Learning to help begins at a very early age. We need to teach our children the value and joy of helping others.
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.

Sacramental Information

Confessions..................................................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.
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...............................................Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232
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
Pastoral Life............................................Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice ..................................Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship..................................Kaan Mashura
Stewardship................................................Paul Liszewski

Parish Organizations
Altar & Rosary Society..........................Cindy Keilmann 923-9862
Boy Scouts .............................................PJ Caraher (219) 838-2943
Career Networking Group………………..Jim Kaczkowski (219) 201-0335
or Donna Weidelfeller (219) 688-7597
Circle of Prayer.....................................Carolyn Cenzo 741-2509
carolynrealtor@sbgbig.net
Cub Scouts..........................Duane Schwemlein -Scoutmaster542@gmail.com
Finance................................................Barbara Shaver 938-9200
Gabriel Project...................................Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Garden Club........................................Paul Mazerek 920-513-6448
Gifts of Love & Warmth..........................Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts........................................Renee Whelan 796-6890
Holy Name Society...............................Bill Burke: sbburke3@gmail.net
Knights of Columbus............................Ralph Konkol (219) 588-4559
Oblates............................................Denise Card (219) 210-4103
Respect Life.......................................Leslie Dmucile (219) 741-3739
Senior Citizens...............................Bob O’Donnell 877-5050
Ushers Club........................................Jim Marable 718-8704
Venture Crew......................................Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning.
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrants
Saturday, August 24
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, August 25
6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
10:00 a.m. Fr. Declan McNicholas
12:00 Noon Fr. Declan McNicholas

Servers
SATURDAY, August 24
8:30 am B. & M. Andzrejewski
5:30 pm G. & I. Scalzo, D. Brantley/ MC ~ Ty

SUNDAY, August 25
6:30 am A. Korfiatis, D. Ayala, E. Zabrecky
8:00 am D. Kenning, N. Thompson, A. Alvarez
MC ~ Gavin
10:00 am A. Burzynski, I. Caddick, A. Monroy
MC ~ Patrick
12:00 pm D. & J. O’Shea, B. Reynolds/MC ~ Vanessa

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.

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. See information on page 6 for the upcoming Virtus training session at STM. 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.

Sacrificial Offerings
August 11, 2019
Adult $ 19,097.00
Loose $ 2,858.00
Automated $ 3,422.00
Children $ 66.52
TOTAL $ 25,443.52

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

SUNDAY, August 25
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For the People of the Diocese of Gary
8:00 am K.D. You by Janine Slivka & Family
10:00 am Mary Hayden by Kapala Family
12:00 pm George Sinchak by Family

MONDAY, August 26
6:30 am Jeanne O’Connor by Rick Mlynarski
8:30 am Ted Pajor by Marilyn Pajor

TUESDAY, August 27 — Saint Monica
6:30 am Helen Smaron by Family
8:30 am William Halfacre by Michael & Katherine Ralph
10:00 am Christopher Yursi by Dennis Perz
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, August 28 — Saint Augustine
6:30 am Intention of Stephanie A. Perz by Lucy Perz
8:30 am Roger Glennon by Wife Marilyn

THURSDAY, August 29
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
6:30 am Virginia Ulanowski (Ann.) by Jennifer Ng
9:00 am Tasker Brush (Ann.) by Gus & Kathy Georgelas

FRIDAY, August 30
6:30 am Rudy & Ann Bondora by Judy Buksa, daughter
8:30 am Ann Popovich (Ann.) by Michael & Jill Popovich

SATURDAY, August 31
8:30 am Olga Bianchi (Ann.) by Husband Renaldi Bianchi
5:30 pm Tadeusz Jaworski (Ann.) by Family

SUNDAY, September 1
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For the People of the Diocese of Gary
8:00 am Marie Gauger (Ann.) by Virginia & Robert Gauger
10:00 am Peter Roach by Helen Nelson Family
12:00 pm Mr. Francis Clark by Jim & Chris Taylor

M A S S
I N T E N T I O N S

REFLECTION
Stewardship
“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51
Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire! This Sunday’s Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It’s a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart? The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ’s spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV. In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Diane Bochnowski
Eleuterio Del Real
Laverne Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Arthur M. Branco
Linda Braun
Stephanie Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Al Carollo
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jeff Chastain
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtin
Valerie Czapkowicz
Doris Dabrowski
Eleuterio Del Real
Irene Dettmer
Jeanine Doescher
Nicklas LeMonier
Annika LeMonier
Deborah Stareck
Carol Storey
Renee Shehan
Laurie Slazky
Carolyn Smiley
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubune
Phyllis Unkuri
Jenny Mendoza
Edward Kritzer
Renee Shehan
James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Marisol Hernandez
Betty Ingham
Joseph S. Iwan
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Robert Kalka
Eugene Augur
Ron Plevniak
Mary Grace
Dorothy Gillespie
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Ellen Joana Souto
Michelle Billedo
Michael Blazevich
St. Thomas More
Jackie Roach
Deborah Stareck
Carol Storey
Renee Shehan
Laurie Slazky
Phyllis Unkuri
James Wachel
Jenny Mendoza
Deborah Stareck
Carol Storey
Renee Shehan
Laurie Slazky
Phyllis Unkuri

Readings for Week of August 18

Saturday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11, 13-15/Ps 21:1-3
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85-9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Religious Formation & Education

Meetings will resume for the new year next week, as the Religious Formation & Education Ministry continues its work of helping the parishioners of St. Thomas More grow in their faith and spirituality. Our first meeting of the 2019/2020 year:

Monday, August 19, 2019
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room

Upcoming Meetings:
September 16 • October 21 • November 18
There will be no December 2019 meeting.

Senior Citizens

Join other senior parishioners for a great year of activities, fun and fellowship as we begin our new year of meetings

Wednesday, September 4 — Weis Center
All St. Thomas More seniors are invited. Please join us!

Join the Marian Rosary

Join your 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.

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, August 19
6:30 pm Marian Rosary ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Holy Name Society ~ Solar Room
7:00 pm Religious Formation ~ Conference Room

TUESDAY, August 20
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
7:00 pm STMS Back to School Night — Grades 1 to 4

WEDNESDAY, August 21
7:00 pm STMS Back to School Night — Grades 5 to 8

SUNDAY, August 25
St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection at All Masses
FAITH ACTION: Ask God to give you the grace to be a true witness of Jesus’ love.

BE A WORTHY BOOK

“And your very flesh shall be a great poem.”
~ Walt Whitman

I have heard it said, many times throughout my life, that we might be the only “book” that another person reads in his or her life. They will look at us, they will examine us, they will listen to us and parse our words. They will learn from us and be led, for good or ill, by our example.

That, in and of itself, should make us stop and reflect upon just what kind of life we are living. How do we feel, knowing that we are setting the example that someone else might follow? Do we accept that incredible responsibility or are we frightened because we know that we miss the mark when it comes to living a good, holy life?

The responsibilities of every Christian are many. We are to do all that we can to become more holy day by day. That means that we should have a solid and continuous prayer life. It also means that we should worship with the faith community and perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. To become more holy, we sacrifice of ourselves for the sake and benefit of others. Putting others before ourselves is an act of humility and reverence.

There are too many people in this world who put their own wants first. Because of this, they never seem to be willing to help others in need. That is a real shame. They deprive themselves of the joy of helping others and, instead, draw more deeply into themselves. These are the people who, if they are ever in need, do not even know how to ask for help since they never truly associated with others. Even if they did ask for help, they may find no one willing to come to their aid since they never helped others.

Learning to help begins at a very early age. We need to teach our children the value and joy of helping others. When they see that we are willing to reach out to others and that we derive joy and fulfillment from doing so, they will be more inclined to mimic our actions and learn for themselves that helping others can be a joyful and holy experience.

There are people in the world who will watch us before ever approaching us. They will watch us to see if our deeds match our words. If we say that we are believers, we should be living the life of a believer. Doing so, we will set a shining example for them to follow.

It might seem kind of frightening to think that we might be the only “book” that another reads in his or her life. Yes, it might be frightening; but, it is a reality. Be the best book possible.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God to give you the grace to be a true witness of Jesus’ love.

IN ANOTHER MONTH

The last two Tuesdays of September (17th and 24th) are inquiry days for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, also known as RCIA. RCIA is a process for those who are not Roman Catholic to enter the Church. There are weekly sessions with others who are inquiring. The sessions are every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and generally last a little over an hour.

On September 17th or September 24th (you only need to come to one of the two evenings), you are invited to come to the Parish Conference Room, enter at the Parish Office, to sign up and receive your study materials. Classes will begin in earnest on Tuesday, October 1st.

If you have been baptized in another faith, it would be helpful for you to bring a copy of your baptismal certificate with you to the September inquiry meeting.

The RCIA is also appropriate for those who may have been baptized as Catholic but who were never catechized or finished their sacraments. If you have been baptized but never received your First Communion or Confirmation, you are welcome to the RCIA as well.

Those who come to the weekly sessions are received into the Church at the 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter on April 11, 2020.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A kindergartner came home after being in school for a month and was practicing spelling with magnetic letters on the refrigerator. CAT, DOG, DAD, and MOM had been proudly displayed for all to see.

One morning while getting ready for the day, he bounded into the room with his arms outstretched. In his hands were three magnetic letters: G-O-D.

“Look what I spelled, Mom!” with a proud smile on his face.

“That’s wonderful!” his mom praised him. “Now go put them on the fridge so Dad can see when he gets home tonight.”

The mom happily thought that the Catholic education was certainly having an impact.

Just then, a little voice called from the kitchen. “Mom? How do you spell ZILLA?”

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:

August 20: Msgr. Michael A. Petzold (1965)
August 23: Rev. Alfred J. Junk (1957)
August 24: Rev. George Angemaier (1948)
Msgr. Michael Shea (1956)
Religious Education

Religious Education Classes Start Soon
If you have not yet registered your child for the 2019/2020 Religious Education Classes
Please do so immediately!
You can find the registration form on the parish website.
If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required to register.
Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

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 our upcoming Virtus Training session to be held at St. Thomas More:

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).

Lectors for the Week

Saturday, August 24
5:30 pm Mass
Julie Blanford & Judith Hamer

Sunday, August 25
6:30 am Mass
Cal Bellamy & Phil McIntosh
8:00 am Mass
Judy Buksa & Jim Kaspar
10:00 am Mass
Christine Greenberg & Terri Tratar
12:00 Noon Mass
Timothy Christiana & Maryanne Topor

Saturday, August 24
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway
Choir: Tom & Louisa Jurich

Sunday, August 25
8:00 am Mass
Main: James & Nancy Kaczka
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Christie & Katie Kordeck
10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha
12:00 Noon Mass
Chapel: Celeste Peltzer
Choir: Pat Batchelder

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.
Choirs will be starting up again soon and we look forward to seeing you at one of our practices.
A bit of early rain did not hamper the spirits of our nearly 90 golfers as they teed-off at the 2nd Annual STMS Golf Classic, held at Briar Ridge County Club on Monday, July 29.

Our most sincere thanks to all who participated, to those who generously sponsored the event and to all who joined us for dinner.

And a big thanks to the 2019 Golf Classic Committee, who’s hard work and coordination made this fun and exciting day possible.

We can’t wait to see everyone again next year!
Bidding Ends Tonight!
Sunday, August 18 at 11:59 p.m.
You can win great prizes in the STMS Aaaamazing 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: Chicago Cubs vs Washington Nationals
Sunday August 25, 2019 game.

Notre Dame Football
4 tickets with a parking pass.
ND vs. Virginia Tech Hokies: Saturday November 2, 2019

Notre Dame vs. Boston College Football
2 tickets with a parking pass.
Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. EST.

Progressive Dinner: Be Our Guest!
Fun and delicious dinner for four (4) guests. You'll be wined and
dined at the homes of 3 Golf Committee members. End 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.
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!
All proceeds benefit St. Thomas More School.

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 do-
nation 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 do-
nation 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.

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,
with involvement from their 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 to join.

Enrollment & Parent Meeting
Wednesday, August 28th
6:30 p.m.
STM Weis Center • 8435 Calumet • Munster, IN
For more information email:
stmcubpack542@gmail.com or on the web:
stmcubpack542.weebly.com/
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, September 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Topic:
Opportunities Offered by Your Local McDonalds
Presented by:
Mr. Robert Mazzaro, O/O
Mr. Jose Martinez, Training Manager

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.

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) 836-8810.

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.

Bishop Bobblehead
If you were unable to attend the Bishop Bash and would like a Bishop Hying Bobblehead, you’re in luck!
We have several bobbleheads remaining and one can be yours by purchasing in the Parish Office, while supplies last, 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.

Name_______________________________________
Phone_______________________________________
Email_______________________________________
Amount Enclosed ($20/guest) $___________________
St. Thomas More Parish Life Presents the Annual

PARISH SAFARI PICNIC

All ST. Thomas More parishioners are invited

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
STM Social Center

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Boy Scout Flag Ceremony

Catering by Philippe from Howard’s:
Burgers • Brats • Pulled Pork • Chicken Fingers
Cucumber/tomato • Salad Baked • Beans Chips
Cookies • Kona Ice

Door Prizes • Kids Games with Prizes

Deadline to Reserve:
Tuesday,
September 3rd
Reservation Form in
Next Week’s Bulletin
Diocesan Office of Evangelization

Invites You to 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

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. Each session includes a lesson, prayer, and discussion. For more information, contact the Diocese of Gary or email smartin@dcgary.org.

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 private weekend experience featuring 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.

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. Cost is minimal. Next retreat begins September 15, 2019.

Contact, confidentially, Rosanne Kouris at the Pastoral Office: (219) 769-9292, #259 or Rachel’s Vineyard: (219) 552-2944.
**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 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.

**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 15 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.

**St. Stan’s Class of 1969**
Calling all graduates of St. Stanislaus School Class of 1969. Plans are in the making for a 50th class reunion this October. If you are interested in attending, please contact Anita (Pasztor) Kozlowski 929-7920 or Chris (Nawrocki) Holcomb 844-4649.

**St. Florian Fall Spectacular**
*One Night in Rome: One Night to Remember!* Saturday, October 5th from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Enjoy a full Italian buffet dinner, live entertainment and fun Celebrity Fashion Show and music of Andrea Boccelli – Frank Sinatra and others. Raffles, 50/50, prizes. Tickets are limited. On sale now at Rectory Office. *No tickets available at door.* $30 per Adult; $15: 14yrs. and under. 13145 S. Houston; Chicago (Hegewisch) (773) 646-4877.
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