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#### St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church

#### 8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

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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Pastor Reverend Mic	chael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312
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St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

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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	
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
Business Manager	Maria Vega; Ext. 2339

#### **Parish Ministry Center** Weis Center 8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

#### Sacramental Information

Confessions 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 

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	
Director	
Administrative Assistant	

Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

#### **Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons**

Formation/Education	Tim Jevyak
	Katie Kordeck, Tamara Kozy
Peace & Social Justice	Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship	Kaaren Mashura
	Paul Liszewski

#### **Parish Organizations**

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Boy Scouts	
Career Networking Group	Donna Weidenfeller
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	Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gifts of Love & Warmth	Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts	Cynthia Navarrete (773) 726-2411
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Parish Garden Ministry	Noreen Bickel (219) 836-8610
Respect Life	Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739
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	Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### April 28, 2024



5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

#### Sunday, May 5

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



#### Saturday, May 4

First Holy Communion A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Alex 10:00 a.m. Volunteers/Siblings should contact Mrs. Tolnai at atlarservers@stm-school.com 5:30 p.m. P. Werner, J. Dye/MC ~ Hunter

#### Sunday, May 5

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8:00 a.m.	A. & I. Tolnai/MC ~ Derek
10:00 a.m.	G. & R. Santellano/MC ~ Alex
12:00 p.m.	C. Aguilar, L. Ramirez/MC ~ Jack



## 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 join by contacting Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

#### Live-Streamers Needed

Our **Live-Stream Ministry** is instrumental in helping those who cannot attend Mass in person stay connected to our parish. We are currently in need of a few more volunteers. Interested adults & teens, should contact Joann Hajduch at jhajduch@stm-school.com to join.

#### Sacrificial Offerings



April 21, 2024	
Adult	\$ 13,897.00
Loose	\$ 3,898.00
Children	\$ 102.00
Automated	\$ 7,086.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,983.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish.



SUNDAY, April 28 — Fifth Sunday of Easter 6:30 am William Kvasnica, Sr. by Family 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased 10:00 am Thanksgiving Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Grisafi in Honor of Their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Lauren & James Catullo 12:00 pm John L. Ostrowski by Francine Maccaroni

MONDAY, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

8:30 am Rita Cardone by Family

#### **TUESDAY, April 30**

6:30 am Lenora L. Phillips by Altar & Rosary Society 8:30 am Charles (Bud) Boblink by Pat & Mary Jo Gulotta

#### WEDNESDAY, May 1 — St. Joseph the Worker

6:30 am Michael Stodola by Rose Yothment 8:30 am Barbara Jean Koufos by Michael W. Mezey

#### THURSDAY, May 2 — St. Athanasius

6:30 am Carol Piccirilli by Rich & Chris Kurpela 8:30 am Donna Henkels by Beatrice Henkels Pluard

#### FRIDAY, May 3 — St. Philip & James

6:30 am Lucy King by Frances Portone 8:30 am Josefina Bagadiong (Ann) by Aquino Family

#### SATURDAY Mav 4

8:30 am Phyllis Ratkay by Michael Ratkay 5:30 pm Sally Gansho by Marilyn Pajor

#### SUNDAY, May 5 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am Robert Mercier by Dominique & Angelique Mercier

Chester & Elizabeth Ross by Jim & Carol 8:00 am Zaczvk

10:00 am Michael G. Stodola by Bill & Diane Kozlowski 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased



"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

#### Automated Contributions



Make your life easier by contributing to the good works of our

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#### **P**ray for the sick of our parish...

Marie Henke

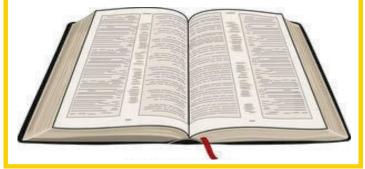
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#### **Readings Week of April 28**

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1
	Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn
	14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
-	(see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of

arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is

the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing. The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth. *Father John Muir* 

**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: <u>bulletin@stm-church.com</u>. Thank you for your help.

#### THERE IS NOTHING SO GREAT

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." ~ St. Jean Vianney

"Father, do you ever wonder why God did some of the things He has done?" That question has been asked of me many times throughout my nearly forty-two years of priesthood. I can say without hesitation, "Yes, I do. I do wonder."

- I wonder why God made us.
- I wonder why it is so hard to discern His will.
- I wonder if I am doing what God wants of me.
- I also wonder why God gave us His only Son.

Those questions -- and all the questions that you often ask in your own minds -- will not be answered fully until the moment we see God face to face. At that moment, we will no longer care about the questions because we will be in complete union with God and will know all that we often pondered. Until that moment, we search for answers and attempt to do the best we can for our God.

God loves us incredibly. That statement leads us to another question most of us have: Why? We cannot know why God loves us so much; but, He does. He loves us so much that He sent us His only Son. His Son loved us so much that He suffered and died on the cross and rose on the third day to set us free from sin and death.

The night before He died, Jesus, in His great love, gave us His Body and Blood so that we would be able to be nourished while on our journey to the Kingdom. That gift is so very precious and none of us really knows how it comes about.

The Eucharist has also been called the Real Presence since Jesus is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the consecrated species. The bread is no longer bread; but, His Body. The wine, no longer wine; but, His Blood. As Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, we reserve the consecrated hosts in the Tabernacle so that people may come to church to visit the Eucharistic Lord.

Every so often, churches place the Eucharist on the altar in exposition so that people may come to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We may not know the answers to the many questions that we would like to ask God; but, we can take time to visit our Lord and thank Him for His deep, abiding love.

**FAITH ACTION:** God gave us His very best when He gave us Jesus. Jesus gave His very best when He gave us His Body and Blood. What can you give to God this day?



#### **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 29: Msgr. Casimir Bickauskas (1957)
April 30: Rev. Joseph E. Till (2005)
May 2: Rev. Ladislaus S. Krause (1967)
Rev. Charles J. Seeberger (1969)



#### THE EUCHARIST IS SO VITAL

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of a Catholic's life. To gain a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist, you are invited to join us for small group study/reflection of this wondrous gift of Jesus.

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

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## "God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

#### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During a pause around the bridge table, one of the ladies asked the hostess, "I suppose you carry some sort of memento in that locket?"

"Yes," she replied. "It's a lock of my husband's hair." "But your husband is still alive!" the women responded,

"But your husband is still alive!" the women responded, not quite understanding.

"Yes, of course," said the hostess. "But his hair is gone."



'NO INTERNET, NO CNN, NO FOX NEWS, NO DEMOCRATS, NO GOP... SO BASICALLY HEAVEN ON EARTH...'

## Religious Seducation

#### **Religious Education Classes**

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

May Schedule

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First Communicant Practice All Wednesday & Thursday Students

All must attend both nights

First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

#### 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. Installation of New Officers • Prior reservations required

#### Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are encouraged to join us Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Weis Center Speaker: Deacon Michael Hogan will discuss "The Mysteries of The Holy Trinity" We hope you'll join us.

Congratulations 2024 Holy Name Raffle Winners:

\$500 - Joe Janostak \$100 - Harry Kurek \$50 Winners: Diane Dudzik • Tom & Cathy Newman Patricia Queroz • Susan & Christopher Melnyczenko

Our thanks to all who contributed to the success of this raffle.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society **Our SVDP Pantry Needs:**

Soup Cereal Peanut Butter Jelly Instant Potatoes Mac & Cheese

Canned Fruit Canned Peas Canned Mixed Vegetables Spaghetti/Pasta Pasta Sauce Pancake Mix • Syrup

Hamburger Helper Rice Shampoo Dish Soap Toilet Paper

#### **Greeters Schedule Week**



#### Saturday, May 4 5:30 p.m. Mass Main: Michelle Stimel

Sunday, May 5 6:30 a.m. Mass Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass Main: Maria Rodriguez Chapel: Donna Weidenfellar

#### **Parish/Ministry Schedule**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection After All Weekend Masses

#### Monday, April 29

6:00 pm Parent Bible Study — Weis Center Room 107 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous —Weis Center Room 101

#### **Tuesday, April 30**

3:00 pmWait Until 8th Parent Meeting —Weis Main Hall7:00 pmPastoral Council Discernment — Weis Room 101 Boy Scouts #542 — Weis Center Main Hall 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, May 1

9:30 am Morning Bible Study —Weis Center Room 101 5:00 pm Eucharistic Revival — Entire Weis Center

#### Thursday, May 2

8:00 am Eucharistic Revival — Entire Weis Center 6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study — Weis Room 101

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

9:30 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan Fraternity Council Meeting — Weis Center Main Hall

#### Live Christ Share Christ

Just as the season of spring is a renewal of flowers and trees, our Live Christ Share Christ ministry helps you find renewal in your faith journey. We invite you to join us for the next meeting

Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Weis Center "Purgatory and Mercy" with Guest Speaker: James Blakely

## A Dynamic New Teen Ministry

Volunteers Needed

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. Young adults (age 18 to 40) are still needed for program planning and to serve as team leaders. The teen group will meet Sunday evenings twice each month. 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



A big, big thank you to all who sold and purchased raffle tickets, making this year's annual St. Thomas More School Cash Raffle our best year yet!

\$5,000 — Kim Poland
\$3,000 - M. Brandon Ramos
\$1,000 — Joe Garcia
10 — \$100 Winners:
Carmel Hurlow • Concepcion Sida
Karl Peltzer • Mike Kaim • Ana Ramirez
Jackie Campos • Bill Muno • Lauren Delgado
Mary Piriczky • Anais Diaz



#### ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL Class of 2020 Reunion

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 Czarobski at <u>aczarobski@stm-school.com</u> 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.



#### **Congratulations STMS Athletes!**

It was a great day for our St. Thomas More School boys, as they competed in the Diocesan CYO Championship Boys Volleyball games last Saturday at Andrean High School. 8th grade boys were victorious, proudly sporting their 1st Place medals and bringing home the championship trophy for our school.

No less impressive were the efforts of our 6th grade boys team, who likewise displayed their athletic prowess, finishing the game with 2nd Place CYO medals and another trophy for St. Thomas More School.

We are proud of these students, their hard work and good sportsmanship, showing that determination and effort truly pays off.

Special thanks to these dedicated coaches, Katie Rak-Bouton, Carly Olczak, Susie Kinsella and Andrea Brown...their time, talent and enthusiasm have been a constant source of encouragement for these boys.





#### **Mental Health Ministry**

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

**Tuesday, May 28** 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.

#### **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 <u>chackett@stm-school.com</u>



## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Partners in Christ's Mission

We are at 10 percent of our combined goal. Please be generous in supporting the CSA and our church roofing/ceiling project. Thank you!

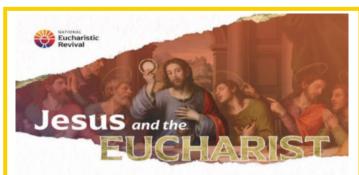


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> For assistance, call (219) 836-0178 or <u>smallgroups@stm-church.com</u>

#### 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:

Please drop in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office.

# Confirmation

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the young people of St. Thomas More Church who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 May the Lord bless them with His guidance from this day forward.

Christian Jose Aguilar Ethan Francis Alonzo Vincent Michael Amoroso Oliver *George* Anderson Nicholas Nicholas Ascencio John Isodore Bellahcen Gavin Luigi Bouton Zuzanna Lucy Buksa Hayden Monica Burton Gabriella Gianna Cardone Jakub Maksymilian Ciszewski David Christopher Dabros Olivia Agnes Daliege Kayla John Daspit Jov Teresa De Witte Jesse *Michael* Diaz Ella Cecilia Dilbeck Kayla Mary Douts Isabella Rose Dragos Jax *Catherine* Dye Ivan Matthew Estrada Marianne Raphael Ferrusquia Michael Christopher Fortener Ian Luigi Gallardo Erika Francis Gallegos Ian Monica Gallegos Ezekiel Ambrose Gelbolingo Julisa Bernadette Gil Pete *Peter* Godinez Uriah Sebastian Goding

Jack Joseph Gomez Isabella *Catherine* Gonzalez Alexandra Anne Gregolunas Giovanni Valentine Grisolia Jayme Vitus Hansen Kathleen Philomena Harkenrider Hazel Maria Harkenrider Kevin Joseph Harretos Emelia Maria Hernandez Nelson Paul Hernandez Ashley *Elizabeth* Hughes Elizabeth Francis Irvin Izabela Cecilia Jankech Lily *Elizabeth* Jones Christopher Luke Kalwasinski Tomasz Andrzej Krzystofiak Nick Albert Kutkowski Citlaly Francis Lara Jonathan Jude Lara Patrick Andrew Laschober Luke Albert Long Olivia Cecilia Mack Angelina Rose Maggio Olivia Katarzyna Majewski Janelle Jude Martinez Alexsander Peter Medina Marin Jacob *Francis* Menclewicz Freddie Peter Mendoza Mateo Sebastian Morales Josh Paul Ngchee Liam Sebastian O'Brien

Oluwatoni Peter Ogunyoye Andrew Sebastian Olczak Chloe Teresa Ostrowski Alec James Peltzer Analia Matthew Prado Jacey Thomas Ramirez Emily Maria Ramirez Ethan Benedict Rozic Alexandra Anthony Rucinski Cali Joyce Rybicki Gabriel Luke Samora Anthony *Genisius* Sang Eric Paul Schooler Nathaniel John Sinclair Jessica Joan Slon Reyna Veronica Smola Patrick Joseph Sobula Bobbi Joseph Soto Lucy Cecilia Sproat Abigail Ulphia Stugis Robert Piotr Swiatko Iris Therese Tolnai Jennifer Catherine Tong Karl Francis Traciak Emmeline **Dymphna** Trevino Sergio Francis Valdez Penelope Bernadette Werner Morgan **Dvmphna** Whelan Alan *Augustine* Wu Briza Teresa Zamora



#### Visit other organizations serving our community. Sunday, May 19 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the STMS Gym

Free Food • Free Give-Aways • Free Raffles



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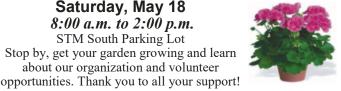
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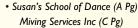
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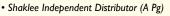
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