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St. Thomas More Roman 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.

St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

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Pastoral Care Coordinator: Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 2315
Director of Music: Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education: Emily Hackett; Ext. 2322

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Carolyn Cenko, Leslee Dernule
Diane DeSoto, Tim Jevyak, Chairperson
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Hospitality/Greeters: Chris Shearman 923-1419
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Nursery: Kaaren A. Mashura 836-5079
St. Vincent de Paul: Michael Martinelli 836-8610
Vocations Committee: 836-8610

Sacramental Information
Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
First Friday: 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass
Baptisms: First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
须 be a practicing Catholic.
Pre-Baptism Class: 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
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. 2322
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
Parish Life: Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice: Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship: Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship: Paul Liszewski

St. Thomas More School
Pre-School through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday—Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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School Phone: 836-9151 • School Fax: 836-9872
President: Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
Principal: Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
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Parish & School Offices Associate: Maureen Walz; Ext. 2311
School Admission: Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development: Karen Lelug; Ext. 2307
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Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
Phone: 836-2660
Fax: 836-2655

Please remember St. Thomas More in your Will and Estate Planning
SUNDAY, September 22
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For The People of the Diocese Of Gary
8:00 am Eugene Szczepaniak by Family
10:00 am William Dorsey McDunn by Mr. & Mrs. William K. McDunn
12:00 pm Patrick Quinn by Wife Lois

MONDAY, September 23 — St. Pius of Pietrelcina
6:30 am Thomas Schramm by Rose Yothers
8:30 am Claire Korabel by Jacci Rench

TUESDAY, September 24
6:30 am Anthony Stanekers (Ann) by Susan Strain
8:30 am Martha Gallagher by Zofia Pawlowicz
10:00 am Michael Anthony Bubula by Holy Name Society
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

WEDNESDAY, September 25
6:30 am Shirley Vance by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Sauter
8:30 am Dorothy Koetteritz by Bill & Dorothy O'Brien

THURSDAY, September 26 — Sts. Cosmas and Damian
6:30 am Intention of Pedro Perez by Lucy Perz
9:00 am Joan Wolak by Michael Wolak

FRIDAY, September 27 — St. Vincent de Paul
6:30 am Mary Holda (Ann) by Family
8:30 am Bert & Emily Woess (Ann) by Bert Woess & Eileen VanKavelaar

SATURDAY, September 28 — St. Wenceslaus
8:30 am Virginia Ulanowski by Ray & Tina Sowa
5:30 pm Angelo & Margaret Bertagnolli by Jim & Arlene Kender

SUNDAY, September 29
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For the People of the Diocese Of Gary
8:00 am Francis Coman by Mary Coman
10:00 am In Honor of St. Vincent de Paul by STM St. Vincent de Paul Society
12:00 pm Stephen & Eleanore Bolanowski by Joel & Francine Richman

Pastoral Care Ministry
The Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Thomas More serves the sick, homebound and hospitalized of our parish family by bringing the Eucharist to those who cannot attend church. If you or a family member is a hospitalized or homebound parishioner, arrange a Communion visit by contacting Deacon Dave Kapala: (219) 836-8610, # 2315 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

Sacrificial Offerings
September 15, 2019

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Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top. Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time? Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation?

"No servant can serve two masters." This week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billeedo
Michael Blazevich
Lavere Blumka
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Arthur M. Branco
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Al Carlolo
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jeff Chastain
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Willie Colby
Vincent Consello
Mike Curtin
Valerie Czapkwicz
Doris Dabrowski
Sarah Dalton
Eleuterio Del Real
Irene Dettmer
Jeannie Doescher
Patrick Doran
Alex Eiland
Sherlon Evans
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabriele
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Margaret Good
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff

James Grunewald
Mary Ellen Guillicks
Rosalie Havan
Amy Hayes
Marie Henke
Irma Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hessek
Becky Hill
Charlotte Hunt
Betty Ingibreston
Irene S. Irwin
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Robert Kalka
Carol Keilman
Kelly Jean
Mark Kenny
Irene Korba
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatzyk
Paul Kostalik
Edward Kitzler
Crystal Kurek
Isabella Lappo
Amika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Kris Liskiwicz
Jo Lisniwicz
Edward Liskiwicz
Stanley Liskiwicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Brady Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Menny
Sandi Merlo
Eli Meyer
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Genevieve Mryan
Donna Nichols
Jim Nolan

Chet Nordyke
Steven Nowaczyn
Clare O’Brien
Donna O’Connor
Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Johanna Pettruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Piliones
Ron Plevniak
Sylvester Pierras
Andrew Poirier
Dorothy Pream
Laura Pignatelli
James Prendergast
Elizabeth Price
Mike Primack
Ronald Prou
Jerry Reach
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachary Siffert
James Sevchak
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazzy
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Staracek
Georgianna Suto
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Rose Theis
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubue
Phyllis Unkuri
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbanch
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabek) Warda
Mark Wein
Don Woszczynski
Josephine Zagracki
Cecilia Zielenk
Cody Ziemkowsi

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, September 23
6:30 pm  Marian Rosary ~ Chapel
6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus ~ Weis Center
7:00 pm  Schola Choir ~ Church
TUESDAY, September 24
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  RCIA Info Meeting ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, September 25
6:30 am  Wellness Event (until 8:30 am) ~ Solar Room
9:30 am  Bible Study ~ Weis Center
4:30 pm  Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm.)
6:30 pm  Handbell Practice ~ Church (until 7:45 p.m.)
7:00 pm  St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm  Gabriel Project ~ Teachers’ Lounge

THURSDAY, September 26
4:30 pm  Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm.)
6:30 pm  Scripture Study ~ Weis Center
6:45 pm  All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, September 27
9:00 am  Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Weis Center

Saturday, September 28
9:00 am  Pastoral Council ~ Conference Room
Knights of Columbus Golf Outing ~ Wicker Park/Weis Center

Sunday, September 29
St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive at All Masses
Blood Drive in the Gym from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Readings for Week of September 22

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-12/Lk 16:11-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezr 1:6-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-4, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Stewardship Reflection

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” LUKE 16:13

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all we need.

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BE GENUINE

“The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it’s difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine. ~ Abraham Lincoln”

Every time the quote above appears on Facebook or in other various places on the internet, I get the biggest laugh. We all know, of course, that Abraham Lincoln could not have made this quote as there was no such thing as an internet in his day and age. The reason I get such a laugh is because, when pointing this quote out to some people, you will invariably get a blank look on someone’s face and the response, “What’s wrong with that?” As long as it appears in print, it must be correct.

The phrase “fake news” has been rampant over the past few years. There have been many “news” stories printed on social media that are glaringly false. There have been many stories printed that have pointed the finger wrongly at others because facts were not checked before something went to print. But once the story is printed, it begins to spread as if it were, indeed, true. It then becomes difficult to determine whether or not something is genuine, something is real.

The same can be said for our faith lives. There are, sadly, ministers across all faiths who brand a certain kind of theology and preach it as if it were the truth handed down to us and listen to our words, they may see and hear the truths of Christ. We cannot package convenient theologies that leave out what we do not like about the faith or include our own little peccadillos. Jesus has said on more than one occasion, woe to those who lead others astray.

In order to be genuine, we need to know our faith. That means learning it from competent places and not picking it up from people with chips on their shoulders or internet sites that are far from accurate. If anything is important to us, we need to go the extra mile to learn about it so that we can embrace it as totally and as honestly as possible.

The world needs genuine disciples of the Lord so that it can understand the rich, deep, and abiding love of God. We do not need God’s teachings watered down. Instead, we need to see people living the faith authentically.

FAITH ACTION: Ask God to give you the grace and the courage that you need to live the faith authentically today so that you may inspire others to choose to follow Him as well.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Two people applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications. As part of the application process, they were asked to take a test by the Department Manager.

Upon completion of the test both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to one of the applicants and said, “Thank you for your interest, but we’ve decided to give the other applicant the job.”

The first applicant said, “Why? We both got nine questions correct, didn’t we? Why are you showing favoritism and choosing the other person over me?”

The Department Manager responded, “We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you don’t know.”

The first applicant asked, “And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?”

At that, the Department Manager responded, “Simple. The other applicant answered question number five by writing, ‘I don’t know.’ You put down, ‘Neither do I.'”

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is beginning on the first Tuesday of October. This coming Tuesday, September 24th, we will host an information/application evening for anyone who might be interested in the program.

The RCIA is the formal program for people to use who might want to convert to the Catholic faith. Anyone who wants to join the Church is welcome to come to the sessions. If they have never been baptized, they will be at the Vigil Mass of Easter. If they have been baptized in another faith, we ask them to bring baptismal documentation with them to the meeting.

Classes are every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (though we often finish by 8:00 p.m.) If you have questions about the program, come to the parish office at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday. The meeting is in the parish Conference Room.

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 23:  Rev. Joseph P. Murphy, SCJ (1977)
September 24:  Deacon David Brown (1997)
September 27:  Rev. Emil E. Bloch (1990)
Religious Education

Religious Education Classes
We are thrilled to be off to a great start for the new school year!

September Schedule
25/26  Class
2/3    Class
9/10   Class
16/17  No Class
22     Parent First Penance/Communion Meeting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Commitment Mass
23/24  Class
27     Family Formation Session: 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Gym
29/30  Class

October Schedule
25/26  Class
2/3    Class
9/10   Class
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Commitment Mass
16/17  No Class
22     Parent First Penance/Communion Meeting
7:00 p.m. in the Church
23/24  Class
27     Family Formation Session: 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Gym
29/30  Class

Doubling Up On Prayer
Our parish Synod group Faith Reigned is teaming up with the Circle of Prayer ministry to offer prayers for our parishioners in front of the Blessed Sacrament on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Chapel. Send your prayer requests to STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com. A member of the Faith Reigned team will be in the Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month and will include your requests in their Holy Hour prayers. We will also pray for the intentions that the Circle of Prayer members receive during the month.

Blood Drive at St. Thomas More
Give blood and make this a summer of love! Anyone can participate in our next Blood Drive.

Sunday, September 29
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gym
Appointments are appreciated and you can schedule an appointment by calling (800) 7TO-GIVE. We also welcome walk-ins. I.D. required for all donors.

Gabriel Project
We will begin our new year with our first meeting
Wednesday, September 25
7:00 p.m. in the Teachers’ Lounge.

There have been many Gabriel Project “happenings” this summer and we are excited to report the birth of two new babies, too; a very happy summer, indeed!

We look forward to seeing everyone and joyfully welcome new members. As always, please pray for our moms & their babies.

Lectors for the Week

Saturday, September 28
5:30 pm Mass
Jill Hasiak & Rob Mangus

Sunday, September 29
6:30 am Mass
James Landowski & Virgil Ramirez
8:00 am Mass
Ruth Banas & Judy Buksa
10:00 am Mass
Julius Ballanco & Terri Tratar
12:00 Noon Mass
Timothy Christiana & Cheryl Staniszewski

Saturday, September 28
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Dagmar Reay
Chapel: Dick & Nancy Hemingway
Choir: Tom & Louisa Jurich

Sunday, September 29
8:00 am Mass
Main: Jim & Nancy Kaczka
Chapel: Mary Silvasi
Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck
10:00 am Mass
Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha
12:00 Noon Mass
Chapel: Celeste Peltzer
Choir: Pat Batchelder

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 kaarenann@aol.com. Virtus training required.

Sunday, September 29
Ann, Eileen & Paul Harkenrider

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

Fr. Declan Leads Pilgrimage
Join Fr. Declan McNicholas 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. Space is limited. Visit: youngadultpilgrimages.com for more info.

Tech Recycling Stopped
We are very appreciative of the donated items for recycling, but, effective immediately, we will no longer be accepting:

Printer Ink Cartridges • Used Batteries
Old Cell Phones
Amazon Smile at Work

We know that all busy offices order a lot of supplies and necessities online, and your workplace can be a big help to St. Thomas More School!

Does your employer purchase from Amazon?

Ask your employer to use the link below for the AmazonSmile landing page when purchasing from Amazon. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of those purchases to St. Thomas More. It’s such an easy way to help STMS! And it can’t hurt to ask your purchasing rep if they’ll participate.

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733

Apples for Education

Strack & Van Till is participating in the Apples for the Students program. By saving and submitting your Strack & Van Til receipts to STMS, our students will receive Apple products, science supplies, audio visual equipment and a host of other valuable items to help enhance our current educational programs. Please submit your receipts in a marked envelope to the School or Parish Office. It’s easy and your help is greatly appreciated!

Chipotle Night is Tuesday!

The big day is finally here for us to enjoy a delicious meal at *Chipotle in Munster!*

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Chipotle • 8201 Calumet Avenue • Munster

STMS receives a generous 33% of orders on Tuesday, but be sure to show this ad or tell the cashier when you place your order (sorry, no online orders or gift card purchases count).

Thanks for participating in this fundraiser for St. Thomas More School and have a burritoful day! Guac-on!

Building a Strong School

Family

*Students Lead the Way*

We know that there are many ways for someone to become a leader and most involve “setting a good example” that others want to follow.

As part of the leadership program at St. Thomas More School, our students try to illustrate their very best “example” every day, allowing younger students to emulate that behavior and follow in these big footsteps.

Nothing illustrates leadership more than the educational mentoring activities hosted by our older students.

Continuing and building on past endeavors, St. Thomas More School is expanding mentor-relationships this year, with “senior” students assisting their “junior” counterparts for a variety of educational time and activities.

Recently, the STMS 7th grade leaders worked with our 3rd grade in an academic exercise of reading/comprehension and study habits. Their encounters were priceless!
Knights of Columbus

Everyone is invited to the annual Msgr. Weis Council Knights of Columbus Golf Outing at beautiful, nearby Wicker Park in Highland, IN

Saturday September 28, 2019
Registration at 7:30 a.m. • Tee-offs at 8:00 a.m.
Refreshments & food to follow golfing at St. Thomas More.

$60 per 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 & fun!

Seeking Donations
We are also seeking donations of items to be used for hole prizes and outing gift bags.
For more information, or to donate goods or services, please contact Dave Kritzer (219) 577-5462 or dkritzer@sbcglobal.net.

Senior Citizens

All Senior Citizens of our parish are invited to join us for a year of fun activities, information and fellowship!

All meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Weis Center (unless noted). Annual dues: $10 (due at your first meeting).

Wednesday, October 2
Business Meeting with Speaker: Extension Agent Linda Curley

Wednesday, October 23
Day of Reflection
10:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Chapel
Guest speaker: Fr. Ted Mauch
Luncheon to follow at the Weis Center. $15/person (advanced reservations) payable at meeting or by 10/16 in the Parish Office.

Religious Formation & Education

Join us as we continue our work to help the parishioners of St. Thomas More grow in their faith & spirituality. All welcome.

Monday, October 21, 2019
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room

Upcoming 2019 Meeting Dates:
November 18 • No December Meeting

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 next meeting:
Monday, October 21
7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center
All men of our parish are invited to join our group of prayerful, happy parishioners.

Calling All Men of Our Parish!

Reserve your spot now: 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) $___________________
Get Your Tickets Now!

Brews and Bites
Friday October 4th
Wicker Memorial Park Pavilion
7pm - 11pm

Delicious Tastes from These Restaurants:
Enjoy samplings from an old favorite, or find a new one!
Boss Man Tacos • Doc’s Smokehouse • El Salto • Fiddlehead • Ligia’s Café
Little Italy • Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria • Overstuffed Skillets & Sandwiches
Shipwreck Bar & Grill • Timbrook Kitchens

Featured Breweries:
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Enjoy a beautiful fall evening at the Wicker Park Pavilion. Taste exciting brews from the best local breweries and sample food from 10+ of the area’s best restaurants. Enjoy live music from The Ticks and find a host of other great activities. Must be 21+ to attend.

Tickets are on sale now at the School or Parish Office, or online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brews-and-bites-2019-tickets-68221104159

Get Your T.R.I.P. Orders In Now!
Everyone is invited to take advantage of the St. Thomas More School T.R.I.P. Program to have all the gift cards you need for birthdays, showers, etc. delivered right to STM for your convenience. Or shop early for Christmas!
Submit your order on Monday before 8:15 a.m. and it will be waiting in the Parish Office on Wednesday afternoon.

Next Order Date:
Monday, September 23
Pick-Up Date: 10/25/19
Info/sign-up: stmstrip@stm-school.com

Parishioners & School Families
If you are a parishioner, STMS parent or grandparent:
We Need Your Help!
We are still in need of morning assistance in our school parking lot to help insure the safety of our students as they arrive.
If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Dr. Samantha Francis at sfrancis@stm-school.com.

Parking Lot Monitor
Hours: 7:00 -8:00 a.m. Mon-Wed & Friday
Thursdays: 7:45-8:45 a.m.
Dinner & Clothing Give-Away
Join our very own parishioner, Lucy Perz, Calumet Region Youth and other Local Churches as they present the 35th Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Those in Need
Saturday, October 12, 2019
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hammond Civic Center
Donations Needed: To donate non-perishable food items or clothing or to volunteer, contact Lucy at (219) 838-6602 or (219) 381-4670.
Rocktoberfest is Back!
Presented by Rockopelli
Enjoy fine BBQ, live music & a fun vibe to help local charities!

Rocktoberfest
Kick off this year's Oktoberfest festivities on Saturday, September 28th with Rocktoberfest, hosted by Rockopelli, Inc.
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
True BBQ & Whiskey Bar
8940 Calumet Avenue • Munster • www.truebbqandwhiskey.com
Join us for delicious brews (including seasonal selections), German inspired food and live music! Prost!

This event has a $5 cover at the door, all ages welcome. For more info about Rocktoberfest 2019 visit us at www.rockopellifest.org
All proceeds go to Rockopelli Inc., a 501c3 non profit that organizes, produces and promotes concerts to raise funds for local causes.

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

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

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

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

Training Sessions
All training sessions will be held at St. Paul, Valparaiso weekly until October 24, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Each session includes a lesson, prayer, and discussion. Learn more by contacting the Diocese or smartin@dcgary.org.

Training Topics
Fall 2019
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

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!

Awakening 2 for Young Adults
October 4-6, 2019
Holy Name Catholic Church Cedar Lake, IN
Young Adults: Age 18-25 • Sign up: www.nwiawakening.com
After an amazing first retreat last April, we are happy to announce NWI Awakening 2 will be October 4-6th at Holy Name Catholic Church in Cedar Lake. The weekend is full of community, fun, and of course, Jesus. Get away for a weekend with some friends see what Awakening retreats are all about. Total cost is $30 for the whole weekend and scholarships are available. To sign-up or for info: www.nwiawakening.com or contact Matt at matt.kresich@gmail.com.
Walk to End Alzheimer's Today
All are encouraged to take part in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s today at the Lake County Fairgrounds beginning at 1:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 11:45 a.m.).

Order Delicious Pierogis
The Pierogi Sale at St. Josaphat Church, corner of Ridge Road and White Oak in Munster, has returned after a summer break. Order no later than 9:00 a.m. each Thursday at (219) 820-3284 and pick-up the following Friday, between Noon & 3:00 p.m. Kraut, potato, cheese or prune: $10/dozen or $5/half.

Benefit Jazz Concert
The St. Maria Goretti is hosting a Jazz Benefit Concert on Sunday, September 22 at Casa Maria Banquet Hall, 500 Northgate Drive, Dyer from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: $40/person includes live music by Jim Markiewicz & Smooth Groove, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Cash bar. Call (219) 865-5482 to make reservations. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry, serving approximately 120 families monthly from Dyer, Highland, Griffith, Munster, Schererville and St. John.

St. James 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.

Parables Retreat at Lindenwood
Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center to host retreat with 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 illustrate how Jesus Christ presents images that challenge us to think differently about our Christian way of life. Single & double occupancy or commuter option. Costs: $50 to $130 option. Meals, materials, refreshments and Mass included. Register at Lindenwood.org or call (574) 935-1780.

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 at door. $30/Adult; $15/14 years & under. 13145 S. Houston; Chicago (Hegewisch) (773) 646-4877.

Unite & Fight Cancer
Join the fight to end cancer by taking part in the 16th annual Unite & Fight Cancer Walk/5K Run on Sunday, October 6 at the Munster High School football field, hosted by the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster. Take part in the Walk/Run or sponsor someone. Noon registration. Children (age 10 & under) have a 100-Yard Dash. You’ll find music, face painting, a magician, food, vendors and raffles. Learn more by contacting the Resource Centre at (219) 836-3349 or UniteandFight.org or CancerResourceCentre.com.

Marian Midwest Byzantine Pilgrimage
The Byzantine Catholic Midwest Deanery will be hosting its second annual Marian Midwest Pilgrimage on October 5& 6, 2019 at St. Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting. Prayer begins Saturday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. with Great Vespers sung by the Schola Cantorum of St. Peter’s in the Loop. Pilgrimage continues through October 6. An ethnic dinner and documentary movie in the hall will follow at 7:00 p.m. Food provided by Big Frank’s Sausage. Tickets are $20/adults, $10/kids 6-12 (5 and under free). Presale only. Go to stmarywhiting.org/pilgrimage or call (219) 659-0277 for tickets.

Fall Gathering of Motorcycles
Sunday, October 6, 2019 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine (the Salvatorian Fathers), 5755 Pennsylvania Street in Merrillville. Participants can take part in Mass (Polish) at 12:00 Noon, followed by a picnic on the shrine grounds. Menu items and prices vary. This event will be held rain or shine. Everyone is welcome! For more info: (219) 884-0714.

Polish-American Heritage Month Speaker
Special Guest Speaker Program with Mark Dobrzynski – “Chicago’s Polish Americans”. Hosted by the Polish-American Cultural Society of NWI (Portage Chapter) on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving Street in Portage. Mark Dobrzynski of Harwood Heights, IL, is the current director of the Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic in Chicago. He has received many accolades for helping Polish people and hosted and produced a Polish TV show. In 1988, Mark received a diplomatic post with the U.S. Information Agency in Warsaw aiding the first exchange between Poland and the U.S. since the imposition of martial law before President Ronald Reagan's trip to Poland later that year. Admission is free and open to the public; light refreshments. Reservations suggested: Theresa at 219-464-1369 or polamnwi@yahoo.com.

Pick 7 Outreach at St. Matthias
St. Matthias in Crown Point is hosting a Pick 7 Outreach for those in need on Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Anyone needing a helping hand with food or household supplies is welcome to take part in this event. No questions asked, just joyful giving. For info, call (219) 663-201.

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.

“Fall” in Love with Hammond Senior Center
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.
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