Today should be passed as if it were your last day. How are you going to pass your day?
St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church

Mission Statement: The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites everyone 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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St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor ................................................. Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCSJ; Ext. 2312 myadron@stm-church.com
Associate Pastor .................................. Reverend Declan McNicholas; Ext. 2314 dmnicolas@stm-church.com
Senior Deacon ...................................... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
Senior Deacon ...................................... Daniel Zurawski, KHS
Deacons ............................................... David Kapala, KHS
........................................ Joseph Stodola, KHS
Director of Finance ............................... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
Pastoral Care Coordinator ................. Deacon David Kapala; KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music ................................. Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education ............ Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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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.

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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 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 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.

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Pastoral Staff

Hours: Mon-Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm • Saturday 8:00 am-2:00 pm
Email address ........................................ parish.office@stm-church.com
Email address for bulletin  ....................... bulletin@stm-church.com
Office Phone ....................................... 836-8610, Ext. 2300
Office Fax ........................................... 836-9185
Bulletin Editor ...................................... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Daytime Reception ................................ Ext. 2300
Evening Reception ................................ Ext. 2300
Building Maintenance ......................... Mike Popovich 836-8610, Ext. 2313
Custodial Supervisor ............................. Karla Baldwin 836-8610, Ext. 2331

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Pastoral Ministries

Environment & Art .............................. Susan Gryfakis 688-8209
Eucharistic Ministers ............................ Deacon Dan Zurawski 742-6005
Hospitality/Greeters ............................ Chris Shearman 923-1419
Lectors ................................................. William McDunn 922-9459
Nursery ............................................... Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
St. Vincent de Paul .............................. Michael Martinelli 836-8610
Vocations Committee ........................... 836-8610

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2019-2020 Pastoral Council Members

Thomas Alexander ..................... Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson
Carolyn Cenko .............................. Leslie Dernule
Diane DeSoto .................................. Tim Jeyyk, Chairperson
Jim Kaspar ....................................... Christi Kordeck
Katie Kordeck ................................. Eric Miller
Joe Peters ........................................ Daniel Straka

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St. Thomas More School

Kindergarten 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 ................................. 836-0982
Principal ......................................... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
Deacon ............................................. Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
School Administrative Assistant ........ Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200
School Reception & Office Associate ....... Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
School Parent Association ..................... Heather Delgado; (312) 933-9208
Parish & School Offices Assistant ............ Maureen Walz; Ext. 2311
School Admission .............................. Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development ..................... Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307
Business Manager .............................. Mike Gutcheysky; Ext. 2339

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Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K

8635 Calumet Avenue ........................ Munster, IN 46321
Phone ........................................... 836-2660
Fax ................................................ 836-2655

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Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society ...................... Cindy Keilmann 923-9862
Boy Scouts ........................................ PJ Caraher (219) 838-2943
Career Networking Group .................. Donnell 877
Catholic Daughters ......................... Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559
Catholic Daughters ......................... Leslie Dernule 836-8209
Cub Scouts ....................................... Duane Schwemlein -Smsgcupak542@gmail.com
Finance .............................................. Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project ................................. Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Girl Scouts ........................................ Renee Whelan 796-6809
Holy Name Society ............................ Bill Burke; sbburke3@att.net
Knights of Columbus ....................... Ralph Konkoly (219) 588-4559
Oblates ............................................. Denise Gard (219) 241-4103
Respect Life ..................................... Leslie Dernule (219) 741-3739
Senior Citizens ............................... Bob O’Donnell 877-5050
Ushers Club ...................................... Jim Marmalejo 718-8704
Venture Crew .................................. Fre. Ben Ross 322-4505

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

**Saturday, August 31**  
5:30 p.m.   Fr. Declan McNicholas  

**Sunday, September 1**  
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

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**Servers**

**SATURDAY, August 31**  
8:30 am  E. Zabrecky, A. Forszt  
5:30 pm  K. Cipowski, Q. Fehr, A. Hansen  

**MC ~ Jacob C.**  

**SUNDAY, September 1**  
6:30 am  B., M. & R. Andrzejewski  
8:00 am  A. & G. Buksa, K. Karl/MC ~ Luke  
10:00 am J. Burns, K. & K. Cano/MC ~ Xavian  
12:00 pm A. & D. Reynolds, A. Sanchez/MC ~ Jacob B.

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**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.

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**Baptisms**

**Evelyn Tina**  
Daughter of Timothy and Caitlin Valente

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**Rest in Peace**

**Rosemary Hiple**

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**Sacrificial Offerings**

**August 18, 2019**  

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*Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!*  

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**Stewardship Reflection**

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard -won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

Readings for Week of August 25
Sunday: 1 Thes 4:1-2, 13/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Rosemary Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Biddleo
Michael Blazевич
Laverne Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Howard Gralewski
Dorothy Campbell
Dorothy Gillespie
Eleuterio Del Real
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Gray
Dorothy Gabriele
Margaret Gabriele
Maria Gabriele
Bonnie Gabrielle
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralowski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Rozmarie Havran
Amy Hayes
Marie Henke
Irma Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hess
Becky Hill
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingerslen
Joseph S. Iwan
Ann Miskovich
James Pancheri
Judy Pankish
Mary Pashke
Theresa Peck
Jane Peck
Maxine Pelletier
Judith Perry
Philip Perry
William Perry
Dorothy Petrie
Bill Perry
Judy Perry
Anne Pesko
Joe Pesko
Dave Pesko
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STM Nursery
Adult Nursery Volunteers Needed for Fall
Volunteers are needed during 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass when we reopen after Labor Day and for the upcoming school year ahead. Adult volunteers must be Virtus trained (see Virtus training schedule on page 9). Call Kaaren to volunteer at (219) 836-5079.

Bishop Bobblehead
We still have a few Bishop Hying bobbleheads remaining. You can purchase one in the Parish Office for only $20, while supplies last. Proceeds benefit the Mercy Fund.

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.

Bulletin Articles
Please submit all bulletin articles at least two (2) weeks in advance via email: bulletin@stm-church.com.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, August 25
St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection at All Masses
MONDAY, August 26
6:30 pm Marian Rosary ~ Chapel
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus ~ Solar Room
TUESDAY, August 27
STMS Dine & Share at Five Guys (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
WEDNESDAY, August 28
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Conference Room
THURSDAY, August 29
6:30 pm Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
**TODAY IS CRUCIAL**

“Every day should be passed as if it were to be our last.” ~ Publilius Syrus

When I saw the quote above, I immediately thought of the first pilgrimage I took that included a visit to Siena. There, we celebrated Mass in the chapel where St. Catherine of Siena would have gone to Mass. On the sacristy wall was a plaque that had the following inscription: *Priest of God, celebrate this Holy Mass as if it were first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass.* Being in that holy place was already remarkable enough. Having that thought to reflect upon was an incredible bonus.

I think of that day often as I prepare to celebrate Mass. I try to live up to the admonition when I prepare for Mass. I want Mass to be a fervent and fruitful prayer not only for myself but for the whole assembly. I want it to be filled with joy as well as piety. I want people to leave Mass feeling as if they had contact with a God who loves them absolutely and incredibly.

When we live in absolutes, we give ourselves over completely. The Syrian slave who was brought to Rome and later became a great Latin scholar reminds us today that our day should be lived to the full since it should be viewed as our last day.

How many times throughout your life have you repeated that old game of “If you knew today were your last day, what would you do?” Some give flowery kinds of answers. Some become philosophical. Some get emotional. What would you do? Would you embrace the day as one last great gift or would you approach each minute with dread wondering if it were to be your last minute?

The choice to live in wonder, awe, or dread is up to each person. It is not forced upon us. It is not willed upon us. It is not asked of us. People in the worst conditions often find hope and people who have enough means never to worry often live in dread. It is because they have chosen to view the day a certain kind of way.

My last day? I would like to think it would be filled with a few things:

- **Forgiveness**: I would attempt to seek forgiveness from anyone I may have wronged.
- **Confession**: I would want to make sure that I sought God’s forgiveness sacramentally.
- **Praise & Thanksgiving**: I would attempt to recall the many gifts that God has given to me throughout the years and thank Him for His wondrous love.
- **Anticipation**: I would wait, with joyful and hopeful anticipation, for God to call me home.

Today should be passed as if it were your last day. How are you going to pass your day?

**FAITH ACTION**: Make time today to recall the many things that God has done for you and yours and then take the time to let Him know how you feel about His wondrous love.

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**BEGINNING SOON**

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.

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**TO ALL OUR STUDENT PARISHIONERS**

I hope and pray that your new school year goes well and that you get the most out of all the experiences awaiting you. Don’t forget to make God a priority in your lives along with the million other things that will demand your attention.

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**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

A young woman ducked into a dressing room at the local store leaving her five-year-old son in charge of his year old sister. When she emerged, her son was pushing a different stroller, her daughter nowhere in sight.

"Daniel? What are you doing?" she said. “That’s not your sister!"

"I know, mommy," he replied. “But this is a much better stroller.”

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**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:

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.

Stewardship Thoughts
Many of us are told that there is no immediate solution when it comes to stewardship, evangelization, or growing our Catholic faith community. We rely on others to show us the way and give us the steps needed. We cling to cookie-cutter programs to bail us out and when it doesn't work, we blame the poor program or the people who were charged with leading the program. It's never our fault, it's always someone else's problem, when in reality, it is us. Each of us has the ability to be the catalyst for spiritual change in our families and in our parish communities. It starts with:

• Our own conversion of heart.
• Asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and then following His lead.
• Recognizing our dependence on God and trusting in His "daily bread."
• Understanding the difference between "needs" and "wants."
• Seeing circumstances through the other person's perspective.
• Realizing we have more than enough and plenty to share.
  • Discerning how God is calling us and then do it.
  • Not being afraid to take risks.
  • Joyfully sharing our faith stories.
• Courageously defending our Catholic faith.
• Taking time to build relationships with God and others.

If we want holy, joy-filled families, parishes, and communities then we need to be the start for others to see and invite onto the path to holiness. Be the change you want others to be.

Here's a reflection that was shared from an unknown author: "When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it difficult to change the world, so I tried my own nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change my town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself. I realized that long ago if I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Our impact could have changed the nation, and I could indeed have changed the world."

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.

Lectors for the Week

Saturday, August 31
5:30 pm Mass
Jill Hasiak & Louise Younkers

Sunday, September 1
6:30 am Mass
Don DulkoSki & Virgil Ramirez
8:00 am Mass
Dan & Elizabeth Buksa
10:00 am Mass
Kevin Connelly & Hope Terzo
12:00 Noon Mass
Teresa Brazzale & Cheryl Staniszewski

Saturday, August 31
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway
Choir: Tom & Louisa Jurich

Sunday, September 1
6:30 am Mass
Main: Leilani Suchanuk
Chapel: Tom & Linda Brady
8:00 am Mass
Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Rosemary Barker
10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Miller Family
Choir: Joe Arent
12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Mack Family
Our New School Year is Off to a Great Start!
St. Thomas More Parish Life Presents the Annual

PARISH SAFARI PICNIC

All St. Thomas More Parishioners are invited on

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

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Boy Scout Flag Ceremony • Door Prizes • Kids Games with Prizes

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

RESERVATION FORM
We hope all parishioners will join us! Complete this form & place in the Sunday collection basket or drop off at the parish Office no later than Tuesday, September 3rd!

Name __________________________________________________________

Adults Attending _______ Children Attending _______ Phone ________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________

ANIMAL SAFARI
2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Fun for kids ages 1 to 100
Educational show with a chance to get up close & personal with the animals!
Please, Please, Please
Volunteer to help us! If you are a parishioner, an
STMS parent or grandparent,
We Need Your Help!

We are currently in need of morning assistance in our school
parking lot to help insure the safety of our students as they arrive.

Parking Lot Monitor
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday to Wednesday & Friday.
Thursday hours: 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

This is a paid position, or school families can earn service hour
credit. If you are a parishioner who attends Mass every morning,
why not spend an hour before or after Mass helping our school
children. Your help would be most appreciated!

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

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!

Help St. Thomas More School by dining at Five Guys in Mun-
ster this Tuesday and STMS will receive a 20% donation from
every purchase, plus an additional $1.00 for every milkshake.

Tuesday, August 27th
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (all day)

Five Guys Hamburgers
8231 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN

We can earn even more if you purchase gift cards!

**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 28 • 6:30 p.m.
STM Weis Center • 8435 Calumet • Munster, IN
For more information email: stmcbpack542@gmail.com or on
the web: stmcbpack542.weebly.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 our
upcoming Virtus Training
Sessions at STM.

Tuesday, August 27
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Saturday, August 31
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

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).

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
- Pasta Sauce
- Pancake Mix • Syrup
- Canned Meats
- Meal Helpers
- Canned Fruit
- Rice Helpers/Sides
- Tuna • Soup
- Potato Helpers/Sides
- Cereal
- Frosting
- Toilet Paper
- Peanut Butter • Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Meal/Hamburger Helper
- Bar Soap
- Meal/Hamburger Helper
- Please check expiration dates!

Thank you for your generosity. To volunteer or learn more about
SVDP, contact Mike Martinelli at (219) 836-8610.
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**
*1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center*
All St. Thomas More seniors are invited. Please join us!

Altar & Rosary Society
Our new year kicks off with one of our favorite events! Join us!
**Potluck Dinner**
*6:30 p.m. in the Solar Room*
**Wednesday, September 11**
All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a favorite main dish, salad or vegetable to share.
Altar & Rosary will provide the desserts.
For more information, please contact Cindy at (219) 923-9862 or Kathleen at (219) 972-0539. See you there!

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, Owner/Operator
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.

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, September 16**
*7:00 p.m. in the Solar Room*
The new video, “Miracles from Heaven” will be debut at the September meeting. This highly acclaimed new release has been widely praised and popular.
**Monday, October 21**
We welcome new members any time during the year. Join us!
**Reserve your spot now for 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_______________________________________
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Amount Enclosed ($20/guest) $___________________

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. Join us for our next meeting:
**Monday, September 16, 2019**
*7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room*

**Upcoming Meetings:**
October 21 • November 18 • No December Meeting
Live Christ/Share Christ
Plan to be inspired and renewed in your faith at our next
Live Christ/Share Christ event
Saturday, September 14, 2019
9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center

Oblates of St. Benedict
All are welcomed to join us
Saturday, September 14, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
St. Thomas More Conference Room
Join us in praying Lectio Divina. We will also be discussing
“Wisdom: The Good Life Wisdom Literature and the Rule of
Benedict”. Learn how it applies to daily life.

Bishop Noll Events
BNI Class Reunions Planned
Class of 1959
Join the Class of 1959 on October 5, 2019.
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.
Stay tuned to bishopnoll.org for details.

Class of 2009
The BNI Class of 2009 will have its reunion from 6:00 to
10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12 at Set 'Em Up Lanes in
Valparaiso, IN 46385 for info.

Support St. Joseph’s Home
The Guild of the St. Joseph’s Home presents its annual fundraiser
An Autumn Night
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Villa Cesare • 900 Eagle Ridge • Schererville, IN
Shop the Bountiful Bazaar with Cocktails beginning at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner by the Fire at 6:00 p.m.
$55/person donation includes live music by the Unstopps, photo
booth and music by 219 Productions.
Fashion Show with stylings by Alexis Finer Fashions and Albert’s
Jewelry.
For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Pam at (219) 972-0333 or jpy021282@comcast.net.
The St. Joseph’s Carmelite Home in East Chicago is a nonprofit
home for children in crisis, helping local children for 104 years.
Run by the Carmelite Sisters, who pride themselves on caring for
children age birth to 18, works to rehabilitate children before
reuniting them with their families. Children receive medical care,
counseling and other treatments and skills taught through a
variety of programs and children can stay as long as needed.

Planting Possibilities
Save the Date!
Annual Mum Sale
Weis Center Parking Lot
Saturday, September 14
8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Find beautiful, florist quality mums to
brighten your décor for fall.

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.
Sessions held in St. Patrick Hall at 7:00 p.m.
Call Janice at (219) 322-4505, ext. 8241 to register.

Knights Golf Outing
It’s not too early to save the date for the annual
Msgr. Weis Council Knights of Columbus Golf Outing at nearby
Wicker Park in Highland, IN
Saturday September 28, 2019
Registration at 7:30 a.m. • Tee-offs begin at 8:00 a.m.
Refreshments & food to follow golfing at St. Thomas More.
$60/golfer includes greens fee, cart,
course food/drink tickets, prizes and
meal/beverages after golf.
The event is open to all Knights, family,
friends and parishioners.
Join us for a day of fellowship and fun.
We are also seeking donations of items for
hole prizes and outing gift bags.
Contact Dave Kritzer (219)577-5462 or
dkritzer@sbcglobal.net to sign-up or for more information.

Vigil to Save a Thousand Souls
All are invited to participate in an
All Night Vigil to Save a Thousand Souls
promoting world peace and an end to abortion.
First Friday/First Saturday
September 6 & 7, 2019
Vigil begins with a 7:00 p.m. Mass on Friday, September 6 at the
Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road in Munster, and ends
with a 6:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, September 7.
Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, a candlelight
procession and refreshments are all a part of this event.
For more information, please call (219) 836-8779.

Rachel’s Vineyard
Post-Abortion Retreat
Rachel’s Vineyard offers retreats for women & men who have
experienced abortion. The weekend focuses on the love of God,
His mercy & new beginnings and hope through scripture,
meditation & Sacrament. Cost is minimal. Next retreat begins
September 15, 2019. Contact, confidentially, Rosanne Kouris at
(219) 769-9292, #259 or Rachel’s Vineyard: (219) 552-2944.
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