God made the angels to be majestic; yet, He made us even better than the angels, endowing us with our immortal souls. Do we see our relationship with God as something special and awesome?
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Director of Music ......................................... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education .............. Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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Jim Kaspar .................................................. Christi Kordeck
Katie Kordeck ......................................... Eric Miller
Joe Peters .................................................. Daniel Straka

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

Sacramental Information

Confessions .............................................. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
First Friday ............................................. 1/2 hour before the 6:30 a.m. Mass
Baptisms .................................................. First and Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Parents must be registered parishioners and regularly
attending at least six months before the Baptism. At least
one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic.

Pre-Baptism Class ................................... 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.
Marriage ................................................. Must be a registered, practicing member of the
parish at least six months before beginning the six month
preparation program for marriage.

Communion calls and visits to Hospitals and Homebound:
Call the Parish Office for Sacraments at hospital or at home.

New Parishioner Registration

To make it as convenient as possible for you,
new parishioners may register at any time in the
Parish Office.
Stop in during the day, or take advantage of our
convenient evening and Saturday office hours.

St. Thomas More Religious Education

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Religious Education Phone ................. 836-8610
Director ......................................................... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232
Administrative Assistant ........................ Rosemary Strimbu; Ext. 2236
Grades K through 8 • Wednesday or Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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Parish Life ...................................................... Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice ........................ Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship .......................... Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship ................................................. Paul Liszewski

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Boy Scouts ................................................... PJ Caraher (219) 838-2943
Career Networking Group .................. Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335
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Gabriel Project .................................. Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Garden Club .............................................. Paul Maziker 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth .................... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
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Oblates .................................................... Denise Card (219) 291-4103
Respect Life ............................................. Leslie Dernulc (219) 741-3739
Senior Citizens ................................. Bob O’Donnell 877-5050
Ushers Club .............................................. Jim Marmalejo 718-8704
Venture Crew ......................................... Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

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

**Saturday, October 5**
5:30 p.m.  Fr. Mike Yadron

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

**Servers**

**SATURDAY, October 5**
8:30 am  W. Arens, A. Sanchez  
5:30 pm  D. Ayala, D. Brantley, K. Cipowski/MC ~ Nick

**SUNDAY, October 6**
6:30 am  A. Korfiatis, Q. Fehr, A. Forszt  
8:00 am  A. Alvarez, A. & G. Bulka/ MC ~ Mary  
10:00 am N. Arman, K. & K. Cano/ MC ~ Xavian  
12:00 pm A., B. & D. Reynolds/ MC ~ Ty

**Wedding Banns**

**Bann III**
Matthew Sefton & Amanda Baranowski

**Bann II**
James Catullo & Lauren Grisafi

**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.

**Stewardship Reflection**

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established…”  
LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

**Mass Intentions**

**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 & Eleanor Bolanowski by Joel & Francine Richman

**MONDAY, September 30** — *St. Jerome*  
6:30 am  George Sperl (Ann.) by Family  
8:30 am  Beverly Pavlovic by Pavlovic Family

**TUESDAY, October 1** — *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*  
6:30 am  Most Rev. Norbert F. Gaughan  
8:30 am  Edward Rudakas (Ann.) by Wife & Family  
10:00 am  Michael Anthony Bubala by Jim & Arlene Kinder (MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 4)

**WEDNESDAY, October 2** — *The Holy Guardian Angels*  
6:30 am  Dorothy Giannini by Husband Art  
8:30 am  Millie Huseman (Ann.) by Toth Family

**THURSDAY, October 3**
6:30 am  Beverly Pavlovic by Family, Husband, Child and Great Grandson  
9:00 am  Mary Kovach (Ann.) by Family

**FRIDAY, October 4** — *St. Francis of Assisi*  
6:30 am  Jay Harker by Kathy Pagorek  
8:30 am  Del Blocher Sr. (Ann.) by Blocher Family  
4:00 pm  Sefton/Baranowski Nuptials

**SATURDAY, October 5**
8:30 am  Celine Szczepaniak by Marlon & Marlene Veldkamp  
5:30 pm  Thomas Krull Sr. (Ann.) by Family

**SUNDAY, October 6**
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:30 am  For the People of the Diocese Of Gary  
8:00 am  Joseph Pondusa (Ann.) by John & Joan Potocky  
10:00 am  Deceased Members of the Molinaro Family by Frank & Bonita Molinaro  
12:00 pm  Peter Roach by Helene Nelson Family

**Sacrificial Offerings**

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

If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say “nothing”? That’s what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday’s Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: “They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.” In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous “proofs” do? We know more than the law and the prophets - we know the prophetic love of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels “optional” when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ’s teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need - in Him - to begin to live a virtuous life now.

Weekly Schedule

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

Monday, September 30
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church

Tuesday, October 1
9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
5:30 pm Soup Kitchen Pot Luck ~ Solar Room
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

Wednesday, October 2
9:30 am Bible Study ~ Weis Center
1:00 pm Senior Citizens ~ Weis Center
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm.)
4:30 pm RCIC ~ Conference Room (until 6:00 p.m.)
6:30 pm Handbell Practice ~ Church (until 7:45 p.m.)

Thursday, October 3
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm.)
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

Friday, October 4
9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Weis Center
Brews & Bites from 7:00-11:00 p.m. at Wicker Park

Saturday, October 5
8:00 am First Saturday Rosary ~ Chapel

Sunday, October 6
Seasonal & Flu Shots from 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ~ Solar Room

Readings for Week of September 29

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8, 9, 10-11 [1b] / Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7[Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Doubling Up On Prayer

Our parish Synod group Faith Reignited 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 Reignited 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.
THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

“Somehow I am necessary for His purposes, as necessary in my place as an Archangel in his.”
~ John Henry Newman

Today is the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Had it not been Sunday, we would be celebrating the Feast of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. So that they would not be forgotten, I thought I would use their feast as the basis for today’s reflection.

As I began my reflection, I stumbled upon the quote by Blessed John Henry Newman. It gives us a reason to think about our role in God’s creation along with the angels’ roles.

Yes. God has a role for each and every part of His creation. Whether they be mortal beings or spiritual beings, God has a plan and design and each piece of that plan is just as important as any other. When any piece of that plan does not live up to its potential, trouble looms.

Consider those mighty angels who were cast out of heaven because of their turning away from God. One of those took his name from “light” but, instead, turned to the dark. That caused an uproar in heaven and still causes problems in God’s creation as he tempts others to turn away from God.

There are also the myriad of angels who have ministered to God’s people throughout the millennia. Some of them, who have been entrusted with a special word from God, have been known as archangels. They bring God’s message to His people, inviting some to a deep relationship with God.

At the same time, every person has been invited to a deep relationship with God. Every person has been called to live in faithfulness and trust. Every person has been called to be a witness to God’s fidelity. In that regard, our witness is just as important as any angel’s. If we refuse to live as God has asked, our part of God’s creation will not be presented to others.

The archangels, the angels, the cherubim and the seraphim all give witness to the immense glory of God. They are reflections of His splendor. They have been given to us not only as messengers (the archangels) and also as protectors (the guardian angels). God’s love is awesome.

God made the angels to be majestic; yet, He made us even better than the angels, endowing us with our immortal souls. Do we see our relationship with God as something special and awesome?

For that matter, do we have a relationship with God? How do we maintain that relationship? This might be a day to think about the time that we spend with the Lord and for the Lord. Perhaps we need to consider making more time in our schedules to spend with Him.

FAITH ACTION: Praise God for the gift of His angels and thank God for the gift of His Son for us all.  

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There are several events coming up in the next few months. I thought I would give you a preview so that you could mark your calendars in order to be able to attend.

♦ October 31 - Vigil Mass for All Saints Day at 4:00 p.m. All Saints’ Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Masses are usually at 5:30 p.m. However, the Vigil for All Saints’ has always been at 4:00 p.m. That way, you can bring your ghosts and goblins to Mass, they can receive a blessing to send them on their way (as well as their first treat) and then they can participate in Trick or Treat.

♦ November 1 - All Saints’ Day. Masses are at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The 9:00 a.m. Mass is an All-School Mass.

♦ November 2 - Liturgy of Remembrance. The annual prayer service to remember those who have died in the past year takes place in the church at 10:00 a.m. followed by fellowship in the Weis Center.

♦ November 21-24 - Willy Wonka, Jr. The annual school musical is a “sure-to-please” event. Show times are 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Doors open an hour before show time.

♦ November 24-26 - Forty Hours. Our annual Forty Hours devotion takes place the last week of November and closes with our Solemn Procession Tuesday evening. More about the speaker/theme for this year’s Forty Hours in future bulletins.

♦ December 17 - Advent Penance Service. The penance service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and there will be several priests available.

♦ December 22 - Lessons and Carols. This moving service begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A husband stepped on one of those penny scales that tell your fortune and weight and dropped in a coin.
“Listen to this,” he bragged to his wife, showing her a small, white card. “It says I’m energetic, bright, resourceful, and extremely capable.”

“Yes, I see,” his wife nodded. “And I see that it has your weight wrong, as well.”
Religious Education

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

October Schedule
2/3          Class
9/10         Class • 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Commitment Mass
16/17        No Class (Munster Schools Teacher Conferences)
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
30/31        No Class

November Schedule
6/7          Class
13/14        Class
20/21        Class
27/28        No Class — Thanksgiving Break

Blood Drive at St. Thomas More
Give blood and find satisfaction in knowing that you helped many others.
Anyone can participate in our Blood Drive.

Today!
Sunday, September 29
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gym
We also welcome walk-ins. I.D. required.
One blood donation can save the lives of three people in need of blood products.

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

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.

October 6
Nursery Closed

October 13
Ann, Eileen & Paul Harkenrider

October 20
Kim, Addison & Andrew Cipowski

October 27
Jennifer Anderson
Aubrey Rivera • Kaaren Mashura

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 kaareann@aol.com.
Virtus training required.

Lectors for the Week
Sunday, October 6
6:30 am Mass
Angel Kvasnica & Phil McIntosh
8:00 am Mass
Dan & Elizabeth Buksa
10:00 am Mass
Teresa Brazzale & Kevin Connelly
12:00 Noon Mass
Bernadine Barrett & Cal Bellamy

Saturday, October 5
5:30 pm Mass
Christopher Balbo & Joe Dubczak

Saturday, October 5
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Bill & Chris Retseck
Chapel: Don & Carol Kopenc
Choir: Ed Lebryk & Judy Millsbaugh

Sunday, October 6
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
Main: Mary Karl
Chapel: Miller Family
Choir: Joe Arent

Stewardship Thoughts
The following is an excerpt from Tracy Welliver’s recent presentation on “Everyday Stewardship” on the Characteristics to Cultivate Stewardship:

1. Mindful – live in the present, without baggage of the past or fear of the future.
2. Prayerful – sometimes it’s only about “being” with God, not necessarily talking and listening to God.
3. Grateful – give thanks for the not so obvious things.
4. Gracious – the grace we receive from God we should share with others, giving you a piece of me.
5. Committed – stay on course and persevere, to run the race we must train for it.
6. Accountable – to each other, help each other be one Body of Christ.

If you are not a part of a Ministry at St. Thomas More Church, please consider joining and sharing with others.
Students at St. Thomas More School recently held a “Crazy Hair Day” to raise needed funds for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. From stripes to rainbow shades, to hairdos that stood up on end, to locks that held everything but the kitchen sink, STMS students and staff created some awesome masterpieces in honor of those who are suffering from the after effects of the recent hurricane. Thanks to the generosity of our school families, well over $1,000 was raised for this important cause. There’s no better feeling than helping others, even when you can have a little fun doing it.
Get Your Tickets Now!

A small batch of tickets have been reserved for at-the-door ticket sales, so don't miss it!

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

Delicious Restaurant Tastes:
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

Refreshing Brews:
Byway Brewing Co. • 18th Street Brewery • New Oberpfalz Brewing

Not a beer enthusiast? There's wine, water & pop, too!

Enjoy a beautiful fall evening at the Wicker Park Pavilion.
Taste exciting brews from the best local breweries and sample food from 10+ great 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:

Even when it rains, this event is nothing but fun, fun, fun!
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 required) payable at our October 2 meeting or by 10/16 in the Parish Office.

Altar & Rosary Society
Back by Popular Demand: Chili Bingo
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
The Rosary will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m.
Note: All future Altar & Rosary Society meetings will be held at the Weis Center.

Join us for this fun and delicious evening, as Chef Kathleen Pagorek makes her fabulous chili for all of us to enjoy while we play Bingo.
Altar & Rosary will provide the chili, hot dogs & desserts.
Please make your reservations at the Parish Office.
All women attending are asked to bring a new prize, valued at $10.00 (please give to Therese Sons upon arrival that evening).
For information, please call Kathleen at (219) 972-0539 or Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.

It’s Not Too Early to Save the Date!
It may seem like a long way off, but planning is underway for our Annual Altar & Rosary Bazaar & it’s going to be great!
Saturday, November 2, 2019
We look forward to sharing more details soon. See you there!

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.

We Want You!
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
RSVP by Thursday, October 3rd.

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

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
Respect Life at STM
The St. Thomas More Respect Life Group will participate in the 2019 Life Chain sponsored locally by the Lake County Right to Life (LCRTL)
Next Sunday: October 6 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Life Chain will take place along Ridge Road from Wicker Park in Highland to the Illinois state line.

Please find the LCRTL trailer at 1:30 p.m., found in the parking lot of Wicker Park, where Life supporters can pick up signs.
Life supporters can stand anywhere along Ridge Road.
St. Thomas More parishioners typically gather at the corner of Calumet Avenue and Ridge Road. Afterwards, please return signs to the trailer at Wicker Park.
The Life Chain is a national event and we are doing are part locally to show all life matters!
For questions or more information, please call STM parishioner, Leslie Dernulc at 219-741-3739.

Save the date
March for Life Chicago
Saturday, January 11, 2020
The March for Life Chicago will take place on Saturday, January 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street. The rally starts at 1:00 p.m., followed by the march.
The Chicago March for Life began so that those who could not travel to the national March in Washington, D.C. could participate locally.
For more information, go to http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/

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Items Needed for Our Pantry:
- Pork & Beans
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Meal/Hamburger Helpers
- Rice Helpers/Sides
- Potato Helpers/Sides
- Frosting
- Peanut Butter • Jelly
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruit
- Tuna
- Soup
- Cereal
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- Dish Soap
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Thank you for your generosity. To volunteer or learn more about SVDP, contact Mike Martinelli at (219) 836-8610.

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Wednesday, October 9, 2019
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Weis Center
Preparing the Perfect Elevator Pitch to Attract Employers
Presented by:
Rick Riddering
Director of Leadership Development at Faith Church
Rick and his wife, Susan, are owners of NorthStar360 Training & Development, LLC.

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.

K of C Fish Fry
Join the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus for their annual Fall Fish Fry
Friday, October 11 — 4:30-7:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Gym
Adults: $10 • Children: $5
Fried or Baked Cod • Fried Shrimp • Side Dishes
Beer/Wine/Pop: Free Will Offering • Boy Scout Dessert Table

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.
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!

### Homecoming Game & Tailgate Party
Alumni and friends of Bishop Noll Institute will reunite on **Friday, October 11** as part of the annual Tailgate Party. Homecoming football game features BNI vs. South Central High School at 7:00 p.m.

Tailgate Party begins after the game in the fieldhouse (until midnight). Tickets are $25 (cash only) payable at the door & includes food, drink and entertainment. Attendees must be 21+. Many sponsorship opportunities are available. Info: Juli Sandoval at (219) 932-9058, ext. 1005 or jsandoval@bishopnoll.org.

### Experience Vatican Here in NWI
Visit Vatican City, the seat of Catholicism and the top tour destination in the world, through the lens and descriptions of degree/certified Vatican guides. **October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
St. John the Evangelist Church • 10701 Olcott • St. John, IN
Tickets are $25/person and can be purchased at BNI.

### Class of 1959 Reunion
Join the Class of 1959 on October 5, 2019. Contact John Schreiner, 175 N. Winterberry, Valparaiso, IN 46385 for info.

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

### Class of 2009 Reunion
6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Saturday, October 12 at Set ‘Em Up Lanes in Griffith.
Cari Trevino at (708) 224-1029 or ctrevino@loeb.com.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Don’t miss our 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.

### 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
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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 a summer break. Order no later than 9:00 a.m. each Thursday at (219) 838-9811 and pick-up the following Friday, between Noon & 3:00 p.m. Kraut, potato, cheese or prune: $10/dozen or $5/half.

### St. Stan’s Class of 1969
Calling all 1969 graduates of St. Stanislaus School to join us as we prepare for our Class Reunion this October. Please contact Anita (Pasztor) Kozlowski 929-7920 or Chris (Nawrocki) Holcomb 844-4649 if you are interested in helping or attending.

### 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.

### 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 Dobrzycki – “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 Dobrzycki 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.

### Hilarious New Play:
**Holy Ghost Bingo: God, Goblins & Games**
Special ticket deal for opening weekend of the new Halloween-themed comedy, *Holy Ghost Bingo: God, Goblins & Games*. 20 tickets per show have been set aside for a special rate of only $10/ticket (first-come basis). Use the code GHOST when ordering. Shows: Friday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Get tickets by calling the Royal George Theatre at 312-988-9000 Box Office (fees may apply). All other tickets $30. This new comedy from Vicki Quade, co-author of the hit comedy, Late Nite Catechism, features a former nun, raising money while playing Bingo and talking about Halloween traditions, scary movies, condemned board games, and haunted churches.
It’s a crazy night of Halloween trivia, audience interaction and Bingo, and the funniest costume contest you’ve ever seen, sprinkled with lots of Catholic humor.
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