

*He Is Risen As He Said!
Alleluia, Alleluia!*



Easter 2010

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

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Pre-School through 8th Grade

Office Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

School web site ~ www.stm-school.com

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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 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 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.

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 Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours:M-F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Religious Education Phone.....836-8610

Director.....Mrs. Sandra Morgan; Ext. 332

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Grades K through 8 ~ Wed. & Thurs. 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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Formation/Education.....Mrs. Barbara Topete
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Stewardship.....Diane Houser

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Altar & Rosary Society.....Cindy Keilman 923-9862
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Respect Life.....Alice Wohler 836-5337
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Finance.....Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Planned Giving.....Ken Krupinski
Building Maintenance.....Bob Ray 924-6472
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Cub Scouts.....Curt Anglin 844-2178
Girl Scouts.....Barbara Jamrose 922-3783
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Mom's Group.....Kim Power 838-5058
Ushers Club.....Jim Marmalejo 836-8607
Gabriel Project.....Kathy Trotman 836-4329

CELEBRANTS

Saturday, April 10

8:00 pm Father Rick Holy

Sunday, April 11

6:30 am Father Mike Yadron

8:00 am Father Mike Yadron

10:00 am Father Rick Holy

12:00 noon Father Rick Holy

SERVERS

Monday, April 5

8:30 am J. Surd, M. Switalla

Saturday, April 10

8:30 am D. & D. Straka

5:30 pm K. Alanza, C., E. & F. Beckman, C. Erickson
MC ~ Greg

Sunday, April 11

6:30 am J. & T. Beckman, B. Hanusin
MC ~

8:00 am A. Zaleski, A. Bilse, M. & M. Blocher, L. Rouse
MC ~ Caleb

10:00 am D., E. & S. Trivunovic, D. Zuccarelli,
T. Bolanowski
MC ~ Ryan

12:00 noon A., N. & N. Anglin
MC ~ Patrick

April Nursery Volunteer Schedule

10:00 Masses in the Bride's Room

Sunday, April 4

Kaaren Mashura
Happy Easter

Sunday, April 11

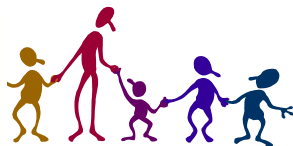
Nursery Closed

Sunday, April 18

Kaaren Mashura
Marelle Cerven

Sunday, April 25

Pat Strange
Kim Power
Allison Mudro



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

MONDAY, April 5

6:30 am Intention of Napoleon & Eslynn Tabion
8:30 am Aniceto Ferrara (Ann.) by Daughters Tina & Maria

TUESDAY, April 6

6:30 am Teodor Dabrowski (Ann.) by Wife & Daughter
8:30 am Dan & Steve Pazanin by Pazanin Family
10:00 am Robert Gregor by the Trask Family
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 1)

WEDNESDAY, April 7

6:30 am Patricia Casey by Husband Jim Casey
8:30 am Kathryn Stiglitz by Sharon & Jerry Koziatek

THURSDAY, April 8

6:30 am Victoria Tryka by Justine & Linda Brentlinger
9:00 am Mila Lauc by Family

FRIDAY, April 9

6:30 am Florence Savage by STM Senior Citizens Club
8:30 am Dorothy Ferrantella by Family

SATURDAY, April 10

8:30 am Rick Anthony Alspach by Alex & Lisa Gariup
5:30 pm John Albizati by Family

SUNDAY, April 11—Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Joanna Bartkus by Family
10:00 am Thomas O'Connor by Wife Donna
12:00 pm Clara Bochnowski by Husband & Children

Our Easter Journey

In this Year of the Priest, we must pray, our God of hope, that you will continue to call women & men to serve your church as sisters, brothers and priests. We are most grateful for our priests and all who inspire and strengthen us in our faith.

Wedding Anniversary Mass



Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and over 50 year wedding anniversary in 2010 are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception with their families on Saturday, May 1st at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 21, 2010 and forms can be found in the Parish Office. For more information, call the Family Life Ministry office at (219) 663-8417, #331.

Operation Rice Bowl

The Risen Christ gives all people a new hope. It is truly a time for rejoicing. Our efforts with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl have also given hope and new chances to many people throughout the world. Even though our Lenten journey is over, our solidarity with the poor needs to continue all year long. Visit www.crs.org to stay connected with the Church's work on behalf of those in need around the world.

Easter Sunday

At the Easter Vigil, the deacon sings the great hymn of light, the "Exsultet." He calls on the heavenly powers, the earth, and the church to rejoice and exult (hence the name for the hymn) because Christ has conquered death and vanquished darkness forever. This is a song of faith! We believe that the risen Christ is more powerful than evil, greater than sin, and stronger even than death itself—that ancient enemy to which we all fall victim.

In renewing our baptismal commitment this Sunday, we profess our own belief in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body. All of us who are baptized—those in the past, and those living today—are united beyond death by the power of the risen Lord. By uniting ourselves to him in baptism, we are already sharing in his risen life. His Spirit, "dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy" (Preface 34).

The rebirth of the natural world each spring puts our faith in context. God continually renews creation, bringing to birth that which seemed dead and lifeless. And God does the same for us. Even though sin may have taken hold of our lives, through Christ we are renewed and saved from our sinful past. Through repentance and conversion we are brought to new life, rejoicing again in our baptismal innocence. And, through our faith in Christ, we are saved from that final death that comes at the end. We believe that Jesus will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his own in glory. Just as that which seems to be dead comes back to life in the spring, so too, do we believe that those who have gone before us will also rise to share in the fullness of life in Christ. This is the day in which God has won the victory, and his people rejoice and are glad!

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Coleen Alexander
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Irene Baker
Cody Baldwin
Antonio Belmonte
Tom Bernacke
Michael Berry
Michael Blazeovich
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Stephany Burney
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Lorraine Caparelli
Al Carollo
Carol Carollo
Kathleen Cecil
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Frank Coman
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtin
Irene Dettmer
Irene Dickey
David Dzewniak
Marian Dzurowsak
Arthur Equihua
Sr. Beatrice Flahaven
Elizabeth Follmer
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Joseph Gasiorek
Karen Gianotti
Dorothy Gillespie
Howard Gralewski
James Grunewald
Ceil Guziar
Amy Hayes
Chuck Heggi

Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Evelyn Hennes
Robert Heseck
Ray Humpfer
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Stanley Jayjack
Rosemary Jerzak-
Staszal
Emery Johns
Dorothy Jurkash
Debbie Kaczka
Robert Kalka
Margaret A. Kapala
Carol Keilman
Rev. Matthew Kish
Josephine Kneseck
Janet Knight
Alice Kolember
Ken Kors
Dorothy Kovach
Miller Krismanic
Rose Krismanic
Helen Krull
Julia Kukta
Jerome Kula
Debbie Le Monier
Mary Leahy
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Gregory Mahoney
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Kathryn McBride
Joseph McShane
Joseph Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo

Olga Mihalo
Andrew Moll
David Moll
Gerald Moran
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk
Bella O'Bryan
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Audrey Ostroff
Johanna Petrich
Andrew Pieczyrak
Stanley Pilarczyk
Elizabeth Pilones
Adam Potapczak
Helen Pukoszek
Anthony Saklaczynski
Ann Sardella
Mary Sarnowski
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Renee Shehan
Cynthia Sindall
Lydia Skorupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Charles Stevens
Carolyn Sutley
Georgianne Suto
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Anthony Ubuane
Julia Vrbnich
Adele Wall
Sally Walters
Lucille Wonnell
Cecilia Ziegler

Weekly Schedule

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

Masses at 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

MONDAY, April 5

7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Peace & Social Justice ~ Teachers' Lounge
7:00 pm Vocation Committee ~ Conference Room

Parish Office Closed / No School for STMS

TUESDAY, April 6

9:00 am Moms' Group ~ Solar Room
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Choral Concert for STMS Grades 5-8 ~ Church

WEDNESDAY, April 7

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
1:00 pm Senior Citizens ~ Solar Room
4:30 pm—6:00 pm ~ Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Parish Life Committee ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm Spring Fling Committee ~ Solar Room

THURSDAY, April 8

4:30 pm—6:00 pm ~ Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm 60th Birthday for STMS Committee ~ Cafeteria
7:00 pm Choral Concert—STM Grades Pre-K-4 ~ Church

SATURDAY, April 10

10:00 pm Oblates ~ Conference Room
SpringFest Family Fun Night from 3:00 pm-9:00 pm ~ Gym

SUNDAY, April 11

8:00 am Mass—Altar & Rosary Corporate Communion
& Breakfast
1:30 pm Padre Pio Cenacle ~ Chapel

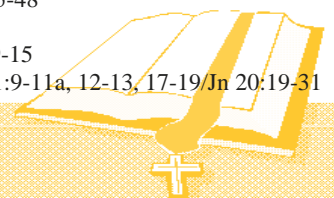
Attention Photographers

Everyone knows how many different ministries we have here at STM and the endless opportunities they offer each of us to discover God's plan for our lives. To that end the Stewardship

Commission is in the planning stages of creating a video that shows all the different ministries, clubs and groups in action. If you have an interest in photography/videography and would like to assist, please contact Noreen at 219-836-8610 or nbickel@stm-church.com.

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2010

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



AN EASTER CAROL

**Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger,
Stronger than the dark, the light,
Stronger than the wrong, the right,
Faith and Hope triumphant say
Christ will rise on Easter Day.**

**While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
of her Master, cold and dead ---
Hark! she hears the Angels say
Christ will rise on Easter Day.**

**Up and down our lives obedient
Walk dear Christ, with footsteps radiant,
Till those garden lives shall be
Fair with duties done for Thee
And our thankful spirits say,
Christ arose on Easter Day.**

**And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from Heavenly fountains.
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say
Christ has risen on Easter Day.**

~Phillips Brooks

My prayer for you and yours is that the joy of this Easter Day will bring you renewed peace and hope. For, after all, Christ died and rose again for you.

If that is the case, then nothing can hold us from Him. He is our ultimate desire. He is our ultimate goal. He is eternal life itself. He is our prize and it shall not be kept from us.

God is so very good.

May His love inspire you to live your life more fully knowing that resurrection awaits you at the end of your days. Alleluia!

In. Mike

In Memoriam

Priests and deacons have served the Diocese of Gary more than fifty years. Others have served in the territory that is now the Diocese of Gary. Please pray for those men who have been called to God and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

- April 6: Rev. Louis A. Jeziorski (1973)
Rev. Gilbert G. Wirtz (1981)
- April 9: Rev. Leonard J. Cross (1982)



*All I really need
is love, but a
little chocolate
now and then
doesn't hurt!*

~ Lucy Van Pelt
in Peanuts
by Charles M. Schulz

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Three friends died together in a car wreck. They found themselves standing in front of the pearly gates with St. Peter.

He told them that before they could enter heaven, they had to tell him what Easter was about.

The first person said, "Easter is a big holiday where we give thanks, have a big feast and eat turkey."

"No!" said St. Peter. "You don't get in."

The second person said, "Easter is the holiday that we celebrate Jesus' being born of the virgin and give gifts to each other."

"No!" said St. Peter. "You don't get in, either."

The third person said, "Well, I know what Easter is all about. Easter is a Christian holiday which coincides with the Jewish Passover. After Jesus celebrated Passover with His disciples, He was betrayed by Judas and turned over to the Romans. They crucified Him on a cross. After He died, they buried him in a tomb and put a huge boulder in front of it."

"Excellent!" said St. Peter joyfully.

But then the person continued, "And every year the Jews roll the stone away and Jesus comes out. If He sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of basketball."

And St. Peter fainted!





My Two Cents

Thoughts on Stewardship



GIVE THANKS TO GOD THROUGH PRAYER!
We hope you have enjoyed the "Little Black Book" during your Lenten journey and that you will continue to incorporate prayer into your daily life.

Share YOUR thoughts at:
mytwocents@stm-church.com

FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for a volunteer/s willing to help our annual festival as a chair person for:



Tent/Table Clean-Up

Organize and schedule workers to clean tables and chairs, picnic tables, light set-up and maintenance of outdoor beer garden.

Call the Parish Office at 836-8610 if interested

Greeters for April 10 & 11, 2010

5:30pm

Main: Tom & Linda Brady
Chapel: Cheryl Steinhauer

6:30am

Main: Joni Zurad
Chapel: Joan McLaughlin
Choir: Rosemary Barker

8:00am

Main: Art & Mary Halpin
Chapel: Al & Carol Carollo
Choir: Cathy Lyons

10:00am

Main: Mike & Ben Mellon
Chapel: Bev & Rich Lasky
Choir: Andrea Mazerik

12:00pm

Main: Dominique Mercier
Chapel: Susan, Alyssa & Nate Anglin
Choir: Pat Batchelder

Greeters: We are in need of someone to assist with scheduling greeters. This only takes a few hours each quarter. Please contact Ann at 838-9343 if you are able to assist with this function.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings and for the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. noon Masses on Sunday.

Please consider becoming a part of a rewarding ministry that will bring you closer to the Lord. All it takes is for you to come to church, which you already do! Please consider helping and make your spirituality with the Lord stronger. If you are interested, contact

Carole Mackey at 923-8816 or mcmackey@sbcglobal.net or Ruth Banas at 836-5387 or nrbanas@comcast.net.

College Students:

How You Can Help Others

It was brought to my attention recently that our college students might be in a position to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society as they return home at the end of their school year.

How? Many students purchase "meal plans" through their colleges. Money is paid into the plan for meals throughout the year. Oftentimes, at year's end, there is still a balance in the student's account. That money is usually not returned to the student but, rather, is absorbed by the college when the student leaves.

Students, if there is money on your plan at the end of the year, you can use your money to "purchase" canned goods or toiletries, bring them home, and deposit them in the St. Vincent de Paul box so that they can be given to the poor and the needy. Think about it, please. Thanks!

Vocation Committee Meeting

The next meeting for the Vocation Committee will be on Monday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. Once again, we appeal for your help and assistance.



Sacrificial Offering for March 28, 2010

Adults	\$ 27,100.00
Loose	\$1,480.00
Children	\$116.13
TOTAL	\$28,696.13

Thank you for your generosity.

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More HSA

Tuition / Cash Raffle

Tickets \$10 Each

Drawing will be held

Saturday

April 10, 2010

at 7:00 p.m.

during Springfest

(Winners need not be present)

Grand Prize—\$4000

(Tuition or Cash)

2nd — \$1000

3rd — \$750

4th — \$500

5th — \$250



Tickets can be purchased in the STM Parish or School Office.

For more information contact:

Vesna Sopic at (708) 932-6730/ (219) 864-1721

Samantha Hofferth-Francis at (219) 798-8012/ (219) 923-5488

St. Thomas More School



The Students & Staff
of St. Thomas More
School
extend their best
wishes to all for a



Happy & Blessed Easter



Girl Scouts Recognized

Third Grade Brownie Troop 10006 was recognized for working on the Family of God Religious Recognition Program at the Girl Scout Sunday Mass on March 7th. Fr. Mike blessed Holy Family medals and distributed them to the girls. The girls will be receiving the Family of God pin in May. The program helps the girls discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

Many Thanks

On behalf of the many students at St. Thomas More School who have benefited from the generosity of our parishioners, we thank you for supporting our recent school events:

- 8th Grade Fish Fry** to help offset costs to Washington, D.C. in June
- STMS Book Fair** which helps bring new reading and research materials to our school Library/Resource Center
- 8th Grade Bake Sale** which helps defray costs for the field trip to Chicago in May



Fun for the Whole Family
Saturday, April 10, 2010

3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

This family oriented fest will be filled with lots of games for all age children, face painting, pick-a-prize, raffles, cake walk, and more!

Everyone Welcome

Sponsored by the
St. Thomas More Home and School Association
If you'd like to be a sponsor or would like more information, please
Contact Chairperson, Hillary Hanas at (219)922-9626

Lots of food, too!

*Pizza • Walking Tacos • Pretzels
Hot Dogs • Soft Drinks*

**Tuition/Cash Raffle
Drawing at 7:00 p.m.**

Thank you to our generous sponsors:
BP, Community Hospital, George C. Patrick & Associates, PC, Kish Funeral Home, Lorin M. Brown, M.D., McDonalds Owner Bob Mazzaro, North Point Orthopaedics, Puntillo Orthodontics, P.C. Connie L. Bernardi Insurance Agency, Ciao Bella, The Miller Family/GE, Miss Print



Respect Life Corner

Right to Life Banquet

The annual Right to Life Banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 30, at the Patrician Banquet Hall, in Schererville. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$20 for students, to include Silent Auction, Dinner and Speaker, Rev. Dr. Johnny Pope. Ads are still available this week for the Program Book. **AND** Patron ads can be obtained next weekend after all the Masses: Gold \$30, Silver \$20, and Bronze \$10. Stop by one of our vestibules and get an ad, get tickets! Call 838--1138, 924-8370, 836-5337, for more information.

Rachel's Corner



All calls confidential

Abortion touches many lives. Rachel's Vineyard, an offering of Catholic Charities, is a weekend retreat for healing after abortion. This retreat will help those who struggle with grief, guilt and pain. Come and experience the mercy, forgiveness and healing love of God. **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**
—April 16-18, 2010
219-558-0625 or e-mail: kdruz@att.net

St. Thomas More School Turns 60!

Join Us for a
Celebration & Alumni Reunion

Saturday, April 24, 2010
6:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

in the

St. Thomas More Social Center
8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN

All adult alumni, past and present teachers & staff, parents of alumni and current school parents are invited.

All are invited to attend
Mass at 5:30 p.m.
in the Church

Tour the School from
6:30 pm until 9:00 pm
Enjoy an
Appetizer and Dessert
Buffet Beer, Wine &
Soft Drinks
Dancing at 8:30 p.m.



Tickets: \$40.00 per person

(payable in advance no later than Monday, April 12, 2010)

Tickets will be held at the door • Must be 21 years of age to attend
Questions? Contact Pam Pasyk @ (219)836-9151, #309 or
ppasyk@stm-school.com

Religious Formation & Education Commission

Guest Speakers scheduled for Spring 2010:

Fr. Jerry Schweitzer

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room
Topic: Captivity Letters of St. Paul—Parts 1 & 2

Fr. Jerry Schweitzer

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room
Topic: Captivity Letters of St. Paul—Parts 3 & 4

Deacon Mark Plaiss

Monday, May 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Topic: Freedom and Prayer

Response Card

\$40.00 per person payable no later than Monday, April 12, 2010

Please list contact information for each person attending and return with payment. Tickets will be held at the door.

Your Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Phone () _____

E-Mail _____ How many miles do you live from STMS? _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check One: Alumni (Class Year) _____ Parent of Alumni _____ Current Parent _____ Former Teacher/Staff _____

Number of People Attending (list on back) _____ Total Amount Enclosed (\$40 Each) \$ _____

Make checks payable to St. Thomas More School and mail to STMS • 8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321



**St. Thomas
More School
60th Birthday
& Alumni
Reunion**

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

St Thomas More Parish will present a five week program for non-practicing Catholics that are seeking answers about returning to and rediscovering their Catholic Church.

Our first session will begin on April 12th at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria.

We will meet for the next four Mondays through May 3rd.

If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please attend or invite them to attend our opening session on April 12th.

For reservations or more information, please call the parish office at 836-8610.

Religious Education

Our joy depends upon the cross, and our Lord would not enter into his glory except by the way of bitterness.
He leads us by the same path as the saints.

~ Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Mark Your Calendar

- APR.** 7/8 Class
14/15 Class
21/22 Class ~ Report Cards sent home
28/29 Class ~ Last class for 8th graders
- MAY** 5/6 Last Class for K—7
12/13 Class~All Communicants practice-both days.
15 Saturday, First Holy Communion Day 10:00 am

We are now accepting registration for the fall 2010-2011 school sessions. In an attempt to continue our lower tuition rates we are requesting early registration and full tuition payment at registration. If you are unable to pay the full tuition you may set up a payment plan.

- Tuition rate will remain current if students are registered by **June 1, 2010**. The rate is \$80.00 for the first student and \$25.00 for each additional member.
- Tuition after **June 1, 2010** will increase to \$105.00 for the first student and \$25.00 for each additional member
- There is a Sacramental fee of \$5.00 for First Penance and First Holy Communion and a \$25.00 fee for Confirmation.

A Roman Catholic baptismal certificate is required with registration for all new students. **Registration will not be accepted without a baptismal certificate.**

Religious Education Office — (219) 836-8610

Sandi Morgan-Director of Religious Education

STMS 60th Birthday Committee

Committee meetings are set for the following

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria:

April 8th, April 15th, and April 22nd

Help is still needed. If you can assist in planning, set-up at 9:00 a.m. on April 24th, work during the evening, or take-down at the end of the event, please contact Pam at (219) 836-9151, #309.



Attention Young Men

Sign up for the Squires!

The official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus.

On Thursday April 8th at 7:00pm in the Solar Room, the Knights of Columbus Council 10596 will be hosting an informational meeting and pizza party for the Squires program. *Membership in the Squires is open to all Catholic boys between the ages of 10 and 17. Squires participate in many activities, from spiritual to service for the Church and community.* The aim of the Squires program is to prepare Catholic young men to become leaders. If you have any questions about the Squires, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Gregg Blocher at 219-902-1171.

Holy Name Society News

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, April 19th in the Solar Room. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., but come early at 7:00 p.m. for the praying of the Rosary. Video and pizza refreshments will conclude the meeting. Our discussion will include the final report of our annual Lenten Fish Fry & Raffle. All members are invited to attend our annual Mass/Corporate Communion Breakfast to be held Sunday, April 18th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Spouses are also invited!
Please RSVP by Monday, April 12th by calling the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Day of Reflection

Saturday, April 10th at the Cornerstone Building

8:30 a.m.—Morning Mass

9:15 a.m.—Hospitality & Check-In with Coffee & Rolls
Presentations on Vincentian Core Values by Fr. Mike Yadron

11:45 a.m.—Lunch

12:30 p.m. Sending Forward for Mission (12:45 Departure)

All members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert. If anyone is interested in being a Vincentian, please feel free to attend this Day of Reflection.

RSVP by April 5th to Sharon Marmalejo at (219) 836-8607 or Bob Meaney at (219) 363-1530

St. Thomas More Parish
**2010 CATHOLIC SERVICES
 APPEAL**

Pledge Weekend Schedule

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 17th & 18th
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 24th & 25th

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) provides an opportunity for **Stewardship** by giving your **Time, Talent, and Treasure**.

TIME & TALENT: Since many volunteers are needed to assist with Pledge Weekends and follow-up phone calls, your time and talent is requested. Please sign-up at the parish office.

TREASURE: In 2009, our parish exceeded our CSA goal of \$111,437. As a result, funds were set aside for our parking lot project due to your generous contributions. Amounts paid ranged from \$1 to \$3,000, and the average payment was \$142 in 2009. This year, our goal remains at \$111,437. Please be as generous as possible and consider the following:

Excess funds, over our goal, will be returned to the parish and used to repair the church roof.

There are several pledge options available:

1. Entire pledge amounts can be paid by check or cash using the contribution envelope provided in your packet.
2. A portion of the pledge can be paid now and remaining monthly payments can be processed by the Diocese.
3. Visa or Mastercard pledges will be accepted during pledge weekends.

In addition to the CSA envelope provided in your contribution packet, a gold envelope will be provided in a letter from Fr. Mike. Gold envelopes will also be available on pledge weekends at each entrance of the church. Pledges can also be processed in the parish office.

If you are unable to contribute this year, please submit a pledge card. Parishioners, who have not submitted pledge cards, will be contacted by phone. Your contribution and response is greatly appreciated.

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council
NOMINATION BALLOT

Would you consider becoming a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and new ideas, understand and accept the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members, and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish, and the Church. This is a three-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process. The Discernment Sessions give the candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council. These sessions will be held on the following Tuesdays: May 4, May 11, and May 18. On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, new council members will be chosen at the 10 am Mass.

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, and be at least 18 years of age. The nominees cannot be a full time employee of the parish or school. Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination.

Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below:

Name of Nominee	Phone Number (if known)
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Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the **RED BALLOT BOXES** which are at each entrance of the church.

The nomination period will end on Sunday, April 18, after the 12:00 Noon Mass.

Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday, April 11th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Breakfast & Guest Speaker, Pam Brown

All members of the Altar & Rosary Society are invited to attend. Pews will be reserved in front of the Altar for you & your family. Breakfast will be served in the Cafeteria after Mass for those who have pre-registered. Please call the Church Office at 836-8610 to make your reservation.

A presentation of breath-taking underwater photos from Pam Brown, a Scuba Diver from Wheaton, IL will follow. For information, contact Cindy Keilman at (219) 923-9862.

Senior Citizens Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th in the STM Solar Room at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and play cards.

All seniors are invited to attend and everyone is welcome.

We will discuss our summer plans and our annual picnic in July.

If any of your family or your friends are sick at home or in the hospital and cannot come to Mass, please call our Pastoral Care Office at 836-8610, ext. 315, and we will be glad to bring them Communion.

Easter Flower Memorials

Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Mary Pavcak	Jean Merkelis	Stephen & Melvina Shandel	Esther Cebak
Edward Krzyzaniak	Mark Merkelis	William & Gertrude McLaughlin	Dave Cranford
Steve & Elizabeth Vrlík	Ted Pietraszak	Michael & Helen Safko	Agnes Vetroczyk
McIntosh-Kukta-Visovatti Families & Friends	Sophie Pietraszak	Thomas & Bernice Kubic	Robert Gregor
Bracich-Ramirez-Dennis Families	Helen McGrath	Joseph Sharpe	Sophie & Walter Szynalik
R. Castaneda Family	Ralph McGrath	Mary & Anthony Krawczyk	Julia & George Gregor
Georg Kanich	Antoinette Slazyk	John Albizati	Cecilia Fary
Arnold Mashura	Rose Banaszak	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Maicher	Davis Family
Dorothy Mashura	Adam Obrzut	Jeremiah Hoffman	Fischer Family
Joan Mashura	Joseph Kuzminski	Irene R. Kuzma	Dennis Hess
Elva Elsas	Everett Meier	Miskovich Family	Roy & Rosanne Kilman
Mike Sajdyk	Edwin Nadratowski	Edward Skibinski	Mr. & Mrs. Casimer Sajdyk
Mary Szczepanski	Angela Vlahinich	Esther Skibinski	Kathryn Stiglitz
John Pieniazek	Victoria Zaleski	Linda Mary Skibinski	Steve Stiglitz
Frances Pieniazek	Anthony Pelozza	Michael D. Ramirez	Phyllis Meyer
Dr. John W. Gustaitis Sr.	Mary Pelozza	Michael Hodor	Maxine McLearn
Ursula Gustaitis	Raymond C. Mueller	David G. Wysocki	Jeffrey Richards
Madlyn Udowski	Anne Wilson	Josephine Walczak	Francis Mikolanis
Eleanor Tewes	Letecia Elvambuena	Teofilia Wyrzyszczycki	Josephine Susoreny
Thomas Calvin	Salvador Parayaolan	Teofilia Sus	Anna Miller
Weidenfeller & Dagnillo Families	Enrique Santos	Maryann Sus	Edward Wisniewski
Victoria Tryka	Esperanza Santos	Dolores Koch	Carrie Wisniewski
Evan & Megan Chronowski	Ida Martin	William Koch	Alma & Andrew Novotny
Carroll Gill	Mary DeRolf	Walter Liszewski	Helen & John Kwasny
Ralph Keslin	Deceased Members of Pieczul Family	Deceased Members Magurany Family	Norbert L. Lewandowski
William J. Slusarczyk	John Rybicki	Deceased Members Pelczar Family	Andrew & Mary Pellar
Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Wujek	Helen & Andrew Onda	Louise Cyrier	Agnes & Charles Reed
Norbert Wujek	Martin & Elizabeth Jarvis	Charles Cyrier	Robert C. Reed
Maryann Frederisy	John Horvath	Roy Karcher	Louis M. Klein
William S. Slusarczyk	Marge Dubczak	Irene Karcher	Wincentyne Glowacki
Josephine Dankanich	Ray Dubczak	Juan Jose Maldonado	Czeslaw Glowacki
Margaret Sandrick	Victor Secviar	Mr. & Mrs. John Jurewicz	Bronislawa Kulik
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kish	James Conway	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Laurutan	Jan Kulik
Anna & Eugene Schwartz	Dominiak Family	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kalwasinski	Robert Wierzbinski
Fr. Paul Schwartz	Joseph & Jeanne Serafin	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Kalwasinski	Arthur Eads
Paul & Joann Casper	Kowalski Family	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Strudas	William Kaminsky
Joe & Dorothy Yerga	Frank, Angeline, Edward Szala	Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Mitchener	Eugene J. Szczepaniak
Andrew M. Kusek	Anne Baranowski	Ann Dobos	Eugene G. Sepaniak
Mary Scully	John & Lottie Spudic	Marie J. Herod	Ernest Havran
Vi Anzur	Joseph Justynski	Msgr. Robert Weis	Florence Savage
Richard W. Zurawiec	Ed & Irma Smiley	Aline Huseman	Wolak Family
Walter F. Zurawski	Dolores & Louis Sabatini	Sabina Hugo	Havran Family
Josephine Zurawski	Walter H. Wadlow	Fortunato Hugo Sr.	Gregory R. Molinaro
Norman L. Banas	Chester Milen	Victor Hugo	Lillian G. Molinaro
Anton & Eleanor Stefanich	Leokadia Jaworski	Poor Souls in Purgatory	Amadel Gregoline
Daniel Heggi Family	Tadeusz Jaworski	Espiritu Cruz	Pearl N. Gregoline
Pat Dilger	Leonard Jeka	Jaime Pineda	Michael J. Buchalo
Evelyn Archibald	The Searles Family	Ursula Castro	Abby Buchalo
Albert J. & Ruth E. Holland	The Jeka Family	Edilberto Hugo	Stanley & Anna Jasinski
Sr. Eleanor Holland I.B. VM	The Hoffman Family	Rustica R. Arceo	George & Margaret Kolina
Thomas C. Holland	Mary Silvasi	Francisco C. Arceo	Frank Jasinski
The Tucker & Courson Families	Anthony Silvasi	Albina P. Javate	James Fitzpatrick
Marilyn Meneghetti	Ethel Gyurcsan	Marcos G. Javate	Joseph P. Graff
Marilyn Larson	Judy Beda	Families of Mr. & Mrs. William Jones	Elizabeth Klinker
Walter Kolodziej, Jr.	Fitzgerald Twins	Sylvia Bistrican	Ceona Driggs
Deceased Pelc Family	Walter & Bill Pietraszak	Anne & Richard Osborn	Joseph DeMory
Martin & Bernice Pieters	Michael & Ann Ivan	Zora & George Bodovinitz	Lucy Polsinelli
Edward & Stella Olszewski	Adam & Sylvia Kretz	Mary Anne Bodovinitz	Gene Kroviak
Roberta Samardzjia	Thomas J. Keaveney	Janie Brewer	Mya Davis
Szymakowski & Ziemkiewicz Families	Angeline Jarzombek	Andrew Sambor Family	Zubay Family
S. Wong	Edmund Jarzombek	Anne Marke Baker	Strezo Family
Esther & P. Wong Sr.	Harry Flisiak	James Baker Sr.	Eng C. Ibekie
W. S. Lee	Dolores Flisiak	Bernice Baker	Bridget Nebo
P. S. Lee	Stanley Jablonski	James H. Baker Jr.	Ephram Nebo
Jean Kusek	Emily Jablonski	Jean Serafin	Rev. Fr. Naoza Mamu
E. Dale King	Helen Mikolajczyk	Joseph Serafin	Carlos Castaneda
Ruth King	Don Ladwein	Michael C. Nosich	Emilia Castaneda
Carmen Salazar	Mitchel Mikolajczyk	Frank McIntyre	Epifanio Sandoval Sr.
Dolores Kwain	Mary Ellen Echterling	Bill Van Someren	Francisca Sandoval
William J. Gerlach	Dick E. McLaughlin	Adeline McIntyre	Andy Pepa Jr. Family
Rose Mary Gerlach	Dale E. Jackman	Cheryl Van Someren	Donald Struble Family
	Jim McLaughlin	Maria Rogowski	Anna & Andy Furjel
			Elizabeth & Herman Rueckert

He Is Risen As He Said, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Victor & Mary Ancich	Domenico Costantino	Gus Nadolski	Faye Nunnery
Eldon & Magdalen Haenny	Esther Costantino	Leona Nadolski	Bob McMenamin
Joseph & Theresa Francis	Amelia Mercier	Cathy Somenzi	Dick Smith
John & Emma Bogusz	Dolores Dworak	Marilyn Strong	Deceased Members of Henry Hanas Family
Cruz Gutierrez	Florence Miyashiro	John D. Klyczek	Chester Ross
Ben Gutierrez	Kvasnica Family	Shelba Klyczek	Elizabeth Ross
Aure Alvarez	Estelle Nowosinski	Chris Klyczek	Francis Zaczyk
Margarita Alvarez	Walter Nowosinski	Mary Laczny	Marjorie Carpenter
Trinidad Alonzo	Randy Nowosinski	Robert Laczny	Frances Syrk
Joseph & Mary Figler	George Kochis, Sr.	Ted Kramarzewski	Edward Donovan
William & Catherine O'Brien	Frances O'Drobinak	Martha Kramarzewski	Denise Donovan
John Andrew Figler	Joseph O'Drobinak	Bertha Zeleznik	Frank & Olga Losinski
Noreen R. Coppolillo	Julia Kruk	Elsie Demko Laubscher	Mary A. Kovach
James A. Sabella	John Kruk	Thomas Demko	Anthony & Ann Miklusak
Irene Kwiecien	Oblon Family	Howard Laubscher	Stanley & Julia Zurak
Stefan Kwiecien	Gauger Family	Donna Scott	Steve Palosz
St. Joseph School Teachers & Families	Julia & Herman Radde	Billy Scott	Neal Tolley
Angelo Madonia	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wohadlo	Burns/Adams Family	Jo Tolley
Rosemary King	Luke & Ceil Trimbur	Phyllis Parras	Craig Tolley
Vera Pancheri	Paul L. Martin	Mike Parras	Rita Alexander
Jonassen-Larkin Family	Carmi A. Massaro	Kristina Stutz	Sheila Miksis
Bob & Adele Gerlich	Marion Reffkin Sr.	Barbara Powers	Leah Baginski
John H. Nicholson	Marie Albrecht	Maggie Santos	David Timson
George & Dolores Young	John Rybicki	Christina Serrano	Louella Spisak
Bridget Cuniff	Leonard & Irene Galkowski	Martina Gonzalez	John Fetzko
Joanne Modrzejewski	Joseph & Stephanie Rybicki	Carlos Gonzalez	Cervenak Family
Mary Modrzejewski	Irene Czyzewski	Marcia Reed Etter	Sarah Holmes
Van Modrzejewski	Leon Czyzewski	Harley & Irene Zwolanek	Ann Leto
Pat Modrzejewski	Victoria Koch	Anthony Glennon	Liam O'Flynn
Harold Michalski	Anton Koch	Patricia Rymill	Anna Moran
Mary Opiola	Frances Gniewek	Jarred Rymill	Francis Moran
Ruth Klinsky	Richard Smith	Joseph P. Janostak	Romaine Ann Marberia-Moran
Richard Klinsky	John Gima	Margaret Janostak	George J. Moran
Leo Wittenkeller	John & Helen Bolek	Aloysius Cieslak	Ngo Seng Joseph
Irene Mech	Mary Ann & Jerry Germick	Joyce & Tony Cieslak	Doling Yee
Walter Mech	Jean Maloney	David Lemon	Gloria Stanley
Claire Sucharski	Mary Jean Christy	Anthony & Elizabeth Ciesko	Deceased Pospychala Family
George Burns	Paul J. Jancosek	Deceased Carollo Family	Deceased Pellar Family
Tim Kish	Mary E. Sanusky	Deceased Petroski Family	Regina Linkowski
Tony Lopiccolo	John E. Sanusky	Deceased Rossi Family	Jose F. Serrano Sr.
Joseph Dobrzynski	Emily Therese Domasica	Deceased Linzer Family	Cotaminda L. Serrano
Deceased Members of Garzinski Family	Therese Domasica	Walter Bogielczyk	Alma Olavurria
Joseph & Lois Kula	Ralph Miller	Edward Ballanco	Ronald Evans
Helen Bielski	Margaret Miller	Milivoje Milosavljevic	Rita Sanders
Donna Kula	Martha Kamont	Edward Ceccacci	Albert Yothment
Eugene Burkat Sr.	Louis Retseck	Karen Rhodes	John & Ligoria Wohadlo
Alvina Darrow	Delphine Kinst	The Stodola Family	Frank & Antoinette Mrvan
Josefina Magadiarz	Bill & Ada McCullum	John Janik	Piniak Family
Juan & Josephine Trevino	Walter Puterko Sr.	Helen Konopka	Banik Family
Richard Rudnick	Mary Puterko	Helen Konopka	Tadeusz Swieco
Violet Kontol	Rosemarie Arent	Alex Konopka	Szczepan Lis
Steve Posilovich	Stephen Arent	Louis Chronowski	Mary & Joseph Rossi
Carol Witkus	Grisafi Family	Joseph J. Kish	Katherine & Michael Jurkash
Edward Witkus	Egyed Family	George & Ann Gaczewski	Cyril Moran
Steve Posilovich	Patrick Quinn	Tom & Tim Hill	Marciala Perez
Herb Fischer	Mr. & Mrs. George Hawley	Forrest G. Hiple	Robert Perez
Deceased Members of Potocky & Pieczykolan Families	Deceased Parents of Joseph and Marie Karulski	Mark Hiple	Deceased Neverauskas Family
Olga Bianchi	Shirlee Lebryk	Eugene Dobkowski	Leatha Dillon
Marina Bianchi	Matt Puskedra	John Buczkowski	In Thanksgiving-Tabion Family
Enrico Bianchi	Norman Banas	Frank Simko	Tom Hemingway Family
Alfred Bianchi	Steve Rousseau	Walter & Helen Petersen	Joanna & Dennis Huis
Robert Wohler Family	Lillie, Jose & Delia Pedroza	Rafael Mora	Martin Sidor Family
Walter S. Bolalek	Bob & Muriel Mackey	JD & Reba Brown	Rev. Matthew J. Kish
Charlotte Skeard	Ernest Munoz	Deceased Members of Porras Family	Norbert Bossi
Phil Martin	John Spellman	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maravilla	Anthony & Irene Pernal
John J. & Patricia S. Thomas	Maddie Linnehan	Mr. & Mrs. Domberg	Felix & Josephine Pernal
Stephen Cichy	Bill Linnehan	Bianchi Family	Walter & Antonette Wasowicz
Stephen Rousseau	Angelina & Alex Rzonca	Canonie Family	Frances & Nick Marcus
Richard & Rita Wojcinski	Deceased Reppa Family	Jo McKechnie	Helen & Nick Krismanic
Allan O'Rourke	Deceased Wirtz Family	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Germick	
Inez O'Rourke	William C. Gerlach	James Callahan	
	Lucy Siatta	Pat & Jim Landowski	
	Helen Skurka	Basil Rippey	
		John Balka	