



*B*eing a good Steward of our gifts is a clear response to the call of Jesus to come and follow Him. At St. Thomas More Parish, we have many opportunities for you to commit yourself to follow Jesus through the giving of your time and talent. We are also open to new ministries that individuals would like to start here.

Please use this book as a guide. The first few pages contain information about our Parish. The remainder of the book contains information about the many ministries and organizations at St. Thomas More. Please call the contact name for more information or if you would like to get involved.

On pages eight and nine, you will find a listing of our organizations by charisms or talents that are used by participants in a particular ministry. This listing is not complete, but will serve as a guide for you to best discern where your interests and talents lie and how best to follow them. The directory itself is organized alphabetically for your convenience.

Please take the time to review and reflect upon the opportunities listed in this directory. Decide where your gifts and time may be best used. Please call the contact listed with your questions.

Thank you for making a New Beginning at St. Thomas More Parish!

The St. Thomas More Parish
Stewardship Commission

St. Thomas More Parish

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Munster, IN 46321
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Web Site: www.stm-church.com
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday — 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday — 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Reverend Michael J. Yadron; Ext. 312
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Associate Pastor..... Reverend Richard C. Holy; Ext. 314
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Deacons: Joseph Stodola, Napoleon Tabion, Daniel Zurawski

Stewardship Director..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
Pastoral Care Coordinator ... Deacon Napoleon Tabion; Ext. 315
Director of Religious Formation Sandra Morgan; Ext. 332

Parish Office Staff

Daytime Receptionist..... Susan Strain; Ext. 310
Evening Receptionist..... Veronica Brtos; Ext. 310
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses - 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

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 & 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 of the Month at 7:00 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/ Visits to Hospitals & 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.

New Parishioner Orientation

New parishioners are invited to attend a New Parishioner Orientation at 9:00 a.m. in the Solar Room on the last Sunday of every month. If you have not yet registered and want more information about our parish, you are welcome to attend the orientation.

St. Thomas More School

Pre-School through 8th Grade

8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
School web site: www.stm-school.com
School Phone: (219) 836-9151
School Fax: (219) 836-0982

Principal..... Chet Nordyke; Ext. 328
School Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328
School Reception & Office Associate..... Sandra Steele; Ext. 329
Director of Student Special Services..... Tina Boyle; Ext. 328
Home & School Association..... Mary Beth Ginalski; 864-0941
Parish & School Offices Associate..... Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 311
Parish & School Offices Associate..... Pam Wadycki; Ext. 339

Weis Center

St. Thomas More School Pre-School Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
Weis Center Phone: (219) 836-2660
Weis Center Fax: (219) 836-2655

Weis Center Reception & Office Associate..... Martha Little

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Religious Education Phone: (219) 836-8610

Director..... Sandra Morgan; Ext. 332
Administrative Assistant..... Charlotte Herr; Ext. 336

*Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Meet on Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 —6:00 p.m.*

2010-2011 Pastoral Council

Kevin Cloghessy, Chairperson
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Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education

Barbara Topete

Parish Life

Elaine Herrmann

Peace & Social Justice

Mary Silvasi

Spirituality & Worship

Margot Blocher

Stewardship

Noreen Bickel



St. Thomas More Church 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, 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.

Find the Ministry that meets your
Listed below each area of interest are ministries

special talents and interests.
that would best fit your individual personality:

Administration

Catholic Services Appeal
 Facilities Development
 Ministries Fair
 Planned Giving
 Treasure

Artistic

Altar & Rosary
 Environment & Art
 Garden Club
 Music Ministry
 Parish Life Events

Communication

Adult Formation
 Gift Discernment
 ICC-Indiana Catholic Conference
 Ministries Fair
 New Parishioner Welcome
 Oblates of St. Benedict
 Parish Life Special Events
 Respect Life
 St. Thomas More Travel Club
 Treasure
 Vocations Committee

Compassion

Circle of Prayer
 Elizabeth Ministry
 Homeless Shelter Meals
 Hospitality & Ushers
 Pastoral Care of the Sick
 Society of St. Vincent DePaul
 St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen

Counseling

Gabriel Project
 Gift Discernment
 Oblates of St. Benedict
 Pastoral Care of the Sick
 RCIA-Rites of Christian Initiation

Craftsmanship

Environment & Art
 Facilities Development
 Garden Club

Encouragement

Altar & Rosary
 Elizabeth Ministry
 Gabriel Project
 Hospitality & Ushers
 Moms' Group
 New Parishioner Welcome
 Pastoral Care of the Sick
 Senior Citizens

Giving

Catholic Services Appeal
 Holy Name Society
 Knights of Columbus
 Planned Giving
 Treasure

Helping

DCCW—Diocesan Council of
 Catholic Women
 Elizabeth Ministry
 Gabriel Project
 Greeters/Hospitality
 Homeless Shelter Meals
 Ministries Fair
 Moms' Group
 New Parishioner Welcome
 Nursery
 Parish Life Special Events
 Pastoral Care of the Sick
 Peace & Social Justice Special
 Events
 Senior Citizens
 Society of St. Vincent DePaul
 St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen
 Spirituality & Worship

Hospitality

Altar & Rosary
 Elizabeth Ministry
 Festival
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 Special Events

Leadership

Boy Scouts
 Catholic Services Appeal
 Cub Scouts
 DCCW—Diocesan Council of
 Catholic Women
 Festival
 Girl Scouts
 Ministries Fair
 Planned Giving

Faith Formation

Adult Formation
 Bible Study
 Gift Discernment
 Oblates of St. Benedict
 Pastoral Care of the Sick
 RCIA—Rites of Christian Initiation
 Religious Formation (CCD)
 Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Prayer

Adult Formation
 Altar & Rosary
 Bible Study
 Blue Army
 Circle of Prayer
 Elizabeth Ministry
 Gabriel Project
 Holy Name Society
 Oblates of St. Benedict
 Pastoral Care of the Sick
 RCIA-The Rites of Christian Initiation
 Senior Citizens
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Special Ministry/Peace Making

DCCW—Diocesan Council of
 Catholic Women
 ICC-Indiana Catholic Conference
 Respect Life

Service

Altar Server
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Festival
 Greeters/Hospitality
 Holy Name Society
 Knights of Columbus
 Lectors
 Music Ministry
 Nursery
 Parish Life Special Events
 Spirituality & Worship Commission
 Special Events

Teaching

Boy Scouts
 Cub Scouts
 Girl Scouts
 Religious Formation (CCD)
 Vacation Bible School

Adult Formation

Contact: Barbara Topete at (219) 836-2185
email: btopete41@hotmail.com

Provide intellectual and Faith Formation to adult parishioners. 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.

Altar and Rosary Society

Contact Cindy Keilman at (219)923-9862 or
email: cindykeilman@hotmail.com

An organization of women of the parish involved in fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, fellowship, and charity. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, September through March, and the month of May.

Corporate Sunday is held at an 8:00 a.m. Mass in April.

Our fundraising event is the Christmas Bazaar which is held in November.

Altar Server Coordinator

Contact Sue Burke at (219)322-6462 or
email: sbburke3@att.net

Train, schedule and minister to the altar servers.

Bible Study

Contact: Cindy Keilman at (219)923-9862/
cindykeilman@hotmail.com or

Kaaren Mashura at (219)836-5079/ KaarenAnn@aol.com

An invitation for all to experience the joy and knowledge that God has given us in His work. Meetings are every Wednesday, September through May, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

Blue Army

Contact: Rose Marie Malburg at (219)836-8779 or
email: layapostle@aol.com

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." Prayer group meets every Monday in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. Also, members of the Blue Army participate in the Eucharistic Holy Hours, All Night Vigils, rosary marches, May Crowning and special devotions.

Career Networking Group

Contact: Christine Spencer at (219) 836-8158 or
email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

The Career Networking Group is a free program that meets the third Thursday of each month at the STM Weis Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. During these difficult economic times, we offer assistance to our fellow parishioners and members of the surrounding community who are seeking improved employment. Our fellowship utilizes a faith-filled forum to help members find an improved employment situation and provide an ongoing Christian community for job seekers. Our primary purpose is to prepare participants to face the challenges of a new job search and to shorten the time of unemployment, underemployment or career and position changes. We provide assistance in the following areas: Resume Review, Interview Skills, Network Strategies and Job Search Resources and Opportunities.

Catholics Coming Home

Contact: David Kapala at (219) 836-0232 or
email: DKapala73@comcast.net

Catholics Coming Home is a ministry to serve the non-practicing Catholic who wishes to return to their faith and the Sacraments. This multi-week program introduces the Bible, the Mass, the Sacraments and Documents of Vatican II. It is offered twice yearly, after the Easter and Christmas seasons. Rediscover your Catholic faith in a positive group setting.

Catholic Services Appeal

Contact: Jill Hasiak at (219) 201-9419 or
email: jhasiak@att.net

Parishioners have the opportunity to become involved with the planning and running of the St. Thomas More Diocesan Catholic Services Appeal. After the diocesan goal is met, the additional money collected is used for a parish project; we hope to be able to have the same situation each year. Individuals are needed to be on the planning committee, to help collect pledges after Mass and to make follow-up calls.

Circle of Prayer

Contact Mary Jo Humpfer at (219) 836-5002 or
email: mhumpfer@yahoo.com

Individuals are called upon to pray for the needs of others. Individuals are needed to participate in a telephone prayer chain. The level of calls received depends upon the need within our parish. There are no meetings.



Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Contact: *Barbara Shaver at (219)838-9200 or email: bmslaw@aiagrp.net*

The National Council of Catholic Women consists of more than 5,000 affiliated Catholic women’s organizations in parishes and dioceses throughout the U.S., representing thousands of Catholic women. The NCCW is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organizations (WUCWO) and is recognized by the United Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The NCCW acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Programs respond with gospel values to the needs of the church and society in the modern world. Locally, meetings of the Diocesan CCW are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each quarter in the months of January, April, July, and October. Women from across the diocese share activities from their parish as well as share information regarding national and international issues and updates on legislative concerns.

Elizabeth Ministry

Contact: *Pam Domasica at (219)838-7940 or email: mapfd@aol.com*

Women supporting other women and families, especially during child-bearing and child-raising years. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Various events are scheduled to occur through the year. Time commitment is flexible and families are invited to participate.

Environment and Art

Contact *Jean Bados at (219)836-8531 or email: jbados@comcast.net*

Provides decorations of the altar and sanctuary for Sunday liturgies and seasonal celebrations. There are no meetings. All communication is by phone or mail. The major events are set up for Christmas and Easter. No experience necessary! We can train any able-bodied person interested in a very gratifying experience.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic

Contact: *Dan Zurawski at (219) 365-9788 email: danrxman@msn.com*

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

Facilities Development Committee

Contact: *Noreen Bickel at (219) 836-8610, #330 or email: nbickel@stm-church.com*

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

Festival

Contact: *William Burke at (219)322-6462 or email: sbburke3@att.net*

An annual festival is held on the parish grounds each June and is a family-oriented activity involving hundreds of parishioners. Individuals are needed to help organize, sponsor and chair the various areas. Also, many individuals are needed to work at the festival itself.



Finance Committee

Contact: *Barbara Shaver at (219) 838-9200 or email: bmslaw@aiagrp.net*

The Finance Committee has the responsibility of reviewing financial information pertaining to the operation of the Church and School. The Committee also approves annual budgets and is involved in the approval of all major capital expenditures.

Gabriel Project

Contact: *Dave and Kathy Trotman at (219)836-4329 or email: rm.glennon@sbcglobal.net*

Members of the Gabriel Project provide support for a mother in need. This is accomplished by praying for her daily, listening to her concerns, providing rides to the doctor, making her aware of local resources, babysitting, sharing experiences or by sponsoring a parish baby shower.



Garden Club

Contact: *Al Carollo at (219)836-8268 or email: ddmkp@aol.com*

The mission of the Garden Club is to beautify the St. Thomas More Parish Campus. 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 9 a.m. The Garden Club is looking to have other times open for individuals to come and work on projects. Please contact us for more information.

Gift Discernment/ New Beginnings

Contact: Sue Wilson at (219)924-8962 or email: swkerr22@yahoo.com

Assist parishioners in determining what ministries and organizations their gifts and talents can best be used.

Holy Name Society

Contact: Joe Adams at (219)865-3566 or email: idasunflower@comcast.net

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. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Other activities include a Fish Fry held during Lent, Corporate Communion in the spring, and an Evening of Reflection.

Homeless Shelter Meals

Contact: Joseph and Cookie Janostak at (219)923-3699 email: jjoe912@sbcglobal.net

Monthly preparation and serving of a meal at the Hammond Homeless Shelter. Individuals are needed to help prepare a dinner in the St. Thomas More kitchen, starting at 4 p.m., on the third Wednesday of every month. Individuals are then needed to deliver and serve this meal at the shelter.

Hospitality and Ushers

Contact: Anne D’Orazio at (219)838-9343/ ajdorazio@sbcglobal.net Jim Marmalejo at (219)836-1463/ marmco1@comcast.net

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 welcome parishioners and visitors to weekend and Holy Day Masses, assist with seating, aid the elderly, take up collections, and deal with emergencies. Participation is during the Mass. Time commitments are flexible and families are invited to participate together. The Ushers host their annual Pancake Breakfast at the end of January.

ICC– Indiana Catholic Conference

Contact: Barbara Shaver at (219)838-9200 or email: bmslaw@aiagrp.net

ICC keeps parishioners informed about pending legislation affecting your faith (i.e. death penalty, abortion, school choice, healthcare) and asks that you contact your State or Federal Representative via phone, fax or e-mail with your concerns about these legislations. Members are contacted via e-mail by the Diocese of Gary—Heartland Center (or by phone if you do not have e-mail). There are no meetings. Contact Fr. Dixon at the Center at (219)844-7515 or email: mail@heartlandctr.org.

Knights of Columbus

Contact: Gregg Blocher at (219) 902-1171 or email: GreggBlocher@axa-assistance.us

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. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Some of the other activities include: Christmas Tree Sale, Fish Fry, ballgames, corn roast, and golf outings.



Lectors

Contact: William McDunn at (219) 922-9459 or email: wmcduan@berlinmetals.cpm

Proclaim the scriptures at Mass. Participation time at home is approximately 30 minutes and consists of reading and reflecting on the scriptural passages and the workbook commentary, and prayer as you feel is appropriate. Participation takes place during Mass. Training is provided and is available on an ongoing basis. You will be scheduled to serve as a lector monthly or bi-monthly, depending upon your Mass preference, and schedules are produced quarterly. Families may participate in this ministry.

Ministries Fair

Contact: Kevin Cloghessy at (219) 934-0601 or email: kevincloghessy@comcast.net

Individuals are needed to help organize and run the bi-annual Ministries Fair.

Moms’ Group

Contact: Leticia Kotso at (219)924-5732 or email: stmmoms@yahoo.com

We provide fellowship, support, encouragement, and knowledge among mothers in the Parish, and enhance the spirit of community within the Parish family. Some meeting times are varied so that all can attend. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9:00- 11:00 a.m. We will occasionally meet for a play-date at the park or a member’s home. Childcare is provided for our regular meetings. There is an adult dinner once per month, and an annual Christmas Party and Moms’ Group Picnic during the summer.



Music Ministry

Contact: Angie Lorandos at (219) 836-8610 x338 or email: alorandos@stm-church.com

Participate as a choir member in the Family Choir, the All Seasons Chorale, the Funeral Choir, or serve as a cantor or musician at Mass and during special events and services. Participation is during the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass for the Family Choir with special rehearsals before Christmas and Easter. Families are invited to participate together. The All Seasons Chorale participates at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. There is an audition for cantors. The Funeral Choir does not rehearse.



New Parishioner Welcome

Contact: Christine Spencer at (219) 836-8158 or email: dancechristine@sbcglobal.net

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

Nursery

Contact: Kaaren Ann Mashura at (219) 836-5079 or email: KaarenAnn@aol.com

Provide care for children ages one through four during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays and during the Mission. There are no meetings and families are invited to participate together.



Oblates of St. Benedict

Contact: Chuck Brown at (219) 742-8455 or email: munsterbro@aol.com

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. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m. We share a prayer (Lectio Divina), reflect on the Sunday Gospel, and read and discuss a book regarding Benedictine Spirituality.

Parish Life Events

Contact: Elaine Herrmann at (219) 924-1936 or email: ejherrmann@hotmail.com

Individuals are invited and needed to help run and organize various Parish Life activities. Some of the special events are the Appreciation Dinner and Parish Picnic. Parish Life Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Contact: Deacon Napoleon Tabion at (219) 836-8610 x315 or email: net4470@yahoo.com

Answering Christ's call to love one another by caring for each other and our fellow parishioners when they are in need, offering our love, time and commitment, and ourselves. We visit our sick parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in the nursing homes of our community. During these visits we minister to them the Eucharist. Mass is also celebrated in the nursing homes. Those grieving from the loss of a loved one are cared for by calling them and sending them cards to remind them that they and their loved ones are in our prayers.



Peace & Social Justice Events

Contact: Mary Silvasi at (219) 922-8167 or email: marysilvasi@comcast.net

Individuals are needed to help run and organize various Peace & Social Justice events and activities. Some of the special events and activities are the blood drive, food collection for St. Vincent De Paul, Hospice, and The Riley House.

Planned Giving

Contact: Ken Krupinski at (219) 322-8414

Develop and market plans to assist parishioners in giving and benefiting from giving to the St. Thomas More Parish. Individuals are needed to serve on the committee to help develop and implement the planned giving program at St. Thomas More Parish.

RCIA—The Rites of Christian Initiation

Contact: Fr. Michael Yadron at (219) 836-8610 or email: myadron@stm-church.com

Provides formation to adults who are preparing for reception into the Church. Individuals are needed to serve as small group facilitators on Tuesday evenings or at Sunday morning Bible study. Also, individuals are sometimes needed to share their faith and act as sponsors.

Treasure Time

Treasure Time

Religious Formation

Contact: Sandra Morgan at (219) 836-8610 x332 or email: smorgan@stm-church.com

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. Individuals are needed to participate as catechists, 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 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Respect Life

Contact: Alice Wohler at (219) 836-5337 or email: alice4shoes@att.net

The Respect Life Committee, part of the Diocesan Respect Life, strives to educate, inform and encourage parishioners to be aware and active in the promotion of pro-life issues, particularly abortion. Open meetings are held at a time convenient for committee members. Activities include the pro-life rosary, as well as joining with other pro-life groups in the Rose Sale, Life Chain and 40 Days for Life Program. STM Respect Life also presents a pro-life speaker (forum) every two to three years.

Scouting

Girl Scouts: Barbara Jamrose at (219) 922-3783 or email: www.girlscoutsgenwi.org

Boy Scouts: Roger Jachna at (219)322-0769 or email:

Cub Scouts: Steve Hrinda at (219)923-6438 or email: cubmaster@542scouts.org

With adult leadership, Scouts learn to "do their best" while serving God, country and helping others. The scouts assist many of the ministries in their events. Contact the names listed for additional information.

Senior Citizens

Contact: Tina Candella at (219) 922-7814

The club is organized for the purpose of social enjoyment & benefit of its members, age 60 years or older. A Memorial Mass for deceased members is held annually. Meetings are the first & third Wednesdays of the month from 1:00— 3:30 p.m., September to May. We currently meet in the Kish Funeral Community Room.

St. Thomas More School

Contact: Chet Nordyke, Principal at (219) 836-9151 or email: schooloffice@stm-school.com

The mission of St. Thomas More School is to educate the whole child in the values of Jesus and Mary. Please contact the school to see how you can participate.

Travelers Club

Contact: Lois Quinn at (219) 836-8610

The travel club was formed to benefit all parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish with the intent of promoting prayer and social activities. We strive to make travel affordable for everyone and look to broaden the travel experiences for all who join us. We attempt to vary our trips and have most recently participated in the following trips: Chicago Bakery Tour, St. Mary of the Woods, Little Traveler, Carmelite Provincial in Darien, IL, Chicago Boat and Lunch Tour, and Holy Hill in Hubertus, WI. In addition, we have taken an annual Christmas trip and have plans for many more future adventures.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Contact: Bernadine Barrett at (219) 836-8610

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. Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. 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.

St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen

Contact: Marilyn Pajor at (219)934-0738 or email: marilynin@comcast.net

On the first Thursday and the second Friday of the month, St. Thomas More Parishioners staff the St. Joe's Soup Kitchen. The hours are from 8:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Responsibilities include preparing food, preparing trays, serving food and cleaning up. Individuals are typically scheduled every other month.

Spirituality & Worship Events

Contact: Margot Blocher at (219) 836-5539 or email: mablocher@sbcglobal.net

Individuals are needed to help run and organize various Spirituality & Worship events and activities. Some of the special events and activities are the Litany of Remembrance, 40 Hours, House Blessings and the Parish Mission.



Treasure

Contact: Cal Bellamy at (219) 924-7858/(219) 227-6109 or
E-Mail: cbellamy@kdlegal.com

Provide opportunities for parishioners to learn about tithing and assist in running the annual treasure renewal program.

Vacation Bible School

Contact: Sandra Morgan at (219) 836-8610, # 332 or
E-Mail: smorgan@stm-church.com

Individuals are needed to help our faith come alive during this week long summer program in July geared toward children. Assist in the planning and organizing of Bible stories, skits, songs, and crafts.



Vocations Committee

Contact: Mary Kochis at (219) 322-7262

This committee brings about an awareness of the need for religious vocations and re-emphasizes the value and importance of the priesthood and religious life. We do this through bulletin articles, communications with our seminarians, recitation of the Rosary before Mass and by praying the Vocation Cross. You can sign up to take the Vocation Cross home for one week at a time and recite the enclosed prayers for vocations with your family.

God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another.

I have a Mission!

*Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, but yours, No feet, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion
must look out on the world.
Yours are the feet with which
He is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.*

St. Theresa of Avila



St. Thomas More Church

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