God is
not looking
for us
to complete
ourselves
and
our goals
by such and
such a date.

God is
simply
looking
for
continued
improvement.

Give yourself
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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.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS; Ext. 2312
myadron@stm-church.com
Senior Deacon ..... Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS
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Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 2338
Director of Religious Education ..... Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

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Jim Kaspar..... Christi Kordeck
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Joe Peters..... Daniel Straka

St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday– Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Website ..... www.stm-school.com
School Phone..... 836-9151 School Fax 836-0982
President..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 2330
Principal ..... Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
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School Reception & Office Associate……Nereida Harretos; Ext. 2201
School Parent Association……Heather Delgado; (312) 933-9208
School Admissions…….. Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
Director of Development……Karen Leluga; Ext. 2307
Business Manager……Mike Gutchewsky; Ext. 2339

Weis Center

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

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.
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 Saturday office hours.

St. Thomas More Religious Education

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

Pastoral Commissions Chairpersons

Formation/Education ..... Allen Blocher
Parish Life..... Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice ..... Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship..... Kaaren Mashura
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Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society..... Cindy Keilman 923-9862
Boy Scouts..... Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109
Career Networking Group…… Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335
..... or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597
Circle of Prayer……..Carolyn Cenko 741-2509
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Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project…….. Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
Garden Club..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409
Gifts of Love & Warmth……..Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
Girl Scouts ..... Renee Whelan 796-6809
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Senior Citizens..... Marion Case (219)743-3543
Ushers Club ..... ….Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

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

Celebrants

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

Sunday, July 25
6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

Saturday, July 24
5:30 p.m. Q. Fehr, A. Hanson
MC ~ Hunter

Sunday, July 25
8:00 a.m. J. Sajn, N. Thompson
MC ~ Jacob C.
10:00 a.m. J. & S. Fugger
MC ~ Patrick
12:00 p.m. J. Korwek, J. O'Shea
MC ~ Ty

Baptisms

Thomas Wayne
Son of Matthew & Amanda Sefton

Wedding Banns

Bann III: ***Matthew Paunicka & Morgan Boyd***

Praying For Our Parishioners

Reignited & the Circle of Prayer ministries are combined to offer prayers for our parishioners. Please send your prayer requests via email to: STMPrayerTeam@gmail.com. We are happy to pray for you and/or your family members.

Sacrificial Offerings

growing OUR FAITH THROUGH Generosity

July 11, 2021

Adult	**$ 15,725.00**
Loose	**$ 3,089.00**
Automated	$ **4,838.00**
TOTAL	**$ 23,652.00**

Thank you for your contributions. Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 18 — ***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased
8:00 am Arnold Susoreny (Ann.) by Diane & Children
10:00 am Francis Mikolanis (Ann.) by Mikolanis Family
12:00 pm William W. Burke by Wife, Angela Burke

MONDAY, July 19
6:30 am Janet Sheehy by Deacon Dennis Kobs
8:30 am Vick Brent by Philip McIntosh

TUESDAY, July 20
6:30 am Ruth Toledo by Dr. Adam Mikolajczyk
8:30 am Joseph Marron by Ben & Ann Schmid

WEDNESDAY, July 21 — ***St. Lawrence of Brindisi***
6:30 am Bernice Christiana by the Christiana Family
8:30 am James Conway (Ann.) by Wife, Emily Conway

THURSDAY, July 22 — ***St. Mary Magdalene***
6:30 am Larry Monak by Lilyan Monak
9:00 am Jose Caraballo by Wife, Juanita Caraballo

FRIDAY, July 23 — ***St. Bridget of Sweden***
6:30 am Donald Kopenec by Popovich Family
8:30 am Diana Markey by Family

SATURDAY, July 24
8:30 am Richard Castel by Kris Sanchez & Family
2:00 pm Paunicka/Boyd Nuptials
5:30 pm Melvin E. Strange by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

SUNDAY, July 25— ***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Vick Brent by Josh & Nicole Moore & Family
10:00 am Pearl & Amadel Gregoline by Bonita Molinaro
12:00 pm Janice Cholke by Aunt Barbara, Ann & Barbie

Automated Contributions

We appreciate the consistent support of our parishioners throughout the pandemic. Now that most parishioners have been returning to weekly Mass in the church, please know that anyone can still contribute to our parish online.

Make a Payment Online:
Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit card:
http://www.stm-church.com/.
Go to "Donate" button in "Virtual Offering" section.

Set-Up Automated Payment:
Instruction/forms on parish website: http://www.stm-church.com/

Questions?
Contact Mike Gutchewsky: (219) 836-9151, ext. 2339 or mgutchewsky@stm-church.com or
Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330 or nbickel@stm-church.com

Weekend Masses

Please adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- Please continue to wear a face mask while in the church, if not vaccinated, or if uncomfortable without a mask.
- Socially distanced pews are available on the choir side of the church for those who may wish some degree of separation.
- Please leave immediately after Mass so that we can disinfect/ sanitize the church for the next Mass.
- Please continue to receive Communion in the hand.

Guidelines will be altered as warranted by health agencies.

Live-Streamed Daily Masses

Watch the live-streamed daily Mass at STM through Facebook or via our parish website: www.stm-church.com (or on YouTube).
Monday-Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday at 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Pete Bambic
Pat Batchelder
Antonio Belmonte
Mary Berry
Michael Berry
Michael Billedo
Diane Bochnowski
Cheryl Bostrom
Arthur Branco
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Kathleen Burns
Diane Butler
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Peter Castro
Janet Cattanach
Jacqueline Morrow Christian
Ursula Cichy
Joseph Clune
Willie Colby
Charlotte Conn
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Valerie Czapkowicz
Doris Dabrowski
Mary Ann Daliege
Matthew Daliege
Sarah Dalton
Alex Eiland
Karen Esposito
Sherlon Evans
James Fletcher
Heriberto Flores
Maria Flores
John Forde
Bonnie Gabrione
Rich Gagliani
Phyllis Garber
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Joan Glinski
Monica Gonzalez
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Susan Graff
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Katie Kardes Hargett

Rosemarie Havran
Amy Hayes
Dick Hemingway
Marie Henke
Elaine Herrmann
Bertha Birdy Hernandez
Irma Hernandez
Marisol Hernandez
Robert Hesek
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Sally Joy Hollingshead
Charlotte Hunt
Shirley Huskey
Betty Ingbretson
Joseph S. Iwan
Steve Izzo
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Kelly Jean
Kevin Karl
Mark Kenney
Irene Kerps
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Richard Komyatte
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mike Lewis
Kris Lisikiewicz
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Brady Martin
Paul Martin
Larkin McKenzie
Jacob Menclewicz
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Erin Meyer
John Mitchener
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Thomas Mordaunt
Genevieve Mrvan
Bernadine Nemeth
Martin Nemeth
Donna Nichols

Jim Nolan
Maria Novak
Steven Nowaczyk
Clare O'Brien
Donna O'Connor
Danny Ogren
James Pancheri
Marty Pavlovic
Judith Peterson
Dawn Petro
Johanna Petruch
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Dennis Powell
Ronald Prus
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachery Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Laurie Slazyk
Karen Sliwa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Florence Stevens
Carol Storey
Charles Svitko
Rose Theis
Russ Thomas
Gerardo Trevino
David Trotman
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda
Courtney Warner
Mark Wein
Ruth Williams
Annette Wisniewski
Stephanie Wisniewski
Bill Wisniewski
Dick Wright
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Readings for the Week of July 18

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Bulletin Articles

To accommodate summer schedules, please submit articles via email to bulletin@stm-church.com at least 2 weeks in advance. Thank you for your assistance.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed. ©LPi

DON'T RUSH IT

"Let the measure of time be spiritual, not mechanical." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

We all operate, to a great extent, upon the concept of time. Everything we do seems to be guided by it. When we were young and beginning school, we found out that time could be our friend as we had so many minutes to play outside at recess. We found that time could also be an enemy as we only had so many minutes to take a quiz or test.

Time regulating us and limiting us has been an integral part of our lives. One of the reasons so many people enjoy going away on vacation is because they throw time out the window while they are gone. They don't keep an eye on their watches and they don't have any deadlines. They eat when they are hungry and sleep when they are tired. They live on a schedule that is not dictated by time.

While we like the idea of not being controlled by time, we often shackle ourselves to it and expect the same of others as well. This, I believe, is most seen when it comes to death and grief. People often send signals to others when they are "grieving too long." They think that there is a set time for grief and if someone doesn't get over the loss of a loved one within that set time, something is seriously wrong.

Yes. Something IS seriously wrong. However, it is not the amount of time that a person is taking grieving. What is wrong is with the person who expects a loved one or friend to grieve on some imposed schedule. As life with someone is very personal, so is death and grief. We have no right to demand that someone "be better" after a certain amount of time.

As we impose "acceptable times" to those who grieve, we do with other things as well. How many times have we said or heard someone claim that a child is behind in certain areas? While doctors and other professionals do have certain landmarks that they believe children should meet by certain ages, we know that everyone develops differently and we have to allow the time for that person to develop.

We often impose deadlines on spiritual living as well. Those deadlines are most often imposed upon ourselves. We say that we should have a certain type of prayer life by such and such a time or that we should be more trusting, kind, merciful, or whatever by a certain deadline. Growing in the faith is a personal thing and there is no deadline.

God is not looking for us to complete ourselves and our goals by such and such a date. God is simply looking for continued improvement. Give yourself a break and be patient with the evolution of your spiritual life.

FAITH ACTION: Give everything — and everyone — the time needed in order to achieve the best results.

Fr. Mike

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:

July 18: Rev. Eugeniusz Pogorzelski (2002)
July 21: Rev. John Dillon (1961)
July 23: Rev. John J. Frawley (1990)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Two weekends ago, many of you came to one of the Masses at which I was scheduled to be celebrant and were told that I was not there because I had been hospitalized. I hear that not much more than that was communicated and a lot of you were quite concerned. Here's what happened.

Tuesday of festival week, I fell and scraped the skin over my shin bone rather badly. I cleaned it daily and kept it bandaged but it infected nonetheless. I went to see the doctor and was put on an oral antibiotic.

The infection got worse as it did not respond to the medication. That necessitated an admission into the hospital on Friday, July 2, so that I could receive IV antibiotics. They gave me an antibiotic every six hours via the IV. I was discharged on Sunday, July 4 and have been following up with my doctor.

So, all's well. It was just a stubborn infection. I thank you, though, for the many ways you have communicated your concern to me. As they say, I felt the love.

God bless you!

COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE

Throughout the pandemic, we have asked that you receive Communion in your hands. Now that we are "opening up" the liturgies more, we are still asking that you receive in the hand as it makes it more sanitary for those distributing.

If you wish to receive in the mouth, you are asked to make sure that you come up last. That way we can give you the host and then purify our hands. You may also wait until after Mass, come up to the priest or deacon, and request Communion. We will be happy to go to the tabernacle with you and give you Communion.

Thank you for understanding.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A minister's young daughter noticed that her father always bowed his head and closed his eyes for a few seconds before he went to the pulpit to preach. When she asked him why he did that, he explained, "I'm asking God to help me preach a good sermon." His daughter thought about it for a minute and then said, "Well, daddy, why doesn't he do it?"

"I miss the lockdown."

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Register Now for Religious Education Classes

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year and planning on in-person classes in the fall and beyond. You can find the registration form on the parish website after June 20th. Register early to ensure that you get your day of preference. If you are new to the program, a Baptismal certificate is required for registration. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. We look forward to seeing you this fall! Questions? Contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Share Your Faith with Our Parish Children

We are currently looking for men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children of St. Thomas More by volunteering to be a

Catechist
Substitute Catechist
Classroom Aide

If you are looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, please prayerfully consider if this is something God is calling you to do. Grow stronger in your faith as you guide the children of our parish.

A former STM catechist states, "Teaching CCD has been so much fun so far, and it's really a good spiritual experience for our whole family… I'm really glad you recruited me for the job." Please contact Emily Hackett for more information. (219) 836-8610 ext. 2232 or ehackett@stm-school.com

Stewardship Thoughts

Stewardship Thoughts

- No one has ever become poor by giving. *Anne Frank*
- The more you know God and trust in His eternal ways, the more you will be able to be patient with the other people around you. *Allen Hunt*
- Try to acquire the virtues you believe lacking in others. Then you will no longer see their defects, for you will no longer have them yourself. *St. Augustine*

If you are not a part of a Ministry at St. Thomas More Church, please consider joining and sharing with others.

Greeters for the Week

Sunday, July 25

8:00 am Mass
Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
Chapel: Pat Strange
Choir: Katie Kordeck

10:00 am Mass
Main: Hal & Suzanne Lusk
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak
Choir: Pischner Family

Stuffers Needed

The Altar & Rosary needs your help.
Join us for a "stuffing party" and enjoy the good company of fellow parishioners as you help this ministry prepare their big, upcoming mailing.

Wednesday
August 25
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
(approximately)
Weis Center
Main Room

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 so we know how many will be helping out.
Thanks, in advance, for your time and assistance. It will be fun!

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thank You, Parishioners, for Continued Support!

We are most grateful to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More, who have consistently contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry with gusto.
Thanks to your support, our pantry is nearly full!
We are grateful for the help and kindness of our parish community as we work to keep food on the tables of those in need.
Please watch the bulletin as our future needs may change.

Food Pantry Requests:
Jelly
Pancake Syrup
Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruit
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper

Please check the expiration dates prior to donating, as we cannot distribute expired items.
Thank you for helping us so that we can operate our food pantry with more efficiency to best serve others.

To learn more about SVDP, or to join this important ministry, please contact Terry at (219) 836-8610.

St. Thomas More School

Cross Country

DIOCESAN CYO — FINAL MEET

Despite the many changes required during the past school year, some activities were able to make modifications and prevail, despite the pandemic. One of those exceptions was the St. Thomas More School Cross County Team.

Challenging workouts, dedicated athletes and lots of team spirit led our team to success at the diocesan Cross Country final meet, held on a hilly & challenging course at the Lourdes Friary in Cedar Lake.

A big thanks to coach, STMS alumnus, Matt Szala, for teaching our students the importance of stretching before and after runs, good sportsmanship, training hard and supporting fellow teammates.

Special recognition to sisters, Maya (1st Place) and Gabby (2nd Place) Maldonado for their Girls 7th/8th race finishes and to the 5th/6th Grade Boys Team for finishing in 2nd Place.

Congratulations to all these determined, young athletes!

5/6th Girls Team
Alena Huss *(6th Place)*
Lizzie Irvin
Nola Brown

5/6th Boys Team
2nd Place Overall Winners
Nate Sinclair
Angelo De Soto
Charlie Ramirez
CJ Pala

7/8th Girls Team
Maya Maldonado
(1st Place)
Gabby Maldonado
(2nd Place)

7/8th Boys Team
Richie Andrzejewski
Lincoln Dannis
Jack O'Shea

General Chair
Ed & Debbie Pilawski
Advertising/Website
Cindy McCraw
Krystal Quagliara
Megan Zabrecky
Bar Band Sponsorship
Patricia Salinas
Beer Garden
Lou Senisais
Cash Raffle
Jane Surd
Children's Games
Kristi Kordeck
Katie Kordeck
General Committee
Danny Zuccurelli
Matt McCraw
Fred McCraw
Chris Ylo
Mitchell Walsh
Electrical
Tim Brown
Oscar Munoz
Roger Jachna
Entertainment
Ed Pilawski
Cash Room
Nancy Klawitter
Fire Safety
Frank Sikora
Permits
Noreen Bickel
Photographer
Christina Irvin
Security
Dan Brohmann
Set-Up/Sanitation
Luis Diaz • Phil Sajn
Secretary
LM Nyhan
Tent/Table Clean-Up
Debbie Pilawski
Vendors
Lauren Brown
Volunteers
Carol Kopenec

Thank You
2021 Music & Food Fest Volunteers!

We couldn't have pulled off another great parish festival without the helpful hands of so many volunteers.
Thank you to all who helped make this year's fest a big success!

Our apologies for anyone who was inadvertently left off this list.

Michelle Andriessen
Francisco Arteaga
Ruth Banas
David Barocio
Rhea Bathla
Diane Beckman
Charina Bernarte
Francesca Bernarte
Linda Bevil
MaryJo Biscan
Carolyn Blocher
Thomas Bolanowski
Dominique Bowman
Greg Boyan
Kim Bruzynski
Julie Buksa
Maria Cano
Khyla Casey-Jackson
Charley Clam
Katie Connelly
Kevin Connelly
Frank Coto
John Cunningham
Eileen Curosh
Catherin Delgado
Heather Delgado
Wendy Depa
Anne Dicarlo
MaryAnn Evans
Dr. Samantha Francis
Laura Gay
Jennifer Gonzalez
Mercy Gonzalez
Mikel Gutchewsky
Annette Guzman
Joe Haley
Judy Hamer
Tony Hanas
Erica Hannigan
Deb Harker
Michaelene Hawley
Brad Hemingway
Tom Hemingway
Elaine Hermann
Cecilia Hernandez
Irma Hernandez
Angela Holmes
Jim Huseman
Deborah Jarvis
Marty Jarvis
Laura Javorka
Mary Jo Jez
Jackson Jones
Jerry Jorsch
Lisa Jorsch
Jeremy Kaim
Deb Kapitan
Mary Karl
Jim Kaspar
Sharon Keil
Marty Keil
Cindy Keilman
Mandy Knight
Rachel Kolar
Jack Kolarik
Sheri Kolarik
Mary Kretz
Dave Kritzer
Mark Kunas
Kelvia Lara
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Altar & Rosary Society

Meeting and Lunch

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we reconvene

Sunday, September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m. • Weis Center (Main Hall)

We will begin by reciting the Rosary and follow with our meeting and highlight up and coming events.

Please Note: **Our new meeting day will be Sundays.**

Lunch, desserts and door prizes will be provided by Altar & Rosary.
Please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 to make your reservations no later than Thursday, September 9th.
Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
To learn more: Kathleen (219) 972-0539•Cindy (219) 923-9862.

Senior Citizens

Come Join the Fun!

Our first meeting of the year:

Wednesday, September 1st

1:00 p.m. • Weis Center

Catch up with old friends and start to make new ones.
A calendar of meetings/events will be available at our meeting.

Save the date for our first social event:

Wednesday, September 15

Keep watching the bulletin for updates and more information. See you soon!

Rockopelli Music Festival

Rockopelli Music Festival is back!

Everyone is invited to join in the fun for the
10th Annual Benefit Festival

Rockopelli Music Fest
Central Park
600 N. Broad Street • Griffith, IN

Saturday, August 14th
3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 15th
3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

You'll find:
Music from Locally & Nationally Acclaimed Band
Food Vendors
Beer Garden
Art & Merchant Vendors
Silent Auction & Raffles
Hot Air Balloon Rides (tethered)
And more!

Rockopelli is open to and appropriate for all ages groups.
Admission: $5 Suggested Donation
for an entire afternoon/evening of great entertainment.

In addition to employing local bands and artists, this festival is a community event that provides a platform for local charities to spread awareness about their missions. Rockopelli provides annual donations to local nonprofits, including:
Planting Possibilities • Murph's Gift of Music

Rockopelli, Inc. has donated over $85,000 to local student scholarships & other charities since 2012.

For more information about the event or our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, please visit www.rockopellifest.org or www.facebook.com/RockopelliFest

STM Career Networking Group

No Meetings Until September

Due to the ongoing pandemic, higher unemployment benefits and low meeting attendance, the Career Networking Group is currently suspended and reassessing the need for our ministry in the future. We will bring the Career Networking Group back, if warranted, to continue our 13 years of this helpful service ministry for our parish and the Gary Diocese.
Job listings will continue to be emailed to our group. Resume and cover letter reviews and mock interviewing are available upon request. Thank you for your understanding. Co-Chairs:
Donna Weidenfeller: donnaweidenfeller@gmail.com
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Planting Possibilities News

Golf for Possibilities
Saturday, July 31
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7:00 a.m. Registration • 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start • $120/golfer
Buffet luncheon, beer & cart include, plus door prizes, awards & raffle items.
Sign-up online using QR code or golf4possibilities.eventbrite.com or download a mail-in form at plantingpossibilities.org/golf.
Event and hole sponsorship opportunities available. We are in need of sports tickets/sports memorabilia, goods/services and promotional items for our raffle, door prizes, and goodie bags. Contact Paul at 219.333.1125 or golf@plantingpossibilities.org

Planting Possibilities is a registered 501(c)3 with the mission to provide job-skills training, employment, & volunteer opportunities for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in Lake County, IN.
For more information, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, visit us at plantingpossibilities.org.
Or contact Mark Neiner at 219.237.9353 or email: info@plantingpossibilities.org.

Catholic Charities Golf Outing

Come join Catholic Charities 39th Annual
Golf Outing
Monday, August 9th
Briar Ridge Country Club • Schererville, IN

Help support our Northwest Indiana neighbors in need!
This fun-filled day includes complimentary on-course beverages, skill contests, lunch, delicious dinner, prizes & a big-ticket raffle. Tickets are $175 per golfer for early registration (before July 26th).
Visit: www.catholic-charities.org/events/golf-outing.html or contact Esther Miller at 219-689-3153 to learn more about this golf outing and sponsorship opportunities; a great way to showcase your business, organization, group, or an individual.

Events in the Area...

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

If you are passionate about others, consider becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer in Lake & Porter Counties. Contact Charlie: charlie@mownwi.org or (219) 756-3663 to start.

Parade of Polka Bands Picnic

The International Polka Association presents
The Parade of Polka Bands Picnic on Sunday, August 1st
at the Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove,
4040 Calumet in Hammond.
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
Polka music from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Admission: $10 at the door.
Enjoy music and dancing from these polka bands:
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The IPA Tribute Band, Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze, The D Street Band & Tri-City Drive.
Purchase Polish food/beverages from the Cavalier Inn. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of polka fun for everyone! Rain or Shine. Indoor Restrooms.
Learn more at www.ipapolkas.com.

All Saints Thrift Shop

You can find all sorts of treasures at the All Saints Thrift Shop, located at Sacred Heart Church, 1725 Laporte Ave in Whiting. Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A Pilgrimage with Mary

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Seeking Campers & Volunteers Needed

The Share Foundation is looking for campers & volunteers for the summer day camp, Camp Sharing Meadows, scheduled for July 2021 in LaPorte, IN. This unique Catholic camp adventure is open to all adults with disabilities (age 18+). Costs are subsidized. Openings for volunteer camp nurses, too (great perks). To learn more, call the Share Foundation: (219) 778-2585. Spread the word!

An Invitation from the Serra Club of NWI

Serra International, a group dedicated to fostering and supporting religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life, is looking for at least one new member from each parish in the Diocese of Gary. Attend one of our meetings, where faith becomes action, on the first & third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Hobart. Our group, founded in 1954, welcomes you. Contact Susan at (219) 688-8209.

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