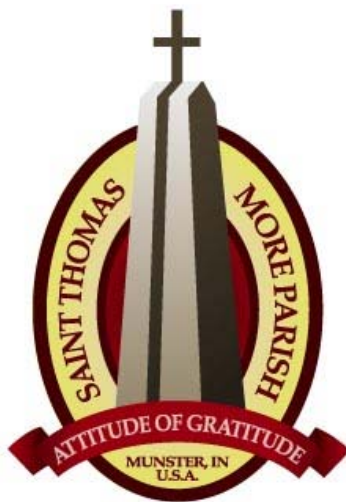


Attitude of Gratitude

*ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH PRESENTS
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO SHARE
YOUR GIFTS OF TIME & TALENT*



SPIRITUALITY & WORSHIP COMMISSION

Chairperson: Joyce Stodola 923-2952

The mission of the Spirituality & Worship Commission is to encourage and support liturgical worship and the spiritual formation of our parishioners. Individuals are needed to be a part of various committees such as the Morning of Reflection, 40 Hours, and the Parish Mission.

ENVIRONMENT & ART

Provides decorations of the altar and sanctuary for Sunday liturgies and seasonal celebrations.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRIES

Assist at the Parish Masses in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the faithful.

LECTORS

Proclaim the scriptures at Mass.

HOSPITALITY

The goal of the Ministry of Hospitality is to increase the feeling of friendship and support for new and existing parishioners on an ongoing basis. Our Greeters and Ushers also welcome parishioners and visitors to weekend and Holy Day masses, assist with seating, aid the elderly, take up collections and deal with emergencies.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Participate as a choir member in the Family Choir, the All Seasons Chorale, or the Funeral Choir or be a cantor or musician at mass and during special events and services.

NURSERY

Provide care for children ages one through three during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday and during the mission.

CONTACT: JO ANN LONG 836-5678

There are no meetings. All communication is by phone or mail. The major events are set up for Christmas and Easter. No experience necessary! Children in grade school are welcome to participate with their parents.

CONTACT: JERRY REACH 322-5754

Participation is during the mass. Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled every other month at their preferred mass. No extra meetings except for training. Families are invited to participate together.

CONTACT: PAULETTE PAQUETTE

708-895-7646

Participation is during the mass. Lectors are scheduled approximately every six weeks at their preferred mass. No extra meetings except for training. Families are invited to participate together.

CONTACT: JIM D'ORAZIO 838-9343

Participation is during the mass. There is a meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month. Time commitments are flexible and families are invited to participate together.

CONTACT: ANGIE LORANDOS 836-8610

Participation is during the 9:00A.M. Sunday mass for the Family choir with rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM. The All Seasons Chorale participates at the 10:30 AM Sunday mass and rehearses on Tuesday nights at 7 PM. There is an audition for cantors. Families are invited to participate together.

CONTACT: KAAREN ANN MASHURA 836-5079

Childcare is provided during the 9:00 a.m. mass and during the evenings of Mission week. There are no meetings and families are invited to participate together.

OTHER CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

BLUE ARMY

Teach and promote the Fatima Message that "Good cannot triumph over evil except by the offering of reparation for sin. In the end My Immaculate heart will Triumph."

CONTACT: ROSE MARIE MALBURG 836-8779

Prayer group meets every Monday in the chapel at 7 PM

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Chairperson: Jean Thornton 865-0399

The mission of the Parish Life Commission is to promote unity among the parishioners, help build community in the parish and foster a sense of belonging among the parish members of St. Thomas More Church. Individuals are needed to help with special events such as the Appreciation Dinner, Grandparents Day and the Parish Picnic.

ALTAR & ROSARY

An organization of women of the Parish involved in spirituality, service, social, and fund-raising activities.

FESTIVAL

An annual festival held on the parish grounds in June and is a family-oriented activity involving hundreds of parishioners.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

An organization of men of the Parish involved in service, spirituality, charity and social activities. The men make annual contributions to catholic charitable organizations and groups.

MOM'S GROUP

Provide fellowship, support, encouragement, and knowledge among mothers in the Parish, and to enhance the spirit of community in the Parish family.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Individuals are needed to help register and welcome people interested in joining St. Thomas More Parish.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The club is organized for the purpose of social enjoyment and benefits by its members who are 60 years or older. Yearly a memorial Mass for deceased members is also held.

SCOUTING

With adult leadership, Scouts learn to "do their best" while serving God, country and helping others. Contact the names listed for additional information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A Catholic men's organization that is based in our parish. The Knights are involved in spiritual enrichment, social interaction, and fund-raising for charitable causes.

CONTACT: RUTH BANAS 836-5387

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month September through March and the month of May. Corporate Sunday is held at a 9:00 AM mass in April. The fundraising event is the Christmas Bazaar which is held in November.

CONTACT: WILLIAM BURKE 322-6462

Individuals are needed to help organize, sponsor and chair the various areas. Also, many individuals are needed to work at the festival itself.

CONTACT: KEVIN CLOGHESSY 934-0601

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 PM There is also a Fish Fry held during lent.

CONTACT: DEANNA MC DUNN 922-9459

Meetings are held every other Thursday from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM with children in the Solar Room (babysitting is provided). Adult dinner once per month, Christmas party and picnic.

CONTACT: JEAN THORNTON 865-0933

The new parishioner breakfast is held on the last Sunday of the month. Individuals are needed to meet and talk to the new parishioners and to remain in contact with them to help them get acclimated to their new parish.

CONTACT: ELEANOR SCHVEIGER 836-2025

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 1 PM until 3:30 PM. No meetings are held during the summer.

CONTACTS:

GIRL SCOUTS: JANE SURD 708-418-0910

BOY SCOUTS: PAUL TAYLOR 219-922-1473

CUB SCOUTS: CURT ANGLIN 219-844-2178

CONTACT: HAL LUSK 972-9639

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 PM.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION COMMISSION

Chairperson: Sr. Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B. 836-8610 ext. 332

The mission of the Religious Formation Commission is to support families in the process of faith formation through a variety of programs. Additionally, the Commission challenges all parish members to examine their own level of faith formation and strive to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Individuals are needed to pray for God's blessing on

ADULT FORMATION

Provide intellectual and Faith Formation to adult parishioners.

CONTACT: SR. MARILYN HETTINGER, O.S.B.

Facilitators and participants are needed for faith sharing groups and for weekly bible study groups. Also, individuals are needed to plan and implement other programs. Time commitment varies and family participation is welcomed.

OBLATES OF ST. BENEDICT

Parishioners have the opportunity to become affiliated with the order of St. Benedict and grow in their love of Christ with others who also want to find a balance between work, prayer, hospitality, leisure, stewardship, simplicity, and peace.

CONTACT: SR. MARILYN HETTINGER, O.S.B.

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month starting at 10:00 AM.

RCIA—THE RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Provides formation to adults who are preparing for reception into the Church.

CONTACT: SR. MARILYN HETTINGER, O.S.B.

Individuals are needed to serve as small group facilitators on Tuesday evenings or at Sunday morning Bible study.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

The mission of the Religious Formation Program is to fulfill the promise that the Church makes at every Baptism: to support and instruct the baptized and to foster their growth in faith. The catechists proclaim Christ's message and strive to develop community, to lead children and parents to worship, and to motivate them to serve others for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

CONTACT: SR. MARILYN HETTINGER, O.S.B.

Individuals are needed to participate as catechist, classroom aides, hall monitors, parking lot attendants and office helpers for the pre-K to 8th grade students. Classes meet on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Pray for religious vocations across the world.

CONTACT: MARY KOCHIS 322-7262

Take the Vocation Cross home for one week at a time and recite the enclosed prayers for vocations, with your family.

YOUTH GROUP

Sign up to work on the development of a volunteer teenage youth group. Adults and teenagers are needed.

CONTACT: PAM RATAJACK 923-2031

We are starting to form a youth group for the teenagers of the parish. Sign up to get involved with the planning and administration of this wonderful ministry.

I used to pray that God would do this or that—

but now I pray that He will guide me to do whatever I can do.

I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength.

*I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us—
and we change things.*

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Chairperson: Barbara Shaver 838-9200

The mission of the Peace & Social Justice Commission is to educate and raise awareness of Parishioners regarding issues of social justice as well as support ministries of charity and peace. Individuals are needed to help with special events such as the blood drive, food collection for St. Vincent De Paul, hospice, The Riley House, faith sharing and education on social justice issues every other month.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Individuals are called upon to pray for the needs of others.

CONTACT: MARY JO HUMPFER 836-5002

Individuals are needed to participate in a telephone prayer chain. The level of calls received depends upon the need within our parish.

DIOC. COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

A national organization which, under the guidance of the Church, formulates plans and activities for missions and charitable organizations within our area.

CONTACT: BARBARA SHAVER 836-4252

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every quarter. Women from across the diocese share what is happening at their parish. Information is also provided concerning national issues.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Women supporting other women and families especially during child bearing and child raising years.

CONTACT: KATHY DOMINGUEZ 924-9212

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month from 7 PM to 9 PM. Various events are scheduled to occur through the year. Time commitment is flexible and families are invited to participate.

HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

Monthly preparation and serving of a meal at the Hammond Homeless Shelter.

CONTACT: ELLEN HUSEMAN 838-7419

Individuals are needed to help prepare a dinner in the St. Thomas More kitchen, starting at 4 PM, on the third Wednesday of every month. Individuals are then needed to deliver and serve this meal at the shelter.

ICC-INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Keeps parishioners informed about pending legislation affecting your faith (I.e. death penalty, abortion, school choice and healthcare).

CONTACT: BARBARA SHAVER 836-4252

Members are contacted via e-mail by the Diocese of Gary—Heartland Center (or by phone if you do not have e-mail). They are given information concerning pending legislation and are asked to contact their State or Federal Representatives by phone, fax or e-mail. There are no meetings.

PASTORAL CARE OF SICK

Individuals visit those who are sick or shut in.

**CONTACT: DEACON NAPOLEON TABION
836-8610 x315**

Members are assigned to visit with those that are sick. Typically, you are on call every other month. Meetings are held periodically and families are invited to participate.

RESPECT LIFE

Group dedicated to raising the Parish's level of awareness regarding all aspects of human life.

CONTACT: ALICE WOHLER 836-5337

Meetings are held once per month. Some of the other special events include: One-Rose-One-Life flower sale, the life chain, Christmas Cards and the Mothers and Fathers Day cards.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Individuals help those who are less fortunate by maintaining a food pantry, delivering food to the homes of the poor and by handling requests for assistance with utility bills, etc. Area covered is Munster and South Hammond.

CONTACT: SHARON MARMALEJO 836-8610

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7 PM. Individuals are "on call" with their team for one week at a time—approximately every two months. Training and support is provided and families are invited to participate.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL-YOUTH CONFERENCE

Individuals help those who are less fortunate by helping at soup kitchens, assisting the elderly in the nursing home play bunco and by helping at various shelters.

CONTACT: LISA KRISMANICK 836-8610

Opportunities for participation are schedule approximately every two weeks. There is always adult supervision. Need adults and children in grades 6 and up.



Experience the intense joy in helping others!

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Chairperson: Cal Bellamy 836-8610

The mission of the Stewardship Commission is to encourage Parishioners to be responsible Stewards of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure. Individuals are needed to help with planning and running the Parish Life/Ministries Fair Weekend.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

Provide recommendations for short and long term projects concerned with new construction, remodeling, and maintenance which are related to the physical facilities supporting all church and campus buildings.

CONTACT: BOB RAY 924-6472

Individuals are called on an as needed basis to review and discuss the physical facilities.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Parishioners have the opportunity to become involved with the planning and running of the St. Thomas More Diocesan Catholic Services Appeal. In the past, after the diocesan goal is met, the additional money collected is used for a parish project and then the remainder is put into the school endowment fund.

CONTACT: KATHY GEORGELAS 836-8610

Individuals are needed to be on the planning committee and to help collect pledges after mass and to make follow up calls.

PLANNED GIVING

Develop and market plans to assist Parishioners in giving and benefiting from giving to the St. Thomas More Parish.

CONTACT: KEN KRUPINSKI 322-8414

Individuals are needed to serve the committee to help develop and implement the planned giving program at St. Thomas More Parish.

GARDEN CLUB

The mission of the Garden Club is to beautify the St. Thomas More Parish Campus.

CONTACT: AL CAROLLO 836-8268

Individuals are needed to help with the landscaping (planting flowers, etc.) on the St. Thomas More Parish grounds. Work is completed when weather permits on Wednesday and Friday mornings starting at 9AM.



Volunteers don't necessarily have the time,
but they have the heart,
so they make time.

This is how we will say

THANK YOU LORD

**Please complete this form for your entire family & return to the Parish office.
If there are more than three members, please use another sheet.
See back of form also.**

FIRST
NAME 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____

LAST NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

Please mark: 1) Interested, please call me 2) Need more information 3) Currently participating

Member

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SPIRITUALITY & WORSHIP COMMISSION

___ ___ ___ Environment & Art
___ ___ ___ Eucharistic Minister
___ ___ ___ Lectors
___ ___ ___ Hospitality
___ ___ ___ Family Choir
___ ___ ___ All Seasons Chorale
___ ___ ___ Funeral Choir
___ ___ ___ Other Music
___ ___ ___ Nursery

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

___ ___ ___ Altar & rosary
___ ___ ___ Festival
___ ___ ___ Holy Name Society
___ ___ ___ Mom's Group
___ ___ ___ New Parishioner Welcome
___ ___ ___ Senior Citizens
___ ___ ___ Scouting
___ ___ ___ Knights of Columbus

OTHER CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

___ ___ ___ Blue Army

Member

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PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

___ ___ ___ Circle of Prayer
___ ___ ___ Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
___ ___ ___ Elizabeth Ministry
___ ___ ___ Homeless Shelter Meals
___ ___ ___ ICC-Indiana Catholic Conference
___ ___ ___ Pastoral Care of Sick
___ ___ ___ Right to Life
___ ___ ___ Society of St. Vincent DePaul
___ ___ ___ Society of St. Vincent DePaul-Youth Con

RELIGIOUS FORMATION COMMISSION

___ ___ ___ Adult Formation
___ ___ ___ Oblates of St. Benedict
___ ___ ___ RCAI-The Rites of Christian Initiation
___ ___ ___ Religious Formation
___ ___ ___ Vocation Cross
___ ___ ___ Youth Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

___ ___ ___ Building & Maintenance
___ ___ ___ Catholic Services Appeal
___ ___ ___ Planned Giving
___ ___ ___ Garden Club

**Thank you for completing this Time and Talent Survey!
A representative from the organizations you have indicated will contact you with further information.**

SURVEY CONTINUED
OTHER SKILLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

OTHER MINISTRIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED:

GENERAL COMMENTS:

*If you've considered becoming more involved at
St. Thomas More Parish,
please consider joining one of these worthy
ministries and start a new journey to help
your parish,
your community,
and yourself!*