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Pastoral Council Members
2019-2020

St. Thomas More School
Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Website: www.stm-school.com
School Phone: 836-9151 School Fax: 836-9082
President: Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
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School Reception & Office Associate: Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
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School Admission: Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development: Karen Lelugie; Ext. 2307
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Sacramental Information
Confessions: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, 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.
Stop in during the day, or take advantage of our convenient evening and 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: Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Administrative Assistant: Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236
Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons
Formation/Education: Allen Blocher
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Stewardship: Paul Liszewski

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carolyn@att.net
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Respect Life: Leslie Dernale (219) 741-3739
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Ushers Club: Jim Marmalejo 718-8704
Venture Crew: Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church
8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321
Mission Statement: The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish 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.

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

Saturday, August 17
5:30 p.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas

Sunday, August 18
6:30 a.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas
8:00 a.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

MONDAY, August 12
8:30 am A. & D. Reynolds

TUESDAY, August 13
8:30 am D. & V. James

WEDNESDAY, August 14
Vigil of the Assumption of Mary
8:30 am K. & K. Cano
5:30 pm P. Schwemlein, G. & I. Scalzo/ MC ~ Vanessa

THURSDAY, August 15
Feast of the Assumption of Mary
5:00 pm D. Nahnsen, E. Zabrecky, D. Ayala
MC ~ Alyssa
7:00 pm J. & M. Blanford, M. Caraher/ MC ~ Xavian

SATURDAY, August 17
8:30 am H. Hamer, J. Rock
5:30 pm S. Szala, K. Cipowski, W. Arens/ MC ~ Nick

SUNDAY, August 18
6:30 am E. & J. Korwek, J. Connelly
8:00 am A. & G. Bussa, A. Tolnai/ MC ~ Mary
10:00 am D. & V. James, K. Tong/ MC ~ Emilaline
12:00 pm F. Bernarte, A. Contro, L. Anguiano
MC ~ Jacob B.

Sacrificial Offerings

July 28, 2019
Adult $18,736.00
Loose $2,967.00
Automated $3,394.00
Children $53.51
TOTAL $25,150.51

August 4, 2019
Adult $20,222.00
Loose $2,423.00
Automated $3,422.00
Children $66.41
TOTAL $26,133.41

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, August 11
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For The People of the Diocese Of Gary
8:00 am Mary B. Solczak by Family
10:00 am Joseph Justynski (Ann.) by Ed & Carolyn Smiley
12:00 pm Roger Glennon by Family

MONDAY, August 12 — St. Jane Frances de Chantal
6:30 am Stephen Rousseau by Wife Susan
8:30 am Richard Monak (Ann) by Lilyan Monak

TUESDAY, August 13
6:30 am Stanley Opach by Rich Family
8:30 am Richard Monak (Ann) by Lilyan Monak
10:00 am Tom Etter by STM Pastoral Care
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 1)

WEDNESDAY, August 14 — St. Maximilian Kolbe
6:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
8:30 am Raynold Brtos by Bunting Family
5:30 pm Martin Collins by Carole & Joseph Janusonis

THURSDAY, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 am For The People of the Diocese Of Gary
9:00 am Thomas O’Connor by Wife Donna
5:00 pm In Thanksgiving for 50 Years of Marriage Dennis
& Diane Dudek
7:00 pm Patrick Cronin by Tom & Susan O’Neill

FRIDAY, August 16 — St. Stephen of Hungary
6:30 am Martin P. Juricic (Ann.) by Family
8:30 am Joanna Bartkus by Family

SATURDAY, August 17
8:30 am Frances Gniewek by Basil Family
5:30 pm Joe Wilson by Michael Mercier Family

SUNDAY, August 18 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For The People of the Diocese Of Gary
8:00 am Cletus O’Connor by Wife Marry
10:00 am William Dorsey McDunn (Ann.) Mr. & Mrs.
William K. McDunn
12:00 pm Jeremy Morris by Wife Laura Morris & Family

Rest in Peace

Martin J. Pieters, Jr. • Martha Muta

Baptisms

Lily Elizabeth
Daughter of Robby & Sarah Marczak

Alia Hope
Daughter of Alex & Sara Salinas
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tickets booked, packing list double-checked, itinerary set - how do you know you're prepared for a trip? Being ready requires plenty of practical preparation. Do we give the same care to our spiritual preparedness? "Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom," Jesus tells us. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to have the right attitude for the gifts and callings He gives us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?

Set faith-based priorities. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." Our conflicting commitments can cause any routine to slip from time to time. All the more reason to make room in the schedule for faith enrichment activities offered by your parish. Volunteer once a month. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. When will the call come to care for an ailing parent? To take on a new leadership position? God speaks to us through the circumstances of our lives. He calls each of us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?

**Please pray for the sick of our parish...**

Joshua Alvarez  
Margaret Amatulli  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Antonio Belmonte  
Mary Berry  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billedo  
Michael Blazevich  
Laverne Blumka  
Diane Bohochnicki  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Mary Branski  
Arthur M. Branco  
Eleuterio Del Real  
Bonnie Gabrione

**Readings for Week of August 4**

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16-1:2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28.  
*Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**Weekly Schedule**

**SUNDAY, August 11**

9:00 am  *STMS Back to School Fair (til Noon)* ~ Gym

**MONDAY, August 12**

6:30 pm  Marian Rosary ~ Chapel  
7:30 pm  Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room

**TUESDAY, August 13**

9:15 am  Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel  
1:00 pm  Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel  
6:00 pm  Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel  
6:00 pm  *Pre-S, Pre-K & K New Parent Meeting* ~ Gym  
7:00 pm  Baptism Preparation Class ~ Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, August 14**

5:30 pm  *Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary*  
7:00 pm  Career Networking Group ~ Weis Center  
7:00 pm  St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Conference Room

**THURSDAY, August 15**

Feast of the Assumption of Mary  
Masses: 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
St. Thomas More School: First Day of School (8:30 am Start)  
6:30 pm  Scripture Study ~ Conference Room

**FRIDAY, August 16**

No Gifts of Love & Warmth During the Month of August

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34  
Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.”
~ Malala Yousafzai

This is a wonderful, magical time of year if one allows it to be. School is a great opportunity to open minds to new concepts and realities. School is a place to dream dreams and to make dreams happen. It really does depend upon attitude. The proper attitude must be embraced by all.

A student who returns to school with an “I dare you to teach me” attitude is going to be insufferable. That student will miss out on so much that is being offered in the classroom by the teacher as well as by fellow classmates.

A teacher who returns to school with an “I dare you to cross the line and disobey the rules” attitude will be disliked by the students and will not have the opportunity to know the real student. The student, instead, will close down in the presence of such a teacher and the magic mix of fresh mind plus seasoned experience will never happen.

An administration and staff who return to school with an “Oh dear God, not another year” attitude will not see the need around them of either faculty or student and will not be able to provide for a well-rounded education.

“One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.” I have seen that happen over and over again throughout the years. There have been times when a student has come to school frightened of the new environment and afraid that he or she would not fit in. Yet, because of the invitation of a teacher or fellow student, that person found a niche and began to excel. I have seen many go on to do great things, becoming wonderful leaders in society and in their chosen fields.

I have, sadly, seen just the opposite. A student — or teacher — might come to school and receive no challenge or support. The school year can turn into an interminable time of sadness and struggle. No student or teacher should be left to feel unwanted and unsupported. School is one of the times that we really get to remember and practice the fact that we are one family, responsible for one another.

When we share our burdens and sorrows as well as our triumphs and joys, we can become incredibly fulfilled. Let the new school year that we all soon begin fill us with a sense of excitement and remind us of the opportunities that we have not only to develop ourselves but also to support and encourage others. We are in this together and together we shall succeed.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for all students, teachers, and staff as they return to school to begin the process of education for a new year that they may realize the promise that they hold for the future.

THE ASSUMPTION — A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is also our first day of school.

Masses are at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Please note: the 9:00 a.m. Mass is an All-School Mass.

“It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death.

It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles.

It was fitting that God’s Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God.”
~ St. John Damascene

102nd ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

You are invited to honor Our Lady of Fatima and pray for our country this coming Tuesday, August 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road. Special devotions include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, Benediction, Hymns, and outdoor candlelight procession.

For more information, call 836-8779

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A couple had a child who was one of those holy terrors and her husband was surprised when his wife suggested that they buy him a bike for his birthday.

“Do you really believe that’ll help improve his behavior?” her husband said.

“Well, no,” she admitted. “But it’ll spread it over a wider area.”

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:

Help Needed
We are seeking men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of St. Thomas More by volunteering to be a Catechist • Substitute Catechist Classroom Aide • Hall Monitor
If you are looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to volunteer. You will have the opportunity to grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children of our parish.
From a former catechist: “Teaching CCD has been so much fun and it’s really a good spiritual experience for our whole family… I’m really glad I volunteered for this ministry.” Training and assistance for Catechists will be available before classes start in the fall. Please contact Emily Hackett for more information. (219) 836-8610, ext. 2232 or ehackett@stm-school.com

Virtus Training Sessions
The Virtus Program deals with the awareness and prevention of the sexual abuse of children. Anyone 18 years or older must be Virtus trained to volunteer or work in the school or parish. As part of our diocesan Synod, we are trying to get all parishioners into our safe environment program. The more people involved, the better this works. Please come to training, even if you are not required to do so. We all need to do our part to keep God’s children and His Church safe. Please join us for one of these upcoming Virtus Training sessions to be held at St. Thomas More:

Saturday, August 17
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Solar Room or
Monday, September 9
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Solar Room
Due to the content of the program, absolutely no children are permitted to attend the training.
Please go to www.virtus.org to reserve your seat for Virtus training. Click on “First Time Registrant” and “View List of Sessions”. Organization is “Diocese of Gary”.
Please arrive promptly for the training and enter through the gymnasium doors under the carport (north side of building).

Pastoral Care Ministry
If you or a homebound/hospitalized St. Thomas More parishioner would like to receive Communion, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 2315 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

Our Music Ministries Need You!
Share Your Talents with Our Parish Youth Chorale
We are in need of new members for the Youth Chorale. It is open to all children in 2nd through 8th grade. We sing twice a month at the Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass. Practices are from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the days that we sing. We also sing for Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Mass. If you would be willing to share your singing talent with the parish, contact us.

Handbell Choir
We are in need of five new handbell choir members this year. Choir members need to be available to practice on Wednesday evenings on a regular basis and to play at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and Christmas Eve. Only basic music reading skills needed. If interested in joining either of these ministries & sharing your talents with our parish, please contact Laura Javorka at (219) 836-8610, ext. 2340 or ljavorka@stm-church.com.
If you ask our students, the best day of the year may very well be one of the last days of school, as that’s when St. Thomas More School holds Fun Day for our younger students and Field Day for children in grades 4 to 8. Everyone loves the friendly competition, the camaraderie, the silly and not-so-silly games and the day off from regular classes. It’s a great way to finish up a school year and top off a dynamic year of learning and growing with a day filled with nothing but fun! Our thanks to our team coaches (teachers) and the many school parents who prepare lunch and help to make the day possible. STMS certainly wins the “best school families” competition!
St. Thomas More School

ONLINE AUCTION

You can win great prizes in the STMS Aaaaamazing Online Auction?
Anyone can participate and bid!
Open to Everyone!

Disney Hopper Passes
2 Single Day Hopper Passes to Walt Disney World

Chicago Cubs Game
4 tickets to the Chicago Cubs vs Washington Nationals for the Sunday August 25, 2019 game.

Notre Dame Football
4 tickets with a parking pass to the home game of the ND Fighting Irish vs. Virginia Tech Hokies on Saturday November 2, 2019

Notre Dame vs. Boston College
2 tickets with a parking pass for the ND Fighting Irish vs. Boston College on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. EST.

Progressive Dinner: Be Our Guest!
Join us for a fun and delicious dinner for four (4) guests. You’ll be hosted, wined, and dined at the homes of 3 Golf Committee members and will culminate your evening with a night cap at The Turn in the Briar Ridge Clubhouse.

Here’s to Your Health!
Franciscan Health fitness basket and Shaklee Water Pitcher with extra filter.

Check it out and Bid Today!
Go to charityauction.bid/STMSGolf2019 or www.auctria.com/auction/STMSGolf2019 to register and place a bid on any, or all, of these awesome items!
Bidding ends on Sunday, August 18 at 11:59 p.m.
Don’t miss out!

All proceeds benefit St. Thomas More School.

A big thank you to the STMS Annual Golf Classic Committee for hosting another great golf event and for working diligently to make this auction possible!

Dine & Share Day
Five Guys Community Fundraiser
Who doesn’t love a delicious hamburger. Top it off with French fries and a milk shake and you’ve got America’s favorite meal!
For one day only, St. Thomas More School will receive a donation from Five Guys for every purchase made on Tuesday, August 27th
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (all day)

Five Guys Hamburgers
8231 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
Five Guys will donate 20% of sales plus an additional $1 for every milkshake purchased to St. Thomas More School

Purchase a Gift Card and STMS will receive an additional donation on top of that!
Be sure to tell the cashier you are ordering for the St. Thomas More School Fundraiser so that STMS receives credit for your order.

Share Your Talents
Do you love working with children?
Are you a practicing Catholic?
Do you have a Bachelor's degree?
Are you interested in sharing your passion for music or your expertise in computer technology?
Please consider a vocation in education.

St. Thomas More School is looking to fill the following:
Monday through Friday part-time positions:

Computer Teacher
Grades K-6
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
College degree required.

Preschool Aide
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calling all at-home parents or grandparents!
If you like children and are looking for a part-time job, this may be a perfect position for you:

Playground/Lunch Supervisor
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Must be a practicing Catholic for each position. We offer a competitive wage within a dynamic Catholic school community.

If you or someone you know is interested, please send your resume to Dr. Samantha Francis at sfrancis@stm-school.com.

School Begins This Week
Your help is requested as St. Thomas More School begins classes for the 2019/2020 school year this Thursday, August 15th.
Please use extra caution when driving on our parish & school campus and note the change in morning traffic patterns.

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STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised
82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking
15% Found Want Ads
4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Making a Positive Impression with Your (Future) Employer

Some tips and a testimonial from a team of community bankers.

Presented by Representatives from Peoples Bank:
Matthew Lambert & Jill Knight

Where: STM Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster
When: The 2nd Wednesday of Every Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Regular Meetings are Free! Open to All!
For those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, employed but changing careers or those who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections. Have your cover letter, resume or thank you critiqued.

Holy Name Society
All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society this fall. Enjoy being part of a dedicated, spiritual group of men who serve the parish and community.

Join us for our upcoming meetings:
Monday, August 19
Join us for the first meeting of the year!

Monday, September 16
The new video, “Miracles from Heaven” will be debut at the September meeting. This highly acclaimed new release has been widely praised and popular.

Reserve your spot now for the October 10th!
Evening of Reflection with Fr. Mike.
Seating is limited. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to spend spiritual time with other men of our parish and our pastor.

Evening of Reflection
All men of the Diocese are invited to attend our retreat Thursday, October 10 — 6:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster.
Arrival time: 6:00 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. with dinner & program to follow Mass.

Our retreat leader will be our very own pastor, Reverend Michael Yadron.
Seating is on a first come, first served basis with limited capacity.
A donation of $20 per person is requested to cover the cost of a delicious dinner and fellowship with our pastor.

Reservation Form
Please enclose your payment in an envelope with this reservation form and place in the Sunday collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office, or mail to:
St. Thomas More
8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
No later than October 3rd.

Name_______________________________________
Phone_______________________________________
Email______________________________________
Amount Enclosed ($20/guest) $___________________

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
The need in our community does not take a break during the summer months, or any other time of year, for that matter.

Items in Need at the SVDP Food Pantry:

Pork & Beans
Pancake Mix • Syrup
Meal Helpers
Rice Helpers/Sides
Potato Helpers/Sides
Frosting
Peanut Butter • Jelly
Meal/Hamburger Helper

Pasta Sauce
Canned Meats
Canned Fruit
Tuna • Soup
Cereal
Toilet Paper
Dish Soap
Bar Soap

Please check expiration dates!
Thank you for your generosity. To volunteer or learn more about SVDP, contact Mike Martinelli at (219) 836-8610.

Bishop Bobblehead
If you were unable to make last week’s Bishop Bash at the Railcats Stadium and wanted a Bishop Hying Bobblehead, you’re in luck!
We have several bobbleheads remaining and one can be yours by purchasing in the Parish Office for Only $20 Each!
All proceeds will benefit the Mercy Fund, which serves as a conduit to provide funding for projects that embody spiritual and corporal works of mercy: provides care for the poor and marginalized, brings hope to the hopeless and protects those too young or too old to advocate for themselves.

Bishop Hying Bobblehead
Save the Date for the Annual St. Thomas More Parish Picnic

Our Parish Life Committee has been hard at work to plan another fantastic parish event for everyone at St. Thomas More...the annual Parish Picnic! You know that there will be plenty of fun and food for the whole family!
• Entertainment
• A Delicious Meal
• Fun & Games for the Children
• A Chance to Visit with Fellow Parishioners

Sunday, September 8th
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Stay tuned for all the details coming soon!

Calling All Boys
Cub Scout Enrollment Meeting
All area boys in Kindergarten to Grade 5 are invited to join Cub Scouts.
The program is achievement based and teaches children and families to be confident in the outdoors and provides many opportunities to enhance building skills.
The Cub Scout program also highlights the importance of becoming an engaged citizen.
The Program is open to all families (you do not need to be a student or parishioner of St. Thomas More).

Enrollment and Parent Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
6:30 p.m. at the STM Weis Center
8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
For more information email: stmcubpack542@gmail.com or on the web: stmcubpack542.weebly.com/
We look forward to seeing you on the 28th!

Join the Marian Rosary
Join our prayer group to pray the Rosary, Chaplet and offer prayers to Mary. Call Tom Mordaunt at (219) 922-6604 for info.
We meet on Monday nights
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel and all are invited to join us.

Religious Formation & Education
Meetings will resume for the new year next week, as the Religious Formation & Education Ministry continues it’s work of helping the parishioners of St. Thomas More grow in their faith and spirituality.
All meetings will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room:
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
There will be no December 2019 meeting.
We hope that you will join us in this enjoyable and enriching ministry; we know you’ll be glad you did!

STM Nursery
Adult Nursery Volunteers Needed for Fall
Volunteers are needed for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass during the upcoming school year. The Nursery will reopen after Labor Day and is open to all children, infant to age 5.
Adult volunteers must be Virtus trained.
Please call Kaaren for info or to volunteer at 219-836-5079.

Bulletin Articles
Please be sure to submit all bulletin articles at least two (2) weeks in advance via email: bulletin@stm-church.com.
Andreat Season of Giving
*June to September 2019*

The true cost of educating a 59er is $12,000 annually, yet tuition only covers 73% of that cost, a statistic that is true of Catholic high schools across the country. We rely on the generosity of our Diocese along with our alumni, parents, and friends just like you to provide a family, faith-filled environment for our students. Please consider donating.

Bishop Noll Events
*BNI Class Reunions Planned*

**Class of 1959**
The Class of 1959 will reunite October 5th. Contact John Schreiner, 175 N. Winterberry, Valparaiso, IN 46385 for info.

**Class of 1974**
Class of 1974 Reunion will be weekend of September 27. Find information on Facebook: "Bishop Noll Class of 1974" or contact Maria Trevino Callas at mcallas2@comcast.net.

**Class of 1979**
The Class of 1979 is planning a 40th reunion for August 30/31. Contact Cy Rangel at (312) 550-1267 or cyguy61@yahoo.com.

**Class of 1984**
The Class of 1984 is planning a 35 year reunion for fall 2019. Contact John Schreiner, 175 N. Winterberry, Valparaiso, IN 46385 or 1267 or cyguy61@yahoo.com.

The Mystery of the Eucharist
St. Michael Parish in Schererville invites everyone to join them as they study

*Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*
in a 4-part series beginning on September 10, 2019.
Sesons held in St. Patrick Hall at 7:00 p.m. Call Janice at (219) 322-4505, ext. 8241 to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Don’t miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on the weekend of October 11-13, 2019 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. The enrichment begins with a weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community.

For information on applying, please go to wwwme-chicagoland.org and say yes today to God’s call to love.

Quinceañera Classes
Any young ladies interested in attending Quinceañera classes should call the Adeline Torres at 219-397-2125 or email: atorres@dcgary.org.
Location of classes will be based on the level and hometown of those interested to find convenient meeting places.

Diocesan Office of Evangelization
*Invites You to Our Evangelization Training*

**What is Evangelization?**
Evangelization proclaims the Good News of salvation. It seeks to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Evangelists strive for personal conversion of others through Christian witness, the Sacraments, and preaching the kerygma.

**What is the Goal of the Training?**
To train and equip evangelists and commission them to evangelize within their parish communities so that every parish in the Diocese of Gary is an evangelizing parish, focusing on the New Evangelization to those who are in need of re-evangelization, and evangelizing to the nations.

**What Will the Training Include?**
Methods of evangelization, hospitality, invitational, discipleship, Eucharistic devotion, widespread opportunities for Confession, popular piety, prayer life, small groups, strengthening and building up the family, adult faith formation, service to others, and the mission to evangelize.

**What Happens After the Training?**
Upon completion of the year-long training, the participants will be formally commissioned as a parish evangelist for his or her own parish within the Diocese of Gary.

**The Training Topics**
*Fall 2019*
- September 12: The Good News: the history of Salvation
- September 19: The New Evangelization
- September 26: Proclaiming Mercy: Evangelizing Saints
- October 3: Being a Witness: how to give a testimony
- October 10: Proclaiming Mercy: Evangelizing Saints
- October 17: Cultural Context
- October 24: Encountering the Sacraments: an Evangelizing Parish

*Spring 2020*
- Preaching the Kerygma
- Apologetics
- Desires of the Human Heart: Intro to Theology of the Body
- The Family and the Charism of Hospitality
- The Power of Invitation and Sharing reasons for belief
- Developing Parish Small Groups
- Life in the Spirit

**The Training Sessions**
All training sessions will be held at St. Paul, Valparaiso weekly for seven weeks in the fall from September 12, 2019 – October 24, 2019 from 6:30-8pm, and seven weeks in the spring from February 20, 2020 – April 2, 2020 from 6:30-8pm. Each session includes a lesson, prayer, and discussion.

For more information, contact the Diocese of Gary or email smartin@dccgary.org.

Rachel’s Vineyard
*Post-Abortion Retreat*

Rachel’s Vineyard offers retreats for women and men who have experienced abortion. The weekend focuses on the love of God, His mercy and on new beginnings and hope through scripture, meditation and Sacrament.

Next retreat is *September 13-15, 2019.* Those interested can contact, confidentially, Rosanne Kouris at the Pastoral Office: (219)769-2944. Cost is minimal.
Wounded Healers
The summer series of Wounded Healers has begun and meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. James the Less, 45th Avenue in Highland. Group session to deal with loss of a loved one or friend. August 7 & 24. Learn more: (219)924-5577 or woundedhealers-nwi.com.

Pierogi Sales Returning Soon
Watch the bulletin for the return of pierogi sales from St. Josaphat Church in Munster after Labor Day. Details to follow.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed
Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer delivery persons for both the Hammond and Griffith communities. If you have been looking for a way to make a difference in your community, why not consider delivering meals for our clients? We have training twice a month in our office at 8446 Virginia Street, Merrillville. Please call Joan, Volunteer Manager, (219) 756-3663 to register for a training session.

Spred Information Meeting
Any parent of a child, adolescent, young adult, or adult with developmental, intellectual, or learning challenges is welcomed to come to a Spred Information Gathering. Interested men or women who want to volunteer for the Spred program are also welcomed to attend. This gathering will be held at St. Mary parish on 525 Broad Street in Griffith on Monday, August 12, 6:30 p.m. in the church. It is about information! Any interested person does not need prior special needs experience to volunteer. There is no commitment that night, only information and an awareness of all that Spred does to help others. For more info, please contact Elizabeth Siveke.sivek@sbcglobal.net.

Cinchagoland Bus to Mt. St. Macrina
A charter bus from Chicagoland will be provided for those interested in joining the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great on Labor Day Weekend for the 85th annual pilgrimage to Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown, PA. Bus departs from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Munster at 8:00 a.m. Overnight parking is available. Bus stops in Burton, OH to visit the nuns at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery to pray Vespers and have dinner. Overnight at the Holiday Inn Express, Uniontown with special rate (discount code: SMP) by calling (724) 437-9194. Bus transport to/from the hotel to the mount. Other lodging available on the mount property; contact Sr. Carol for info: (724) 438-7419.

Closing Liturgy on September 2 and depart for home. Cost: $100/person. Space is limited on the bus. To sign-up contact St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church at (219) 659-0277 or stmarywhiting@parma.org.

Miscarriage, Mothers & Others
Miscarriage, Mothers & Others, Inc. (MMO) is a Diocese of Gary Apostolate and a 501(c)3 non-profit and faith-based charity that provides information and resources on the sanctity of life for the unborn baby, less than twenty-weeks gestation, and their parents who grieve their loss.

The next meeting of the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Program will take place on August 21st at the Crown Point Community Library, 122 N. Main Street in Crown. Representatives from Miscarriage, Mothers & Others, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity, will be available with information and resources regarding miscarriage. To learn more about the program and upcoming meeting dates, or to register in advance: (219) 730-9199 or email: info@miscarriedbaby.com. Find help for all affected by a miscarriage with information about how best to deal with this loss: personal, spiritual and legal aspects.

Parables Retreat at Lindenwood
Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center to host with Parables Retreat with guest speaker, Fr. Jerry Schweitzer on September 27 -28, 2019 at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Donaldson, Indiana. Fr. Jerry will use the Parables in the Gospel of Luke to show us how the teaching of Jesus Christ presents images that challenge us to think differently about our Christian way of life. Single & double occupancy overnight or commuter option. Costs range from $50 to $130 option. Meals, materials, refreshments and Mass included. Register at Lindenwood.org or call (574) 935-1780.

Senior Call Out
Enjoy the cool comfort, coupled with friendly conversation and snacks at the Pulaski Senior Center, 137th St. and Sheffield Avenue in North Hammond, every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Join in the 10:00 a.m. chair aerobics, 11:00 a.m. walks in the park or the Noon to 3:00 cards and Bunco. In addition, monthly birthday celebrations will continue throughout the year. “Simply Stitching” on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. continues to be a popular activity (please bring clean plastic grocery bags, so we can continue making plarn to craft plarn mats for the homeless). Everyone is always welcome; bring a friend or two!

Money Management Help
Take control of your money with the help of Financial Peace University (FPU) classes beginning Sunday, September 17 at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting. This nine-lesson course is designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind! Dave Ramsey and his team will teach and motivate your money management, based on biblical wisdom and common sense. Member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online when you register. Contact Laura Ieraci at (219) 659-0277 for info. Sign up at www.fpu.com/1090200.
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