

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.

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Director of Religious Education	Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232

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

Parish Office Staff

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Thomas Alexander	Bernadine Barrett, Co-Chairperson
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	Katie Kordeck
Eric Miller	Joe Peters
Daniel Straka	

St. Thomas More School

Preschool through 8th Grade

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Office Hours: Monday– Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	
Website	www.stm-school.com
School Phone836-9151	School Fax 836-0982
President	
	Dr. Samantha Francis; Ext. 2258
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School Admissions	Pam Pasyk; Ext. 2309
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Weis Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321

Sacramental Information

Confessions
Saturdays
First Friday
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 Class2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism
Marriage
parish at least six months before beginning the six month
preparation program for marriage.
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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
	Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232
	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	
Peace & Social Justice	Mari Casas
Spirituality & Worship	Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship	Paul Liszewski

Parish Organizations

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Altar & Rosary Society	
Boy Scouts	Sergio Sanchez (773) 412-3109
Career Networking Group	Jim Kaczka (219) 201-0335
	or Donna Weidenfeller (219) 688-7597
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	uane Schwemlein - <u>Stmcubpack542@gmail.com</u>
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	Marilyn Glennon 801-6586
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	Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544
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Oblates	Denise Gard (219)201-4103
Respect Life	Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739
Seniors of STM	Marion Case (219)743-3543
Ushers Club	Jim Marmalejo 718-8704

Celebrants

Saturday, January 8

5:30 p.m. Carmelite Father

Sunday, January 9

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father 8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father 10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father 12:00 Noon Carmelite Father

Servers

Saturday, January 8

5:30 p.m. G. Scalzo, S. Rozmanich, A. Hanson

 $MC \sim Ty$

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. A. & I. Tolnai, H. Jorsch

 $MC \sim Emma \,$

R. Andrzejewski, A. Monroy, L. Patton 10:00 a.m.

 $MC \sim Vanessa$

12:00 p.m. J. & M. Blanford, C. Aguilar

MC ~ Jacob C.

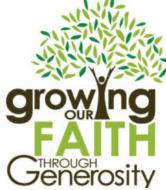


William "Bill" Adams

Bulletin Deadlines

We are always happy to print parishioner information in our weekly bulletin, if space is available. Please submit all articles at least 2 weeks in advance to: <u>bulletin@stm-church.com</u>.

Sacrificial Offerings



Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish.

December 12, 2021

\$ 17,494.00 Adult \$7,328.00 Loose \$ 4,935.00 Automated TOTAL \$ 29,757.00

Special Collection Immaculate Conception

\$ 7,375.00

December 19, 2021

Adult \$ 21,948,00 Loose \$ 2,810.00 Automated \$4,935.00 \$ 29,693.00 **TOTAL**



SUNDAY, January 2 — Epiphany of the Lord

6:30 am Mary J. Bilse by Stephanie Carrothers 8:00 am Virgil Slivka (Ann.) by Slivka Family

MONDAY, January 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am Intention of Lucy Perz by Dennis Perz 8:30 am William Jones by Kennedy Family

TUESDAY, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 am Louis Chronowski Sr. (Ann.) by Wife Marlene &

8:30 am Richard Younkers by Wife Louise

WEDNESDAY, January 5 - St. John Neumann

6:30 am Intention of Dennis Perz by Wife Lucy Perz 8:30 am Rosita T. Farinas (Ann.) by Serrano Family

THURSDAY, January 6

6:30 am Theresa M. Biedron by Elaine Fechalos 9:00 am Emily Woess by Bert & Eileen Woess

FRIDAY, January 7 – First Friday

6:30 am John Gianotti by Michael & Linda Einsele 8:30 am Shirley Vance by Edward & Diane Smosna

SATURDAY, January 8

8:30 am Walter V. Bracich by Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Bracich 5:30 pm Thomas Linkowski by Kopenic & McCraw

SUNDAY, January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am Joseph Flores by Frank Gomez 8:00 am Bradley Barnes by Lois McAllister 10:00 am Ann Grunewald by Joseph & Carole Janusonis 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

Stewardship REFLECTION

The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord?

Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Automated Contributions

We pray for the safety & good health of you and your family during this holiday season and throughout the new year of 2022.

We thank you for your continued support of our parish!



Mail/Drop-Off Your Contribution:

Drop off at Parish Office.

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 Noreen Bickel: (219) 836-8610, #2330

nbickel@stm-church.com

Pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez Margaret Amatulli Chiara Andrzejewksi Doris Aurelio Maria Aurelio Pat Batchelder Antonio Belmonte Mary Berry Michael Berry Michael Billedo Diane Bochnowski Cheryl Bostrom Linda Braun Stephany Burney Kathleen Burns Diane Butler Dorothy Campbell James Campbell 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 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

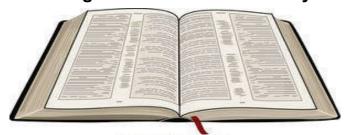
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Steven Nowaczyk

Donna O'Connor Danny Ogren James Pancheri Marty Pavlovic Maianna Pazik 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 Michele Thomas Rosemary Thomas Russ Thomas Gerardo Trevino David Trotman Kathie Trudgian Anthony Ubuane Tony Vanden Heuvel Raymond Vanderbok James Wachel Kathy Wachel Marilyn (Vrabel) Warda Mark Wein Ruth Williams Annette Wisniewski Stephanie Wisniewski Bill Wisniewski Dick Wright Cecilia Ziegler Cody Ziemkowski

Clare O'Brien

Readings for the Week of January 2



Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,

23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk

4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-

16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn

3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts

10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OR Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ!

This simple but holy event in

time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We

become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the

fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor,

exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing

anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved OLPI

WE SEARCH FOR JESUS OUT OF NEED

"Not only do we know God by Jesus Christ alone, but we know ourselves only by Jesus Christ. We know life and death only through Jesus Christ. Apart from Jesus Christ, we do not know what is our life, nor our death, nor God, nor ourselves." ~ Blaise Pascal

That might be some rather deep theology; yet, there it is. Pascal reminds us of the importance of this feast and the importance of our search for Christ. The Magi had a real need to find Jesus because, without Him, they would never have been fulfilled. Their lives would have been hollow. They needed to find Jesus in order to find the God who called them.

We, too, need to find the Lord. Our lives are, or should be, based upon a search for Jesus Christ. If we decide that we do not need Him, we are lost. If we give up our search for Him, we are lost. If we fail to find Him, we are lost. I do not say this to make you fearful or depressed. I merely state the obvious for any believer: we need to find Christ.

The good news is that Jesus wants to be found. It is not as if He is hiding from us. On the contrary, He walks with us and extends His hand to us daily. We are the ones who fail to recognize Him in our midst in order to accept His loving invitation to closer union.

The Magi read the signs of their times in order to find the Child Jesus. They traveled from afar in order to bring to Him their precious gifts. Little did they know that He was the gift that would be given to them as well.

As it was for the Magi, so it is in our own lives. We, too, need to read the signs of our times. We might say that things are rough and that it is difficult to find God. They were no easier for the Magi a couple thousand years ago. As much as the world has changed, it has also remained the same. There is still mistrust, doubt, hatred, and fear. They keep us from one another and from God. We need to find ways around all of that.

When we find the Lord, we realize what a wonderful gift that He is. We experience His steadfast and unconditional love for us. When we accept His hand and walk with Him, we are able to weather the test of time. All the miseries of the world cannot take us from Him once we embrace Him and are embraced by Him. That is what makes our search for Him so very important.

Do not fear. Seek the Lord where He may be found. Call on Him while He is near. The difficulties that come our way are worth the struggle because the prize is God Himself.

you in the lives of those with whom you for Marie FAITH ACTION: Ask God to reveal Himself to

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

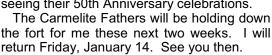
Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

January 3: Msgr. John A. Sullivan (1972) Msgr. H. James Conway (1968) January 4:

Rev. Richard R. Grunenburg (1969)

MY "HAPPY PLACE"

I am leaving after my 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. Masses this morning for my post-holiday vacation. After not being able to go anywhere last year due to the pandemic, I am looking forward to returning to Walt Disney World and seeing their 50th Anniversary celebrations.





IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Yes, New Year's Day is over. We are into Day Two of 2022. That doesn't mean that we cannot make New Year's resolutions, though. It's never too late to decide to modify our lives in order to do better.

Take a look at your life and see if there is anything that needs to change in order for you to become the person that God calls you to be.

Make plans, ask God for the grace to act, and then put those plans into action. As you make your changes, you will feel better about yourself and about your relationship with God.

May your best day of 2021 be your worst day in 2022. May you have the humility to allow God to lead you in this new May He grant you health, hope, year. and happiness.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Three wise men walked into the stable and saw Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus. Joseph asked why they were disturbing them as his wife had just given birth and needed

The first wise man said, "I have brought gold for the child." Joseph thanked him but then asked that they leave so Mary and the baby could rest.

Then the second wise man said, "I have brought frankincense for the child." Again, Joseph thanked him but was getting annoyed as they were interrupting a special moment between him and his wife.

Joseph then asked them more directly to leave when the third wise man exclaimed, "But wait, there's myrrh!"





January Schedule

5/6 No Class — Happy New Year 12/13 Class

19/20 Class 26/27 Class

February Schedule

2/3 Class9/10 Class16/17 Class23/24 Class

For information, about the Religious Education Program, please contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com.

Altar & Rosary Society Save the Date

The next Altar and Rosary Society event will be: *Chili Bingo* — *Sunday, March 13*



"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" Psalm 116:12

Stewardship is:

- Recognizing that everything we have and are is a gift from God.
- Being grateful and generous with our gifts.
- Understanding that we are not owners of anything, but stewards of God's gifts.

The Main Point of Stewardship is:

- Helping each other strengthen our relationship with God.
- Helping each other get to Heaven!
- Understanding that how we use our gifts is our gift back to God.

Living a Stewardship Lifestyle Means:

- Placing our complete trust in God.
- Sharing all of our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.
- Keeping God first in everything and not placing other "gods" before God.
- Living a more God-centered and less self-centered life.
- •Expecting nothing in return and recognizing that no gift is too small to share.

(Continued Next Week...)

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



Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Mass Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

Sunday, January 9 6:30 am Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski Chapel: Pat Strange Choir: Katie & Christi Kordeck

10:00 am Mass

Main: Hal & Suzanne Lusk Chapel: Diane Adley

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Julie Loza Chapel: Susan Anglin

Join Our Wonderful Staff



Full-Time Maintenance

Responsibilities include: Completing small plumbing repairs, painting, light carpentry work, changing light fixtures, ballasts, bulbs and completing small wiring jobs.

The preferred candidate will have some HVAC experience: able to change motors, belts, pumps, couplings and complete routine filter changes, operate a plow truck for snow removal and be ready to plow snow during off hours, as needed. Must be able to operate and maintain zero turn and hand lawn mowers.

Requirements: Must have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and auto insurance.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (occasional nights and weekends, as needed). **Salary**: Based on skill level/experience. Health benefits and paid time off.

If interested, contact Mike Popovich at mpopovich@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 ext. 2313.

Part-Time Custodian

A perfect job for a retiree, student or someone looking for parttime evening work. Responsibilities include cleaning offices,
classrooms and restrooms with occasional set-ups for church/
school events. Experience in commercial cleaning & floor
machines preferred. Must be able to follow written directions
and have reliable transportation w/ valid driver's license.

Hours: Mon—Fri 5:30 to 11:00 p.m. (occasional Sundays).
Apply in person at the STM Parish Office, 8501 Calumet Ave.
in Munster or email: jobopenings@stm-church.com.

Cafeteria Cashier

This person will interact with students, faculty and staff regularly to ensure that pre-selected lunch orders are verified with accuracy. STMS operates a cash-less Café; all orders are entered and verified in a web-based billing system. *Hours:* Mon —Fri 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See below to apply.

Cafeteria Dishwasher

This person is responsible for collecting, sorting and washing dishes/trays/silverware/pots & pans utilizing a commercial dishwasher or manually washing, as needed. Would serve students/faculty/staff during lunch periods & assist with food prep with the Café team. *Hours:* Mon—Fri 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in either of these Cafeteria positions, please contact Andy Power at (219) 836-9151 ext. 2224 or apower@stm-school.com

St. Thomas More School





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Start Your Year by Making a Difference! Contribute Now to the St. Thomas More School

2021 **Annual Fund Drive**

For over 70+ years, St. Thomas More School has provided a rigorous, comprehensive Catholic education for the children of NW Indiana and neighboring communities. Our priority to empower our students to grow into people of character remains at the forefront, as we educate our students in a loving environment of faith and excellence. "Educating the Whole Child in the Values of Jesus & Mary".



is a vote of confidence in our A-rated school. our students and our commitment to Catholic education.

Contributions to last year's **Annual Fund Drive** were used to:

 Purchase 100 new Chromebooks Make necessary school classroom & facility improvements including new lighting, flooring, ceilings, replacement of sinks &

 Fund nearly \$30,000 in student scholarships Thank you for



Click on the QR Code below and give directly from the St. Thomas More School donation page. It's quick & easy!



- Submit the yellow envelope in your parish envelope packet. Drop it in the weekly collection basket at church or, if you're visiting the Parish Office, feel free to drop it off.
- If you have given previously, please use the form & envelope included in your recent letter, which was mailed to your home.

No matter how you choose to give, know that your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be used wisely







STM Career Networking Group

80% of Jobs are Unadvertised

82% of Jobs are Found Through Networking

15% Found Want Ads • 4% Create Their Job • 2% Blind

Join us for our next meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 7:00 – 8:30 pm

St. Thomas More Weis Center Masks Optional

Employee Rights & Employer Responsibility

An EEOC Overview

Presenter: Chandra L. Gary, MAIO

Chandra L. Gary is the owner of Solutions By Chandra LLC. She is an educator specializing in helping women gain confidence to leave toxic and unhealthy work environments. A lifelong resident of NWI, Chandra loves all things purple, including Prince! She considers herself a cupcake connoisseur, prefers tea over coffee and looks forward to the day when she can once again hop on a Carnival Cruise ship.

Where: Weis Center — 8635 Calumet • Munster When: The Second Wednesday of Every Month

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.

Spend Those Amazon Gift Cards

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Find the perfect little somethin' somethin' that you didn't get for Christmas and start spending your gift cards using AmazonSmile.
Remember to designate St. Thomas More School as your charity of choice and our school will earn .05% of your total purchase.

Start Shopping Today!

Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0900733

Upcoming Andrean Events

Entrance Exam

Saturday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m.

*Enter at Door A. Pick-up is at 4:00 p.m. Contact Jim Nohos at 219.887.5959 ext. 260 or contact him at <u>inohos@andreanhs.com</u> for information or to schedule a visit.

Seniors of STM

Hey Seniors

Happy New Year from the Seniors of STM!

Mark your calendars for our very informative first meeting of the New Year on January 19 and for all our great meetings to follow.

We're looking forward to a great start to 2022.

Join us for fun, friendship and some great information.

All meetings are at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted)
St. Thomas More Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN
Please watch the bulletin for details and updates.

Our first meeting in 2022 will be held on

Wednesday, January 19

The speaker's topic for this meeting will be

Tax Facts for Seniors

This is our only meeting in January.

Please remember your food donations for our partnership with the Salvation Army: "Give *Two* Help Live"

Wednesday, February 2

Business Meeting

Topic of Guest Speaker: Balance Therapy

Wednesday, February 16 *Pizza Party*

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A to L: Side Dish or Salad

M to Z: Dessert

Wednesday, March 2 Business Meeting

Topic: Senior Safety
Guest Speaker: Munster Police Department

Wednesday, March 16 Pot Luck Luncheon 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

As the Christmas holiday approaches, we want to express our thanks to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More, who have consistently contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to support our neighbors in need. Thanks to your support, our pantry needs are minimal at this time.

Food Pantry Requests:

Soup • Pasta & Pasta Sauce Pancake Syrup • Jelly Frosting • Canned Fruit Toothpaste • Toilet Paper

Please check the expiration dates prior to donating.
To learn more about SVDP, or to join this important ministry, please contact

Terry at (219) 836-8610.



Respect Life

March for Life

Save the date for this life-changing event. All denominations are welcome to join in.

2022 National March for Life January 19, 2022

For more information about the National March for Life, please contact the Lake County Right to Life www.lakeloveslife.org • 219-838-1138

Praying For Our Parishioners Reignited & the



Circle of Prayer ministries 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. God bless our parishioners, those they care for, and our community and nation.

Events in the Area...

Emotions Anonymous (EA)

Free Emotional Support Group through "New Hope Road". Open to all.

Join us for this 12-step program (available to everyone age 15 +), to help with depression, anger, anxiety, grief, relationship issues and emotional disorders.

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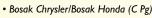
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