Charles (Bud) Boblink by Joyce Trelinski

FRIDAY, April 26

6:30 am Susan Burke by Mary Lou Zurawski

8:30 am Melvin Strange by Wife and Daughters

SATURDAY April 27

8:30 am Marcia Etter (Ann) by Husband Timothy

5:30 pm Deceased Members of Pagorek Family by Pagorek Family

SUNDAY, April 28 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am William Kvasnica, Sr. by Family

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

10:00 am Thanksgiving Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Grisafi in Honor of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Lauren & James Catullo

12:00 pm John L. Ostrowski by Francine Maccaroni

Sacrificial Offerings

April 14, 2024

Adult	\$ 13,893.00
Loose	\$ 2,699.00
Children	\$ 55.00
Automated	\$ 7,859.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,506.00

Collection for Haiti
\$ 6,399.00

*Thank you for your
generosity to the parish.*



Stewardship REFLECTION

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...
and they will heed my voice."*

JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you?

How do you listen for His response?

Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Automated Contributions



Make your life easier by contributing to the good works of our St. Thomas More Parish using our online system.

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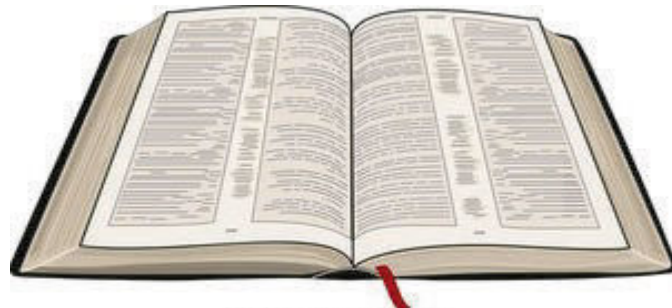
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Questions?

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

Readings Week of April 21

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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
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 Ubane
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 Mordaut	Cody Ziemkowski
	Genevieve Mrvan	

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs.

Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes.

I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog.

No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep."

Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Parish Office Hours

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit all bulletin articles at least two (2) full weeks in advance to: bulletin@stm-church.com. Thank you for your help.

TIME FOR GOD

“Keep close to Nature’s heart ... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.” ~ John Muir

John Muir must have been a kindred spirit to the first bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Andrew G. Grutka. Bishop Grutka, when acquiring the property that is now Camp Lawrence, posted the motto of the camp on a sign that is at the front entrance: Close to Nature, Close to God.

Muir stated that keeping close to Nature’s heart will help to wash your spirit clean. He was closer to the truth than he ever could have imagined because, if we believe that getting close to nature will help us get close to God, that closeness will, indeed, wash our spirits clean.

The trouble with that proposition — Close to Nature, Close to God — is time. We have to make time to get close to our God. If we were to tell the truth, we would have to admit that we are horrible when it comes to making time for such things. If you checked the calendars of most people, you would find all sorts of plans, plans that do not include any kind of worship.

Attendance is down at churches of all faiths. There is no real reason for it, though there are plenty of excuses. The person who states, “The weather was awful”, is the person who made sure to pack up the family and leave the house early in order to get to a sport’s event, a concert, or some other recreational event. But the weather was “too bad” for church. When the weather is perfect, attendance drops even more because everybody is outside enjoying the temps and laying out on the beach, going to the park, or going for walks or drives.

Time. It is the greatest gift that God has ever given to us. When we were born, we came with an expiration date. We have a predetermined number of days here on earth before God calls us back home. God gave us those days to use and to enjoy. However, those days should also include time spent with the One who gave them to us.

Start your day with a “Thank You” to God who gave it to you. Spend some time with God during the day asking Him for help or praising Him for something that went well. Before going to sleep, thank God for the gift of the day and ask Him to be with you in your tomorrows.

FAITH ACTION: Spend some quality time with God today, thankful for His gift to you.

Fr. Mike



PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

- April 21: Rev. Edwin E. Eisenhardt (1963)
- April 22: Rev. John F. Bart (1970)
- Deacon Joseph Codespoti (2020)
- April 23: Deacon T. Vincent Neely (2013)
- April 25: Rev. Joseph P. Casey (1983)
- April 26: Rev. Luke Brickel (1976)
- April 27: Rev. John A. Costello (1972)
- Rev. Aloysius J. Nondorf (2012)



For most of our candidates for Confirmation, their parents brought them to the church when they were babies and had them baptized in the faith. Their parents and godparents made promises to raise them in the faith. The Sacrament of Baptism was the first of their Sacraments of Initiation.

Now that they are old enough, they will present themselves to the bishop this coming Saturday, renew the baptismal promises made for them by their godparents, and ask for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please keep those to be confirmed in your prayers this week, that the Sacrament touch their lives in a profound way and give them all the graces that they need to be exemplary witnesses of Christ in the world.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
Owed (Ode) To A Spell Checker
[We won't even get into auto-correct!]

I have a spelling checker -
It came with my PC.
It plane lee markes four my revue
Miss steaks aye can not sea.

Eye ran this poem threw it,
Your sure reel glad two no.
Its vary polished in it's weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a bless sing,
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when aye rime.





Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

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

April Schedule

- 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 28

8:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
Chapel: Tolnai Family

Saturday, April 27

5:30 p.m. Mass
Main: Cathy Delgado & Judy Mateja
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

10:00 a.m. Mass
Main: Kate Dagholor

12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Claudia Mazon

Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

Sunday, April 21

11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly District Council Mtg.
Weis Center Main Hall

Monday, April 22

9:00 am STMS 5th Grade Retreat — Entire Weis Center
6:00 pm Parent Bible Study — Weis Center Room 107
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous — Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry — Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542 — Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, April 24

9:30 am Morning Bible Study — Weis Center Room 101
1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Mtg. — Weis Room 107

Thursday, April 25

6:00 pm Ballet Folklorico Head Piece Workshop
Weis Center Main Hall

Friday April 26

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

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. Adults & teens who can help should contact Joann

Hajduch at jhajduch@stm-school.com.

Nursery

The Nursery will be closed next Sunday.

Sunday, April 28

Nursery Closed

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 are no tests or 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



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL Class of 2020

Due to the pandemic, members of the St. Thomas More School Class of 2020 did not get the graduation send off that they deserved.

As these esteemed students now reach another educational milestone as they graduate from high school, we'd like to invite them back to STMS for a

Class Reunion

before they leave for college and careers. Please watch the bulletin for more details about this event to come.

If you have not already responded with contact information, please **send the following information**

for your STMS Class of 2020 Grad to Annette Czarowski at aczarowski@stm-school.com as soon as possible:

Full Name

Home Address

Cell Phone

Email

College Attending or Career Pursuing

Respond ASAP so you don't miss any of the reunion details.



Helping Those Who Help Us

Each year, St. Thomas More School participates in a Caps for Canine event to benefit the K-9 Unit of the Munster Police Department.



In exchange for a donation, students added a fun hat to their school uniform in preparation of the visit.

The school hallways were buzzing with excitement as K-9 Lucy, K-9 Vader and K-9 Skye made their way through the school, welcoming plenty of smiles and loving pets from our students.

Our thanks to the dogs' humans, Officer Brett Scheffel, Officer Alex Reillo and Officer Brad Riemerts and Officer James Ghrist for accompanying these special canines.

Vader & Skye are both narcotics-detecting and comfort dogs, while Lucy is a full-service police dog.

The officers were presented with a check for school raised over \$800 from our students & staff.

Well Done Science Olympiad Team!

Congratulations to our amazing Science Olympiad team, who competed in the Indiana State Science Olympiad Competition on March 23 at Purdue Northwest. The team came in 12th for the entire state and we are so proud of their hard work, dedication and commitment to their topic areas.

Special thanks to coaches, Mrs. Becca Parker and Mrs. Christina Irvin, who led this group of young scientists with passion and a sense of fun.

Additional thanks to several STMS alumni, who came back to help our students.

Well done, everyone!



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

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.

The next event for the Seniors of STM will be

Wednesday, May 1

Spring Luncheon

12:00 Noon at Andorra's Banquet Hall.

Advanced reservations were required for this event.

Mark your calendars for the next meeting:

Wednesday, May 15

Bingo Bonanza

Watch the bulletin; details will be forthcoming.

Mass for Pregnancy & Infant Loss

Bishop McClory

will be celebrating a

Diocesan Mass for Pregnancy & Infant Loss

Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Queen of All Saints • Michigan City

Loss includes miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, SIDS, and infant death, either recent or long ago.

All are welcome:

parents, grandparents, family and friends.

To reserve a memorial candle for the Mass, text or call 219-730-9199 or email info@miscarriedbaby.com

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**

Save the Date

for the Annual Planting Possibilities

Spring Plant Sale

Featuring florist-grade geraniums of all colors & sizes, patio planters, hanging baskets and heirloom herbs & vegetables.

Saturday, May 18

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More South Parking Lot

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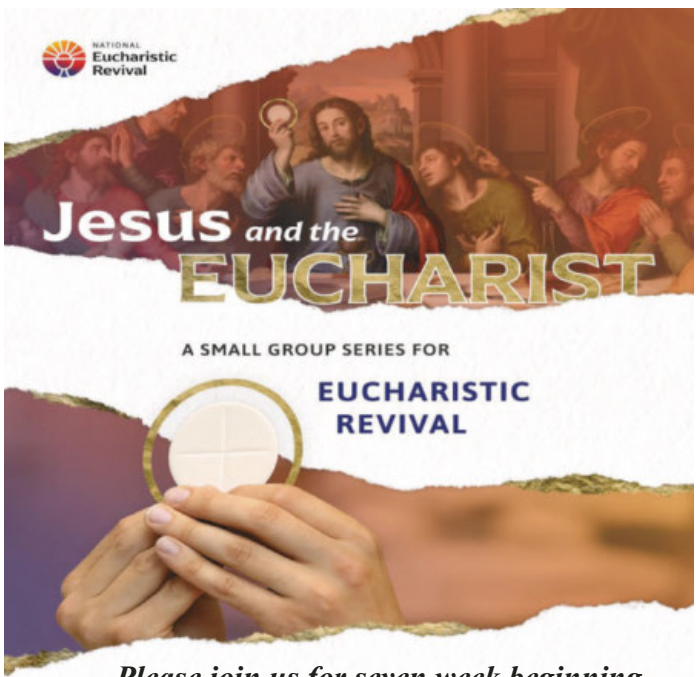
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Sign-up is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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:
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Monday, June 10

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Las Vegas Night

St. Mary's Griffith Men's Club is sponsoring a Las Vegas Night on Saturday, April 27 in Hildebrandt Hall from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The cost is \$15/single ticket and \$25/ couple. This includes food and drinks.

The proceeds will be donated to St. Mary Church, church organizations and the community. If there are any questions, please contact Tom Gora at (219) 308-3976.

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