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glorified.



*Mission Statement : The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need. As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.*

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312  
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**St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)**

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Paul Liszewski ..... Bill McCullough  
Jean Nanos ..... Joe Peters  
Michael Popovich ..... Patty Queroz  
Michael Sajn ..... Daniel Straka

**St. Thomas More School**

*Preschool through 8th Grade*

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

Website ..... [www.stm-school.com](http://www.stm-school.com)  
School Phone ..... (219) 836-9151  
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258  
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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  
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Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas  
Spirituality & Worship ..... Kaaren Mashura  
Stewardship ..... Paul Liszewski

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Boy Scouts ..... Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109  
Career Networking Group ..... Donna Weidenfeller  
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Circle of Prayer ..... Carolyn Cenko 741-2509  
..... [carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynrealtor@sbcglobal.net)  
Cub Scouts ..... Patricia Sinclair • [plalessandrini@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
Holy Name Society ..... Bill Burke: [sbburke3@att.net](mailto:sbburke3@att.net)  
Barbara Shaver 838-9200  
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Seniors of STM ..... Judy Hamer (219) 836-7916  
Ushers Club ..... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

## Celebrants

**Saturday, May 11**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, May 12**

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, May 11**

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

**Sunday, May 12**

8:00 a.m. H. Jorsch, J. Sajn/MC ~ Abi

10:00 a.m. T. Ogunyoye, R. Smola/MC ~ Nick

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

## Red Geraniums for Pentecost

In observance of

**Pentecost on Sunday, May 19**

We are asking parishioners to bring

**Red Geraniums**

Bring the flowers to church  
with you the  
weekend of May 18-19  
and place them on the altar  
when you enter.

The flowers will be planted around our  
church and school  
by members of the Garden Ministry to  
beautify our campus.



## Live-Streamers Needed

Our **Live-Stream Ministry** is instrumental in helping those who cannot attend Mass in person stay connected to our parish. Summer help is needed to accommodate for vacations, etc.

**We are currently in need of a few more volunteers.**

If you are an interested adult or teen, please contact Joann Hajduch at [jhajduch@stm-school.com](mailto:jhajduch@stm-school.com) to join. This is a fun and easy way to serve the parish and we'd love your help!

## Sacrificial Offerings

**April 28, 2024**



Adult	\$ 16,707.00
Loose	\$ 2,182.00
Children	\$ 54.00
Automated	\$ 7,086.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,029.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity to the parish.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

6:30 am Robert Mercier by Dominique & Angelique Mercier

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

10:00 am Michael G. Stodola by Bill & Diane Kozlowski

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

**MONDAY, May 6**

6:30 am Rose Trgovcich by Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 am Caterina DiMarzio Vitale by Michael Rescan & Family

**TUESDAY, May 7**

6:30 am Melody Gunning by Husband, Jeffrey Gunning

8:30 am Jack Mateja by Wife, Judy & Children

**WEDNESDAY, May 8**

6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

8:30 am Nancy Cyrier by Ron & Noreen Bickel

**THURSDAY, May 9**

6:30 am Miller Michael Krizmanic by Family

8:30 am Jean Hreha by Children

**FRIDAY, May 10**

6:30 am Maria Ines Gutierrez by Janet Gage

8:30 am Lois Quinn by Pat Strange

**SATURDAY May 11**

8:30 am Sara & Pete Eggen by Mardi Flynn

5:30 pm Lucille & Harold Rueth (Ann) by Phyllis Rueth

**SUNDAY, May 12 — Ascension of the Lord — Mother's Day**

6:30 am Melanie Sharp by Patti Stofko

8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

10:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers

12:00 pm Helen Yadron by Family

## Stewardship REFLECTION

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

## Automated Contributions



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

**Make a Payment Online:** Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card:

<http://www.stm-church.com/>.

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

**Set-Up Automated Payment:** Instruction/forms on parish website: [http://www.stm-cJoin\\_hurch.com/](http://www.stm-cJoin_hurch.com/)

### Questions?

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

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

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

## Readings Week of May 5

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

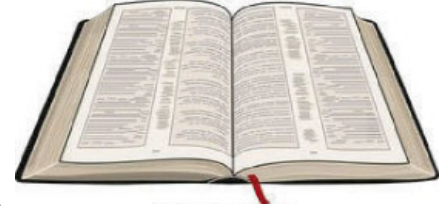
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

### Seventh Sunday of Easter:



Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

*Father John Muir*

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## 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](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com). Thank you for your help.

**MAGNIFY GOD**

**“Mary’s greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself.” ~ Pope Benedict**

There have been many apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the ages, some approved by the Church and some not approved. Many times, people have asked me what goes in the process of Church approbation of an alleged apparition. There are several things to consider; however, there seems to be one overriding question to ask: “In the apparition, did Mary, in one way, shape, or form, point to Jesus?”

In all of Mary’s appearances, her challenge has always been to listen to her Son. Mary never appeared on her own behalf but so that her Son could be known and glorified. Even in the few passages in the Gospels that speak about Mary, she was always directing attention to God and not herself.

When Mary visited Elizabeth and Elizabeth praised her, Mary redirected the praise to God. When the people came to her at a wedding in Cana, she pointed to her Son and said, “Do whatever He tells you.”

Mary is not interested in herself. She is not interested in getting her message out there. She is not interested in promulgating worship and adoration on her behalf.

Mary has always, always, always pointed to her Son. That is one of the reasons that the Church holds her in such esteem. She is a wonderful example to all of us and teaches us what we need to do in our own lives.

Mary is a model of humility. She never claimed anything on her own but attributed it to the wonder and power of God. In our own lives, we are often far from humble. We like to grab for attention. We want people to praise us. We need to learn to acknowledge that all we have received, all that we are often praised for, is not of our own doing but a wonderful gift from God.

Mary is a model of trust. She had no idea what would come about when she said yes to the Angel Gabriel but she said yes nonetheless because she was the handmaid of the Lord and if God was calling, she was answering.

When we feel called, we often weigh the call according to our own likes and wants. Our yes is usually a qualified one because it means that we are getting something out of it as well.

**FAITH ACTION:** Let us remember Mary in a special way this month and pray for humility and trust, that our yes to God may be immediate and unselfish. *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:

- May 6: Rev. Augustine C. Van Rie (1962)  
Rev. David E. Hauskins (1971)
- May 9: Rev. John J. Lach (1960)  
Msgr. Edward F. Litot (2018)
- May 11: Rev. Louis B. Wozniak (1997)

Please join the Diocese of Gary  
Celebrating 25 Years



Most Rev. Robert J. McClory  
Ordination to the Priesthood

Friday, May 10, 2024  
at 2:00 p.m.  
at the  
Cathedral of  
the Holy Angels  
640 Tyler St., Gary, IN



tinyurl.com/  
25thAnniversaryMass



**FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our third grade students in our school as well as our Religious Education program upon the reception of their First Holy Communion. May they come to the altar often throughout their lives to receive the food that gives life to the soul and prepares us for eternity.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

After the mother had given birth to twins, the father asked his young son what he thought about the blessed event.

“Well,” the boy replied, “you better start finding a place for them right away. They aren’t going to be as easy to get rid of as the kittens were.”





# Religious Education

## Religious Education Classes

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

## 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 this ministry by contacting Jim Kaspar at 219-836-2343.

## 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 next Saturday.

**Saturday, May 11 • 9:00 a.m. • Weis Center**  
with Guest Speaker: James Blakely  
"Purgatory and Mercy"

## Nursery

The parish Nursery will be closed, after today, for the remainder of the summer, the months of May to August. To volunteer for fall, please contact Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

## 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 (unless noted):**  
1:00 p.m. • Weis Center

**Wednesday, May 15**  
**Bingo Bananza**

Cash prizes will be awarded. Note: Limit of 2 cards/person. Come on out and enjoy the game with your friends.

## Dining for Dollars

Our school will earn 20% when you dine.  
**Pop's Italian Beef & Sausage**  
1419 Joliet Highway Dyer, IN  
**Tuesday, May 7**  
11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## Greeters Schedule Week



**Saturday, May 11**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass**

Main: Jo Ann Karr & Mile Sepiol  
Chapel: Bill & Chris Retseck

**Sunday, May 12**

**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

## Parish/Ministry Schedule

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

### Monday, May 6

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

### Tuesday, May 7

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Discernment — Weis Room 101  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542 — Weis Center Main Hall

### Wednesday, May 8

5:00 pm Eucharistic Revival — Entire Weis Center

### Thursday, May 9

8:00 am Eucharistic Revival — Entire Weis Center

### Friday, May 10

8:00 am Confirmation Retreat — Weis Center (All)

### Saturday, May 11

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

## 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.

## 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](mailto:bb44@ameritech.net) or send a text to (219) 781-2801.

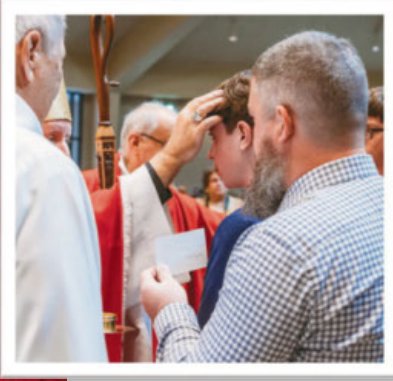


May 5, 2024

# St. Thomas More School



## SACRAMENT OF 2024 *Confirmation* ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH



May these young people always seek comfort in following the Lord. God bless them and all the children of our parish.



## 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.

**Every Monday • 7:00 p.m. • Weis Center • Room 101**

For more information: [www.emotionsanonymous.org](http://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](mailto:ehackett@stm-school.com)



All are Invited  
to 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



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# FIRST HOLY *Communion*

God Bless  
These Children of Our Parish  
Who Received the  
*Sacrament of First Holy Communion*

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

St. Thomas More Church

Juliana Amoroso  
Liliana Angus  
Leonardo Baca  
Maximo Baca  
Sofia Barocio  
Connor Caddick  
Amelia Cantrell  
Claire Daliege  
Ava D'Amico  
Isabella D'Amico  
Nora Davis  
Emma Diaz  
Gianna Dilag  
Joseph Dudzik  
Abigail Fatemi  
Emily Fullerton  
Milan Gallardo  
Arianny Gallegos  
Owen Garcia  
Joshua Gonzalez

Hudson Goodwin  
Olivia Granter  
Hunter Hansen  
Jack Haro  
Rubi Hernandez  
Amelio Hernandez-Baker  
Andrew Holmes  
Aiden Holobowski  
Avery Hughes  
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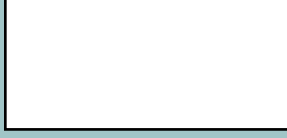
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