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MacNicholas

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 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
Principal: Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
School Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 2200
School Reception & Office Assoc.: Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
School Parent Association: Heather Delgado; (312) 933-9208
Parish & School Office Associate: Maureen Walz; Ext. 2311
School Admission: Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development: Karen Leluge; Ext. 2307
Business Manager: Mike Gutchesky; Ext. 2339

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 Strimb; Ext. 2236
Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

2019-2020 Pastoral Council Members

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

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.

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Mission Statement: The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites
every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through
Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ 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.
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 7
5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, September 8
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

MONDAY, September 2 — Happy Labor Day
9:00 am J., L., M. & S. Fuggar/MC ~ Emma

SATURDAY, September 7
8:30 am J. Serrano, A. Burzynski
5:30 pm D. Ayala, E. Rodriguez, J. Power
MC ~ Vanessa

SUNDAY, September 8
6:30 am B., J. & S. Ramirez
8:00 am D. Kenning, D. Nahnsen, H. Jorsch
MC ~ Gavin
10:00 am D. & V. James, N. Arman/MC ~ Patrick
12:00 pm F. Bernarte, J. & M. Blanford/MC ~ Jacob B.

Wedding Banns

Bann I
Timothy Johnson & Shelby Anderson

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.

Bulletin Articles

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

Sacrificial Offerings

August 25, 2019

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“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13 -14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print.

Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

Stewardship Reflection
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they’re the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" and hope they’ll RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we include in our party. Shouldn't we include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go out to those who need to hear a message from the Lord. Shouldn't we make it a point to invite people who might be the most interesting people to us.

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Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite. "In case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who do we want to spend time with? Who do we want to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can we serve?

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Bilello
Michael Blazevich
Laverne Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bosstrom
Arthur M. Branco
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Al Corollo
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jeff Chastain
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Consello
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Doris Dabrowski
Eleuterio Del Real
Irene Dettmer
Jeanine Doescher
Patrick Doran
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Phyllis Gabrione
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralowski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Rosenarie Havran
Amy Hayes
Marie Henke
Irina Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hesk
Becky Hill
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingbretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Robert Kalka
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Mark Kenney
Irene Kersp
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatte
Paul Kostalik
Edward Kritzler
Crystal Kurek
Isabella Lappo
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiewicz
Edward Lisikiewicz
Stanley Lisikiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Brady Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Genevieve Mryan
Donna Nichols
Jim Nolan
Chet Nordyke
Steve Nowacyzk
Clare O’Brien
Donna O’Connor
Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Joanna Petruich
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Ron Pleinjak
Sylvester Purnas
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Mariane Schultz
William Schwartz
Zachary Sciffr
James Sevcar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Stute
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Rose Theis
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubane
Phyllis Unkuri
Tony Vander Leovel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanih
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Maryln (Vrabel) Wada
Mark Wein
Don Woszczynski
Josephine Zagrocki
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Readings for Week of September 1

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

Monday:
1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:
Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:
Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday:
Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:
Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:
Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phil 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Flu/Pneumonia Shots
You don’t need to go any further than the Solar Room to stay healthy this fall & winter! Get your seasonal immunizations!

Sunday, September 8
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Solar Room
Immunizations provided by Walgreens. Seniors with Medicare cards are free. Insurance will be billed for all others participants. Please bring your insurance card and I.D.

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.
WE ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH

“Theft is impossible without humility. Why should I strive for perfection, if I am already good enough?” ~ Leo Tolstoy

The readings at this weekend’s Masses speak to us about the virtue and importance of humility. Humility is probably one of the least desired virtues among people. We do not want to be humble. We want to be seen, to be noticed, and to be highly influential. To recommend that someone be humble will garner us a really quick stare-down by another.

But, as Tolstoy reminds us, humility is a very basic part of the package called perfection. We cannot possibly become perfect if we think we are already there. If we think we’re the best that there is, then there is no motivation to become any better. Let’s face it, we can all be better.

In the first reading, the Book of Sirach tells us that if we conduct our affairs with humility we will be loved more than a giver of gifts. If we humble ourselves, especially if we are considered as great, God will be pleased with us. That is because, when we are truly humble, we see ourselves as God sees us, as they say, “warts and all.”

There are many people who abhor the thought of a lack of perfection. Plastic surgeons do a thriving business on those kinds of people. Nips and tucks, tweaks and massive reworking are all done in the name of physical perfection. If only we could see our souls the same way that we see ourselves in the mirrors. We would be much more motivated to do something about perfecting them.

We can all do with a spiritual tummy-tuck or facelift. But, the only way that we can see our spiritual imperfections is to have the grace of humility. Being humble, we will see what is lacking within us and we would then be more motivated to change.

Jesus spoke about those who try to promote themselves and who think that they are the most important. A rude awakening awaits them when they find that they are not recognized that way by others. Jesus told his disciples that through the story of the wedding guest who took a place of honor at table thinking that he was deserving only to be told to sit at a much lower place.

The day that we realize that we are not deserving will give us the humility to ask the question, “What must we do in order to do and be better?” That question will lead to answers that require just as much humility in order for us to do what we need to do. Perfection is a difficult task and being perfected by God is most humbling. However, it is worth all the personal cost that it entails since it brings with it an eternal reward.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God for the gift of humility and then be prepared to act upon the changes that God requests of you.

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.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During a pause around the bridge table, one of the ladies asked the hostess, “I suppose you carry some sort of memento in that locket?”

“Yes,” the hostess replied. “It’s a lock of my husband’s hair.”

“But your husband is still alive!” the friend blurted out. “Yes, of course,” said the hostess. “But, his hair is gone.”

Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having except as a result of hard work.

~ Booker T. Washington

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:

September 2: Rev. Herman A. Schoudel (1970)
**Religious Education**

**Religious Education Classes Start Soon**
We are looking to have a great start to our year as classes resume on Wednesday/Thursday, September 4/5. We can’t wait to see our students again!

**September Schedule**

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**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 last scheduled Virtus Training at STM:

**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).

**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.

**Nursery Schedule**
All children, infant to age 5, are welcome to join us in our parish Nursery during the Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We are still in need of Nursery volunteers! Any teen or adult who is willing to help should contact Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079 or email: kaarenann@aol.com.

Virtus training is a must.

**September 15**
Kim Cipowski • Addison Cipowski
Andrew Cipowski

**September 22**
Jennifer Anderson • Kaaren Mashura
Paul Harkenrider

**September 29**
Ann Harkenrider • Eileen Harkenrider
Paul Harkenrider

**Gifts of Love & Warmth**
The Gifts of Love & Warmth ministry will reconvene on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

as we work, with our loving hands and many talents, to create and distribute warm, homemade items to nursing home residents and infants in our area.

Please note: Our meetings are now located at the Weis Center!

We look forward to seeing our members again, and welcome any new members who’d like to join us.
Th is special opportunity begins by sitting together at Mass and ends with a lasting bond, forming a special friendship that endures for years to come. This year, STMS is introducing new programs, extending our Church Buddy program to include children of all grades and pairing students of all ages together in a Faith Family; more about this special group in the weeks to come.

Thank You!

A big thanks to our St. Thomas More school families and parishioners who purchased Five Guys burgers and shakes on Tuesday to help our school.

We are so appreciative to all who dined and shared, helping STMS raise valuable funds.

We hope this delicious way to support our school was a treat for you, too!

Our thanks to all who participated!

T.R.I.P. is Back!

Everyone can take advantage of the quick and easy T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) at St. Thomas More School. This convenient service delivers gift cards for a host of restaurant, vacation, grocery, gas and retail outlets right to you, or to our Parish Office, and best of all, your orders help our STMS students receive financial benefits, thanks to your participation in this program.

It’s a win-win!

Orders are always due in the School or Parish Office by 8:15 a.m. on Monday processing days (unless noted otherwise) and are available for pick up two (2) days later in the Parish Office, or can be sent home with your favorite STMS student.

For more information or questions, please email: stmstrip@stm-school.com.

Sign-up today!

2019 Processing Days:

September 9
Pick-up/Delivery Day: September 11

September 23
Pick-up/Delivery Day: September 25

October 7
Pick-up/Delivery Day: October 9

October 21
Pick-up/Delivery Day: October 23

November 4
Pick-up/Delivery Day: November 6

November 18
Pick-up/Delivery Day: November 19

December 2
Pick-up/Delivery Day: December 4

December 16

(last before the Christmas holiday)
Pick-up/Delivery Day: December 18
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!
Parishioners & School Families

If you are a parishioner, 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.
Thursdays: 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. This is a paid position, or school families can earn volunteeur 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, please send contact Dr. Samantha Francis at sfrancis@stm-school.com.

Senior Citizens

Join other senior parishioners for a great year of activities, fun and fellowship as we begin our new year of meetings! All St. Thomas More senior citizens are invited to join this fun, informative and enjoyable group of fellow parishioners. All meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center, unless otherwise noted. Annual dues are only $10 and requested at the first meeting.

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Secretary
(219) 836-8266

Herb Cleve
Past President
(219) 670-2982

Oblates of St. Benedict

All are welcomed to join us
Saturday, September 14, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the 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.

St. Vincent de Paul at Work

The months of April to June were busy for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our mission is to support the less fortunate in the community by delivering food and assisting with utility payments such as NIPSCO bills, rent payments and water bills. During this three-month period, we were able to help those in our community, thanks to your support, as follows:
• Delivered food to 87 families (total of 240 people assisted)
• Assisted 90 households (total of 232 people) with payments for NIPSCO, rent or water bills

You are the reason we can help others!
Without the generous support of our parishioners, we would not be able to do what we do. We would like to thank all of you for your generous support of our ministry! You deserve a pat on the back for your financial stewardship of our organization.

Items Needed for Our Pantry:

- Pork & Beans
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Meal/Hamburger
- Canned Sauce
- Meal/Hamburger
- Canned Meats
- Rice Helpers/Sides
- Canned Fruit

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

Religious Formation & Education

We’ve started a new year and continue to work, helping the parishioners of St. Thomas More grow in their faith and spirituality. All are welcome to 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

Our Music Ministries Need You!

Share Your Talents with Our Parish

Youth Chorale

We are in need of new members for the Youth Chorale.

Youth Chorale is open to all children in Grades 2 to 8.

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 like to share your singing talent with the 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.
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 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.

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 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_______________________________________
Phone_______________________________________
Email_____________________________________
Amount Enclosed ($20/guest) $___________________

Live Christ/Share Christ
Join us as we continue our work to rekindle and deepen our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may know Christ and love him more deeply. In response to God’s love, we can share our faith and love by the way we live as an example to family and friends. Please join us at our next meeting:
Saturday, September 14
9:00 a.m. at the Weis Center
Speaker: Mark Bitner
Topic: Devotion to Mary
Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month.
Fr. Declan Leads Pilgrimage

Join our very own Fr. Declan as he leads young adults from the Diocese of Gary on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi.

May 27—June 3, 2020
Open to all young adults, post-high school to age 35.
Spaces are limited, so don’t delay.
For more information visit: youngadultpilgrimages.com.

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 info on Facebook: “Bishop Noll Class of 1974” or contact Maria Trevino Callas atmcallas2@comcast.net.

Class of 1984
The Class of ’84 is planning a 35-year reunion for fall 2019. Stay tuned to bishopnoll.org for details.

Class of 2009
The BNI Class of 2009 reunion is 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12 at Set ‘Em Up Lanes in Griffith. For info, contact Cari Trevino at (708) 224-1029 or ctrevino@loeb.com.

The Mystery of the Eucharist
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 donation 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.

Asian Catholic Unity Day
Join parishioners from the Gary Diocese for the annual Asian Catholic Unity Day Celebration to celebrate the many traditions and rich cultures of our diocesan Asian population from China-Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam and India.

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Mass at 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Consolation Church • 8303 Taft Street • Merrillville
Social Hour after Mass with food and entertainment. For more information, please contact Adeline Torres at (219) 397-2125 at email: atorres@degary.org

Planting Possibilities
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.

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Catholic Charities will be distributing food twice a week:

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Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Clothing distribution:
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month • 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Volunteers are needed to help sort, package, deliver to homebound and work the mobile pantry & Angel Closet.
If you need more information about any of these services, or to volunteer, please contact Pantry Manager, Liz Acevedo at (219) 397-5803, ext. 205 or eacevedo@catholic-charities.org.

Support St. Joseph’s Home
The Guild of the St. Joseph’s Home presents 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 includes music by the Unstopps, photo booth & music by 219 Productions. Fashion Show with stylings by Alexis Finer Fashions and Albert’s Jewelry.
For more info, or to purchase tickets, please contact Pam at (219)838-0333 or jjpy021282@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.

Andrean High School
All are welcome to attend our 60th Birthday Bash Trivia Night
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**Vigil to Save a Thousand Souls**

Join us to help promote world peace and an end to abortion

*All Night Vigil to Save a Thousand Souls*

First Friday/First Saturday

**September 6 & 7, 2019**

Carmelite Monastery • 1628 Ridge Road • Munster

Begins with Vigil: 7:00 p.m. Mass on Friday, September 6.

Ends with 6:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, September 7.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, candlelight procession & refreshments. For information, call (219) 836-8779.

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**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 directly: (219) 552-2944.

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**Events in the Area...**

**Order Delicious Pierogis**

The Pierogi Sale at St. Josaphat Church, corner of Ridge Road and White Oak in Munster, has returned after their summer break. Order no later than 9:00 a.m. Thursday at (219) 838-9811 and pick-up the following day, Friday, between Noon & 3:00 p.m. Kraut, potato, cheese or prune:$10/dozen or $5/half.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed**

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer delivery persons for the Hammond & Griffith communities. If you’d like to make a difference in your community, why not consider delivering meals for our clients? Training is twice a month in our office at 8446 Virginia Street, Merrillville. Call Joan, Volunteer Manager, at (219) 756-3663 to register for a training session.

**Orchestra of Peace**

Join us in our new endeavor: Orchestra of Peace, a Christian community orchestra serving NWI & Chicagoland. The first meeting/rehearsal will be Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James the Less in Highland. Bring a music stand! No audition required. Now seeking string players. Contact Deacon Timothy Woods at (219) 402-2437 or deacontimwoods@gmail.com or learn more on our webpage: orchestraofpeace.wixsite.com/home.

**St. James the Less Events**

**Book Club**

Pope Francis said, “the Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of ordinary people and the saints; it is a prayer from my heart.” Make the Rosary come alive by reading *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before*, written by Edward Sri, and join the St. James the Less Book Club. Sign-up and purchase book ($15) on **September 19** from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Meetings to discuss the book will take place each Thursday in October (**October 3-24**) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church in Highland (corner of 45th & Kennedy Avenue). For more information, please contact Phyllis Steiner at (219) 934-0967.

**Rummage Sale**

The St. James Women’s Guild will be holding their Fall Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall on September 25-27. Find the perfect treasure, enjoy baked goods and pierogi, too! Drop-off donations on September 24 & 25. Help is needed all days. If interested, call Chris at (219) 810-2043. Pre-order pierogis by calling Jo at (219) 838-5953 no later than September 13, 2019.

**Spred Ministry**

Consider becoming involved and stretch your faith horizons. The Spred program is one way to help you grow in your faith while helping reach out to those more vulnerable and guide them, as a friend within a small faith community. Join us for our next Spred Information Gathering at St. Mary Parish, 525 N. Broad Street in Griffith on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. Parents of those with a developmental or intellectual challenge, no matter what the age of the child, are most welcome. We also need other adult help, too. This is informational and does not require a commitment. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Sivek at e.sivek@sbcglobal.net.

**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. Mary của Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiệt Đới Retreat at Lindenwood**

Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center to host retreat with guest speaker, Fr. Jerry Schweitzer on September 27-28, 2019 at the Center in Donaldson, IN. 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.

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**“Fall!” in Love with Hammond Senior Center**

All Seniors are invited to the Pulaski Park Senior Center, where autumn presents many enjoyable activities and opportunities to share with friends. **Thursday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.:** Barbara Rossi facilitates a Medicare Supplementals Discussion followed by a September celebration. **September 1 to October 1:** “Blanket Brigade” to aid the Hammond City Rescue Mission, which accommodates 55 men. We need new/slightly used blankets for these men’s beds. Drop-off at the Center on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until October 1st. The Senior Center is located in Pulaski Park at 137th Street and Hohman Avenue in North Hammond and all seniors are welcome to come, share and “fall” into the season with us.

**Polish Heritage Festival**

Sunday, September 15 at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. US Hwy 12 in Michigan City, IN. Polish-English Mass in the Symphony Garden at 10:30 a.m., followed by food and festivities from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Featured will be Polish food from Hammond’s Cavalier Inn and baked goods from Bakers Dozen of South Bend, a beer garden, cultural displays, pisanki (Polish Easter egg) demonstrations, vendors, raffles and more. Entertainment includes music by the "Ampol Aires" polka band and several Polish folk dance troupes. Find more info at www.facebook.com/PolishHeritageFestivalMC.

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