



Prayer  
should be  
enjoyable.

Early  
recollections  
of "having to  
pray" or of  
hard  
kneelers can  
get in the  
way of the  
simple truth  
that prayer is  
enjoyable.

There may  
be different  
times of  
prayer, but  
generally, it  
should be  
enjoyable.

Excerpt from "The Little Black Book"

**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. 312  
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Pastoral Care Coordinator.....Deacon David Kapala, KHS; Ext. 313  
Director of Music ..... Angie Lorandos; Ext. 338  
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### **Parish Office Staff**

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### **2016-2017 Pastoral Council Members**

Joe Dubczak, Chairperson ..... Deborah Jarvis  
Wendy Jasinski ..... Nancy Klawitter  
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Joe O'Brien ..... Kurt Popovich  
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Cheryl Staniszewski ..... Cindy Thompson

### **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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Cynthia Block; Ext. 328  
School Administrative Assistant..... Jennifer Gonzalez; Ext. 328  
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Parish & School Offices Associate ..... Mary Jo Biscan; Ext. 311  
School Admissions ..... Pam Pasyk; Ext. 309

### **Weis Center — Preschool & Pre-K** **8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321**

Phone .....836-2660  
Fax .....836-2655

### **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.

### **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. 332  
Administrative Assistant ..... Carolyn McGill; Ext. 336  
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 ..... Noreen Bickel

### **Parish Organizations**

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Blue Army ..... Rose Marie Malburg 836-8779  
Boy Scouts ..... Curt Anglin 902-5126  
Career Networking Group..... Christine Spencer 836-8610  
Circle of Prayer..... Mary Jo Humpfer 836-5002  
Cub Scouts ..... Kevin Ranos [Kevin.ranos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kevin.ranos@sbcglobal.net)  
Finance ..... Barbara Shaver 838-9200  
Gabriel Project..... Marilyn Glennon 836-8610  
Garden Club ..... Paul Mazerik 644-8409  
Gifts of Love & Warmth..... Bernadine Nemeth 513-6544  
Girl Scouts..... Renee Whelan 796-6809  
Holy Name Society .....836-8610  
Knights of Columbus ..... W. Frank Lewandowski (708)466-7039  
Oblates..... Denise Gard 836-9115  
Respect Life ..... Leslie Dernulc (219)741-3739  
Senior Citizens ..... Herb Cleve 670-2982  
The Travelers Club..... Lois Quinn 836-7902  
Ushers Club..... Jim Marmalejo 836-1463  
Venture Crew..... Fr. Ben Ross 322-4505

## Celebrants

**Saturday, March 11**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, March 12**

6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

10:00 a.m. Fr. Jordan Fetcko

12:00 Noon Fr. Jordan Fetcko

## Servers

**FRIDAY, March 10 — Stations of the Cross**

7:00 pm J., M. & S. Fugger

**SATURDAY, March 11**

8:30 am K. & S. Cunningham

5:30 pm D. Urbaniak, M. Caraher, A. & L. Forszt,  
S. Donovan/MC ~ Nick

**SUNDAY, March 12**

6:30 am V. James, A. Klaich, O. Lerma

8:00 am A. & M. Nahnsen, E. Sopko, K. Yaeger,  
J. Cipowski/ MC ~ Scott

10:00 am M. & R. Maldonado, E. & K. McComis,  
E. Miller/ MC ~ Will

12:00 pm C. & J. Diaz, M. DiCarlo/ MC ~ Elizabeth Z.

## Readings for Week of March 5

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/  
Mt 17:1-9

## Sacrificial Offerings

**February 26, 2017**



Adult	\$ 21,487.00
Children	\$ 2,920.00
Loose	\$ 179.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,586.69</b>

*Thank you for sharing  
your treasure  
with our parish!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, March 5 — First Sunday of Lent**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Gene Barker (Ann.) by Wife Rosemary

10:00 am Gerald Florey by Chris & Chuck Shearman

12:00 pm Cyril Moran by Wife & Daughters

**MONDAY, March 6**

6:30 am Intention of Rev. Richard F. Zollinger by Maryann  
& James Pancheri

8:30 am Jose Alvarado (Ann.) by Garcia Family

**TUESDAY, March 7**

6:30 am Marian Barrios (Ann.) by Sylvester & Kathy Porras

8:30 am Tom Blattner by Dan & Marie Karulski

10:00 am Dorothy Giannini by STM Altar & Rosary Society  
(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 3)

**WEDNESDAY, March 8**

6:30 am Corazon Cabagnet (Ann.) by Paulyn David

8:30 am Annette Ernest by Sister Jeannine Rehling

**THURSDAY, March 9**

6:30 am Timothy Veldkamp by Marlene Skzela

9:00 am Anthony Peloza (Ann.) by Barbara Peloza

**FRIDAY, March 10**

6:30 am Kathryn Slack (Ann.) by Family

8:30 am Charlotte Madajczyk (Ann.) by Family

**SATURDAY, March 11**

8:30 am Jose F. Serrano Sr. (Ann.) by Serrano Family

5:30 pm Gary Austin by Joseph & Michelle Gonzales Family

**SUNDAY, March 12 — Second Sunday of Lent**

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

8:00 am Elaine Caco by Stephen Caco & Family

10:00 am Mary Murrill (Ann.) by Tom & Yolanda Marrant

12:00 pm John Neverauskas by Neverauskas Family

## Girl Scout Cookies

*On Sale This Weekend After All Masses*

Girl Scouts are celebrating 100 years  
of selling Girl Scout cookies.

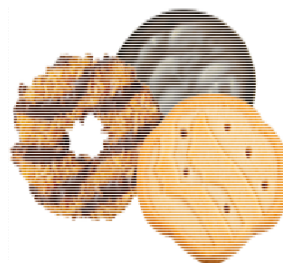
Support our St. Thomas More troops  
buy taking home a box or two today!

**\$5 per box & all are delicious!**

S'more is our new cookie of the year.

Toffee Tastic is gluten-free cookie.

Or choose one of the all-time favorites.



## Bulletin Deadlines

All bulletin articles must be submitted via email at least two  
weeks in advance to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com). Thank you.



## First Sunday of Lent

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." And no surprise! That's an incredibly long time to fast. Undoubtedly Jesus' physical and emotional strength would have been extremely weak after enduring such a marathon of abstinence. And isn't it interesting that the "tempter" should choose to appear at this particular moment? When bread must have sounded better than ever, the devil comes and tests Jesus, saying, "Command that these stones become loaves of bread."

How hard it must have been to resist! Surely, Jesus could have caved in. He could have shown the devil his power--and had a bite to eat while he was at it--but he didn't. Instead, Jesus relied upon the word of God, and battled the devil by holding fast to the truth. "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." What an excellent model this provides for us. We too face temptation of various kinds and degrees. As the first reading from Genesis reminds us, the "cunning" serpent has been slithering around humanity from the beginning of time. Even when we have all that we need, the devil makes us want more, or want different, than what we have. Today's Gospel calls Satan "the tempter" for good reason. He tempts us to break God's law as Adam and Eve did when they ate from the tree "in the middle of the garden." But Jesus shows us the right response by battling the devil with the truth of God's word. Whatever temptations might beset us, there is power in clinging to the truths that we find in Scripture. In our moments of trial, may we have the strength to claim these truths as our own and, like Jesus, defeat the deceit of the devil.

## Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez  
Margaret Amatulli  
Frieda Andersen  
Mary Anhalt  
Doris Aurelio  
Maria Aurelio  
Antonio Belmonte  
Michael Berry  
Michael Billeto  
Michael Blazeovich  
Laverne Blumka  
Cheryl Bostrom  
Robert Boyle  
Linda Braun  
Stephany Burney  
Paul Burns  
Dorothy Campbell  
James Campbell  
Thomas Cak  
Al Carollo  
Janet Cattanaach  
Jacqueline Morrow  
Christian  
Willie Colby  
Vincent Corsello  
Mike Curtain  
Irene Dettmer  
Ann DeVoy  
MaryPat Devoy  
Jeanine Doescher  
Jim D'Orazio  
Alex Eiland  
Sherlon Evans  
John Forde  
Phyllis Garber  
Denise Gard  
Andrea Garritano  
Margaret Geary  
Emily Gibson  
Dorothy Gillespie  
Margaret Good  
Howard Gralewski  
Margaret Gray  
Susan Graff  
James Grunewald  
Amy Hayes  
Eleanore Heggi

Charles Helms  
Marie Henke  
Marisol Hernandez  
Becky Hill  
Mary Jo Humpfer  
Charlotte Hunt  
Betty Ingbretonson  
Steve Izzo  
Dennis Jablonski  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Barbara Jamrose  
Stanley Jayjack  
Carol Keilman  
Kelly Jean  
Irene Kerps  
James Klein, Sr.  
Janet Knight  
Susan Kolodziej  
Miller Krizmanic  
Isabella Lappo  
Annika LeMonier  
Chris LeMonier  
Debbie LeMonier  
Nicklas LeMonier  
Mike Lewis  
Jo Lisniewicz  
Edward Liskiewicz  
Stanley Liskiewicz  
Maria Lovell  
Marilyn Madsen  
Charlene Madura  
Mary Manchak  
Ruth Marquardt  
Brady Martin  
Larkin McKenzie  
Jenny Mendoza  
Faye Meny  
Sandi Merlo  
Erin Meyer  
Ann Miskovich  
Andrew Moll  
David Moll  
Elissa Moll  
Genevieve Mrvan  
Jean Narvid  
Donna Nichols  
Steven Nowaczky  
Clare O'Brien

Valerie O'Donnell  
Danny Ogren  
Maryann Pancheri  
James Pancheri  
Marty Pavovic  
Johanna Petruch  
Angelo Petrungraro  
Andrew Pieczyrak  
Elizabeth Pilones  
Ron Plewniak  
Sylvester Porras  
Dennis Powell  
Ronald Prus  
Jerry Reach  
Timothy Ribble  
Jackie Roach  
Shirley Romanyak  
Ann Sardella  
George Sauer  
Marie Schultz  
Marianne Schwartz  
William Schwartz  
Zachery Scriff  
James Secviar  
Jim Seul  
Renee Shehan  
Ruth Siorek  
Nick Skinner  
Lydia Skorupa  
Carolyn Smiley  
Deborah Stareck  
Georgianne Suto  
Florence Stevens  
Barbara Szypczak  
Rose Theis  
Gerardo Trevino  
Kathie Trudgian  
Anthony Ubuane  
Tony Vanden Heuvel  
Raymond Vanderbok  
Julia Vrbnich  
James Wachel  
Adele Wall  
Stephanie Wisniewski  
Don Woszczyński  
Cecilia Ziegler  
Cody Ziemkowski

## Weekly Schedule

### MONDAY, March 6

5:45 pm Handbell Practice (until 7:00 pm) ~ Church  
6:30 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel  
7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church  
7:00 pm Parish Life ~ Conference Room

### TUESDAY, March 7

9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 p.m.) ~ Chapel  
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel  
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel  
6:30 pm Parent Association ~ Solar Room  
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

### WEDNESDAY, March 8

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room  
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)  
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Teachers' Lounge  
6:45 pm Altar & Rosary Pizza Bingo ~ Cafeteria  
7:00 pm Taizé Prayer ~ Church  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Teachers' Lounge  
7:15 pm Handbell Practice (until 8:15) ~ Conference Room

### THURSDAY, March 9

9:45 am Mary's Way of the Cross ~ Church  
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 p.m.)  
6:45 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

### FRIDAY, March 10

**Holy Name Fish Fry ~ 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. ~ Gym**

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room  
2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross ~ Church  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ Church

### SATURDAY, March 11

9:30 am **First Reconciliation ~ Church**  
All Third Grade Students of the Parish  
10:00 am Oblates ~ Conference Room

## St. Thomas More School Cash Raffle

St. Thomas More School will be selling raffle tickets in the Church Narthex after all Masses the weekend of

**March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>.**

Tickets are \$20 each with prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> prize — \$5,000  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize — \$3,000  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize — \$1,000  
10 — \$100 prizes

Purchase your tickets for a chance

to win! The drawing will be held at the St. Patrick's Day Potluck on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Winners need not be present.

Please contact Amanda Herbst with any questions at [aherbst@stm-school.com](mailto:aherbst@stm-school.com) or 219-836-9151, ext. 342.



## Pastoral Care Ministry

To arrange a visit from Pastoral Care for a hospitalized or homebound family member, please contact Deacon Dave Kapala at (219) 836-8610, # 313 or [dkapala@stm-church.com](mailto:dkapala@stm-church.com).

### THE BEST MOMENTS ARE THE UNEXPECTED

**"You travel with the hope that something unexpected will happen. It has to do with enjoying being lost and figuring it out and the satisfaction. I always get a little disappointed when I know too well where I'm going, or when I've lived in a place so long that there's no chance I could possibly get lost."**

~Andrew Bird

I can remember a few times going on vacation with the family when I was very young where the journey took unexpected routes. The reason was quite simple: my dad got lost. Usually, it was because he missed an off-ramp and kept going down the highway and then became startled when signs of approaching cities were not the cities that we should have been approaching.

The initial reaction was almost always the same. Dad would blame mom for not being the proper navigator that she should have been. In all fairness, mom could not read a map to save her soul. But she always got stuck being the navigator. Dad would tell her to look for certain exits and alert him ahead of time. But, they would often become so engrossed in conversation that the need to watch the signs would become forgotten.

The secondary reaction was almost just as predictable. Mom would tell dad to stop and ask for directions. Dad would refuse, consult the map, and try to figure out how to remedy the situation, sometimes turning around and going back, sometimes searching for alternate routes.

In those times, we got to see things that we had not planned on seeing and stopping at places that were not on the itinerary.

Lent is a lot like the unexpected journey. We are asked to step out of the familiar, to take a different route, and to open our eyes to the possibilities of what is ahead. We can meet the journey with fear and trepidation or we can view it as an exciting opportunity to discover new things: new things about ourselves, about others, and about our God.

Do not fear the journey. Embrace the unexpected. Know that God is in all things and will be with you every step of the way.

**FAITH ACTION:** Take some step in the practice of your faith that may be unfamiliar to you. If you have never visited a nursing home, do so. If you have never helped at a soup kitchen, volunteer. See what the journey brings to you.

*F. 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:

March 8: Rev. Patrick A. Meehan (1969)  
March 9: Rev. Rocco J. Guerriero (1968)

### A SIGNIFICANT JOURNEY BEGINS

Sometimes, our faith journey can become a little bit frightening. In that regard, please pray for the third graders in our parish family. This coming Saturday, March 11th, they will celebrate their First Confession.

Confession is one of the sacraments of healing. There is no reason for fear. It is a place where we meet the merciful God who loves us so much that He forgives us our sins if we are repentant.

Pray that Saturday's experience of confession for the first time will be a positive one so that the children will want to make use of the sacrament throughout their lives.

**Go to your confessor; open your heart to him; display to him all the recesses of your soul; take the advice that he will give you with the utmost humility and simplicity.**

**For God, Who has an infinite love for obedience, frequently renders profitable the counsels we take from others, but especially from those who are the guides of our souls.**

~ St. Francis de Sales



Please join us for Taizé Prayer each Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

We hope you can come pray with us.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Come and pray the Way of the Cross with us each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. Additionally, our students pray the Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. each Friday during Lent and you are more than welcome to attend those services as well.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A waiter brought the customer the steak he ordered with his thumb over the meat.

"Are you crazy?" yelled the customer. "What are you doing with your hand on my steak?"

"What?!" answered the waiter. "You want it to fall on the floor again?"







# Religious Education

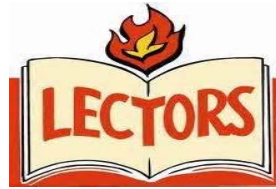
## March Schedule

8/9 Class  
**11** *Sacrament of First Penance*  
*9:30 a.m. in the Church*  
 15/16 Class  
 22/23 Class  
**29/30** *No Class — Spring Break*

## April Schedule

5/6 Class  
**7** *Confirmation Practice*  
*6:00 p.m. in the Church*  
**8** *Confirmation 10:30 a.m. in the Church*  
*All STM 8th Grade Students*  
**12/13** *No Class — Holy Week*  
 19/20 Class  
 26/27 Last Class (except 3rd Grade students)

## Lectors for the Week



### Sunday, March 12

**6:30 am Mass**  
 Phil McIntosh & Micki Richter

### 8:00 am Mass

Don Dulkoski & Sue Wilson

### 10:00 am Mass

Theresa Kowalski & Terri Tratar

### 12:00 Noon Mass

Bernadine Barrett & Cal Bellamy

### Saturday, March 11

#### 5:30 pm Mass

Joe Dubczak &  
 Jenifer Feddeler



### Sunday, March 12

#### 8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski  
 Chapel: Mary Silvasi  
 Choir: Sheehan Family

#### 10:00 am Mass

Chapel: Diane Adley & Joan Mucha  
 Choir: Dwight & Mary Ann Reed

### Saturday, March 11

#### 5:30 pm Mass

Main: Dagmar Reay  
 Chapel: Rob & Dorothy  
 Mangus

#### 12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Diane Gralewski  
 Chapel: Dominique Mercier  
 Choir: Pat Batchelder

## Mary's Way of the Cross



Come journey with Mary on her  
 "Mary's Way of the Cross".

**Thursdays after the**  
**9:00 a.m. Mass**

during Lent (approximately 9:45 am).  
 We will meet on each of the following  
 days in the Church:

**March 9<sup>th</sup> • March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup> • March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is welcome; bring a friend.

## Vocations Committee

### Way of the Cross for Vocations

"But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.' And they remembered his words." *Luke 24:1-6*

**Meditation:** *Our lives are not doomed to destruction and we are not without hope of future; Christ, our Passover, "lives forever." Let us not harden our hearts to the sweet voice of the Master who calls us to a life of Christian values or to a more specific vocation of consecration in the Church. He told us, "Whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it." If we truly want to live, we can make no better choice than to follow Him who is the source of life.*

## Nursery Schedule

The parish Nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, located off the narthex (main entrance) of the church.

### Sunday, March 12

Ann Harkenrider  
 Jennifer Boswell  
 Gianna Hough

### Sunday, March 19

Kaaren Mashura  
 Jennifer Anderson  
 Allison Rusnak

### Sunday, March 26

Lisa Jorsch  
 Mary Karl



## Holy Name Society

### Save the Date!

Holy Name Fish Fry on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 in the St. Thomas More Gym

### Next Meeting:

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

# St. Thomas More School

## All are Invited!

*Something for everyone at the School Book Fair!*

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Note: Visitors should sign-in at the School Office during school hours. Happy reading! See you there!



## 2017-2018 Diocese of Gary Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2017-2018 school year are now open. Our application provider has changed. Private School Aid Service has been acquired by FACTS Management. FACTS Management will now provide and process our tuition assistance applications.

The applications are only online at the Diocesan website: [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org). You will find the application by clicking on the Schools tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled Tuition Assistance Application. There are no paper applications.

***The regular application period will close on March 20, 2017.***

After that date, families must wait for initial awards to be distributed before the application will open again sometime in June for late applications, appeals and new families.

***Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary.***

You may complete an application if you have children entering grades kindergarten through twelve. Preschool students are not eligible for tuition assistance.

***There is a \$27 fee per family to apply.***

If you need help with the application, FACTS will have an email address, phone number and chat line on the application website.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

# LUCKY

TO BE AT ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

## St. Patrick's Day Party

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 🍀 5:45 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** St. Thomas More School Kindergarten Rooms (Main Building)  
8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN  
*Please enter at the School Office on the east side of the building*

**Who:** Any preschool aged child, especially those who will be entering kindergarten in the fall.

**What:** Join us for an evening of St. Patty's Day fun and games, meet other area families and enjoy pizza, drinks & dessert!

**RSVP:** To **Marcie Burzynski** no later than **3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
(219) 836-2660 or [mburzynski@stm-school.com](mailto:mburzynski@stm-school.com)

## St. Thomas More School

Main Building: 8435 Calumet Avenue • Munster • [www.stm-school.com](http://www.stm-school.com) • (219) 836-9151





## Fish Fry Season is Here



Please save the date for these upcoming Fish Fry events at St. Thomas More:

### Holy Name Fish Fry

*Friday, March 10, 2017*

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Gym.

### St. Thomas More School Fish Fry

To help fund the STMS 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC.

*Friday, March 17, 2017*

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Gym.

## Altar & Rosary Society

### Pizza Bingo

All women of the parish are invited to join us on  
**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
in the Cafeteria.

Reservations should be made no later than 9:00 a.m. March 6th by calling the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610. Altar & Rosary will provide the pizza and the desserts.

All ladies attending are asked to bring a **new prize**, valued at \$10.00. Please give your prize to Therese Sons or Ruth Banas when you arrive that evening. Learn more by calling Kathleen at (219) 972-0539 or Kaaren at (836-5079).



### Mass & Breakfast

The Altar & Rosary Society will join together with the Holy Name Society for their annual Mass and Breakfast on  
**Sunday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m. Mass.**

Pews will be reserved in the front of the church.

Breakfast will follow in the Cafeteria.

Please make reservations for the breakfast by calling the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 by Wednesday, April 19th. Spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Kaaren Mashura at (219) 836-5079 or Bill Burke at (312) 322-6462.

## Oblates of St. Benedict

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

STM Conference Room

ALL are welcome:

*Bring the kids, your family and your neighbors!*

We will continue our studies of the Psalms-Royal Kingdom.



## STM Career Networking Group

*80% of Jobs are Unadvertised*

**82% of Jobs are found through Networking**

*15% Found through Search Firms • 10% Found through Want Ads*

*4% Create Their Own Jobs • 2% Blindly Send Resumes*

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

**7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.**

## 5 Tips to Personal Branding



Where: STM Weis Center  
8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN  
When: The 3rd Thursday of Every Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.  
Email: [STMCareerGroup@gmail.com](mailto: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 note critiqued by a professional.



## Send Us Your Anniversary Info

Celebrate your love and share the joy of your marriage with our parish community!

Email your wedding photo, anniversary date and the year and location of your wedding

(and anything else you'd like to share) to:

Pam Pasyk at [ppasyk@stm-school.com](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com).

Watch the parish/school Facebook page on your anniversary.

Why not celebrate the success of your marriage and your special bond of Holy Matrimony with your fellow parishioners?

Whether it's been one or 65+ years, we want to hear from you!

A strong marriage is something to be celebrated!



## Senior Citizen News

All senior members of our parish are invited to join. Meetings are held twice a month at the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet in Munster at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted). In addition, we meet monthly for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

# Seniors

### Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker: Noreen Bickel —

St. Thomas More School & Director of Finance for  
St. Thomas More Parish

*Note: This date has changed from the original calendar!*

### Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Pot Luck Luncheon

12:00 Noon — 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Please bring a dish to share as listed:

Last names beginning with A to K: Bring a dessert.

Last names beginning with L to Z: Bring a side dish or salad.

### Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

#### 8:00 a.m. Mass & Breakfast

#### Honoring Our Deceased Members

Breakfast in the Cafeteria to follow. Reservations required.

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

### Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Business Meeting

Election of Officers for the 2017/18 Year.

### Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Social Gathering

### Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Annual Spring Luncheon & Installation of New Officers

12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery.

Entertainment to be announced.

### Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Social Gathering

### Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Annual Seniors Picnic

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

### Senior 2016/2017 Officers

#### President:

Herb Cleve—(219) 670-2982

#### Vice-President:

Dave Zawada—(219) 836-1971

#### Secretary:

Jennie Wacker—(219)865-0427

#### Treasurer:

Dewey Wenzel—(219) 227-9101

## St. Vincent de Paul

# Needed

### *What we need most now are new members to become Vincentians.*

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the  
Parish Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

We need people to handle “utility” calls (can be done from home). We need people to help with “food” calls and we need teams to deliver food to homes in Munster & South Hammond.

Please consider joining and becoming a Vincentian now.

To find out more about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Mike Martinelli, President at (219) 836-8610.

### *Our SVDP Pantry needs the following:*

Peanut Butter • Jelly

Mac & Cheese • Tuna

Soup • Crackers

Canned Fruit • Canned Meats

Toilet Paper • Laundry Soap

Shampoo for Men & Women

Adult Tooth Brushes & Toothpaste

Children's Tooth Brushes & Toothpaste



## Follow Us on Facebook!

There is always something exciting happening around here! What you see in the bulletin is only a fraction of the pictures from events and activities that take place every day at St. Thomas More Church & School.

Be sure to ‘like’ us and follow us on Facebook for more information about events, anniversaries and our ministries. And you’ll find a lot more photos from our school and parish, too.

## Become a Secular Franciscan

*Do you want to follow the Gospel in the path of St. Francis of Assisi? Interested in becoming a Secular Franciscan?*

Come to Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan Call Out and hear from Secular Franciscans about living the gospel way of life, our community and serving the poor. We are men & women, living in the world as married or single Catholics, who gather to share our faith, serve the poor & pray.

### *Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>*

10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph's in Dyer.

Hear the calling to serve the poor. PAX ET BONUM.

Learn more by calling  
Joy McCullough, OFS at  
219.838.4104.



## Bishop Noll News

### *The Big Event*

fundraiser will take place

**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> — 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**

in the BNI Fieldhouse

1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond.

The night will include great food catered by Q-BBQ in Schererville, drinks, dancing, raffles, live auction and more.

This celebration benefits the Principal's Scholarship Fund.

Tickets: \$50 per person (before April 21st ) or \$60 (after April 21st). Attendees must be 21 or older.

Tickets to the event or for the cash raffle are available at the school or by contacting

Juli Sandoval at (219) 932-9058 or [jsandoval@bishopnoll.org](mailto:jsandoval@bishopnoll.org). or visit: <https://bishopnoll.org/support-bni/the-big-event-2017> for online registration.



### *Congratulations St. Thomas More School Alumni*

Please join us in congratulating two former St. Thomas More School students on their outstanding academic achievement.

Nathaniel (Nate) Anglin has been named a Bishop Noll Graduate of Distinction for the 2017 graduating year, having reached a 4.0+ GPA (grade point average).

In addition, we are proud to join with BNI in announcing their Class of 2017 Valedictorian, Megan Whelan.

Both Nate and Megan are 2013 St. Thomas More School grads and we could not be prouder of their success!



## Upcoming Andrean Events

### *Meet a Niner Night*

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Meet Andrean students to learn about academics and student life. Hear about our Financial Aid timeline and visit our College Fair!

### *Andrean Information Night*

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Join the Andrean Family for a series of presentations covering Financial Aid, classes and course selection. Then join us for our Theater Coffeehouse!



### *Entrance Exam*

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Please register online at [Andreanhs.org/rsvp](http://Andreanhs.org/rsvp)

Enter thru door "L" between 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.

There is no fee, but please bring two #2 pencils.

Calculators are NOT allowed. Snack & water provided.

5959 Broadway Merrillville, IN 46410

For more information, please visit [www.andreanhs.org](http://www.andreanhs.org) or call 219.887.5959

## Northwest Indiana Catholic



### *Subscription Drive*

Support the Catholic Press and your diocesan newspaper! To renew your subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic weekly newspaper, or to begin a new subscription, please drop your check or money order into the collection basket now through Sunday, March 12, 2017.

### *Hurry & Subscribe!*

Subscribe by **Sunday, March 12, 2017** using the envelope provided in your collection packet or make your check out to:

**St. Thomas More** in the amount of **\$26**

*(please note it's for the Northwest Indiana Catholic)*

and drop it into the Sunday collection basket. To pay by credit card, go to our secure website at [nwicatholic.com](http://nwicatholic.com) and pay using your Visa, MasterCard or Discover debit or credit cards.

## Apostolate for Other Abled

You are cordially invited to an

### *Apostolate for the Other Abled Mass*

Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Holy Angels • 640 Tyler Street in Gary

Celebrant: Bishop Hying

We are asking for desserts for those who can bring them.

Please RSVP to Adeline at our office: 219-397-2125

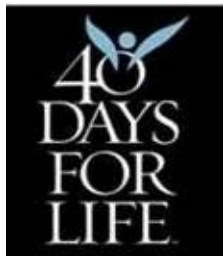
or email: [atorres@dcgary.org](mailto:atorres@dcgary.org).



## Respect Life Corner

### *Forty Days for Life*

On March 1, pro-lifers across the country came together to start the 40 Days for Life spring campaign.



40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a peaceful and prayerful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion.

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities and the entire world. This campaign puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion.

When: March 1st to April 9th

Where: Planned Parenthood

8645 Connecticut Street in Merrillville

For volunteer info, please contact Rachel Klein at (219) 798-9950 or [Elizabethhon19@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabethhon19@gmail.com)

### *Lake County Right to Life Oratory Contest*

Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring its annual Oratory Contest for all high school and junior high students. Contestants must be a Lake County, IN resident and essays should be written about one of the following topics:

Abortion • Infanticide • Euthanasia

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Oratory Contest will take place at the Griffith-Calumet Public Library, 1215 E. 45th Avenue in Griffith on

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> — 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Applications for the contest can be obtained from Lake County Right to Life at [office@lakecortl.org](mailto:office@lakecortl.org) and should be submitted no later than March 17, 2017. Monetary prizes to be awarded.

For more information, please contact Luci Sadlowski at (219) 743-4360 or email: [lsadlowski@lakecortl.org](mailto:lsadlowski@lakecortl.org).

## Diocesan Catechetical Conference

Looking for an opportunity to go away with the Lord and learn about your Catholic Faith? Join us at the

Diocesan Catechetical Conference

**Saturday March 25, 2017**

from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Chesterton!

Keynote Speakers: Bishop Hying & Bob Rice.

Cost is \$25 per person. Visit the Diocesan webpage to register today: [www.dcgary.org/conference](http://www.dcgary.org/conference).

## Position at Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary in seeking a VISTA Disaster Resilience AmeriCorps volunteer for one year to help serve the Hispanic community in East Chicago, IN. To apply, you MUST be fluent in Spanish meet these requirements: must be 21 years of age, have a Bachelor degree, valid driver's license, reliable vehicle, proof of insurance and be willing and able to drive across multiple counties. Mileage reimbursement provided. For more info & application:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=70931&fromSearch=true>

## Synod 2017

Our synod deanery sessions have been successfully completed.

As we enter into Lent, please pray to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance as we move closer to the synod event, which will take place on

**Pentecost weekend, June 3-4.**

For a daily Lenten reflection by our deacons and members of the laity throughout the diocese, in both English and Spanish, go to [dcgary.org](http://dcgary.org).

## Share Foundation Luncheon

The annual Share Foundation Luncheon will take place on

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

at the Halls of St. George in Schererville.

Tickets are \$35 per person and feature:

Delicious Meal • Door Prizes • Gift Baskets

Cash Raffle • Entertainment • Bake Sale

Proceeds from this luncheon benefit

Sharing Meadows Community Home in Rolling Prairie, IN for other-abled adults.

For tickets & info, please contact Bea Pluard at (219) 836-5313.



## Marriage Encounter Weekend

Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on April 7-9, 2017 at the

Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL.

The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about 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 [wwme-chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org) and say "yes" today to God's call to love one another!

For informational brochures and postcards, please call WWME at 630-577-0778 or e-mail us: [applications@wwmechicagoland.org](mailto:applications@wwmechicagoland.org).



## Wedding Anniversary Mass

Save the date now for the Diocesan

**Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception**

**Saturday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m.**

at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, IN.

Couples celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years of marriage are invited to take part.

More information will follow.

Please watch upcoming bulletins for all the details.

# Events in the Area...

## Pierogi Sales

Order pierogis from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church. Call your order in by Wednesday each week and pick up on Friday between Noon and 4:00 p.m. at the church. Leave your order/flavor on the answering machine at (219) 838-9811. Potato, kraut, cheese or prune. \$9/dozen or \$5/half-dozen.

## Wounded Healers

Sessions are available for those grieving the loss of a loved one (spouse or significant other, parent, sibling or friend, child or grandchild) including separate sessions for those dealing with loss due to suicide and a teen support group.

The next session is March 15 (with speaker)

For more info: 924-5577 or [www.woundedhealers-nwi.com](http://www.woundedhealers-nwi.com).

## Card & Bunco Party Today!

Come one, come all! All adult ladies & gentlemen are invited to the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Church

Card & Bunco Party in Vrabely Hall (basement of Church), 5304 Hohman Avenue in Hammond on Sunday, March 5th at 12:00 Noon. Donation: \$8.00. Includes: luncheon, beverages and dessert and a door prize for everyone, plus table prizes.

## Calumet College Alumni Trip

Join the Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association as they travel to Prague, Vienna and Budapest June 15-25, 2017.

For information, please contact Don Kubacki in the Alumni Office at (219) 781-6452 or email [dkubacki@ccsj.edu](mailto:dkubacki@ccsj.edu) or [jkovach@ccsj.edu](mailto:jkovach@ccsj.edu).

Registration deadline: 3/22/17.

## St. Matthias Events

St. Matthias, located at 101 West Burrell in Crown Point is hosting several upcoming events. (219) 663-2201.

### Polka Mass & Luncheon

Join St. Matthias on Sunday, March 12 for Mass at Noon followed by a Polish style luncheon immediately following in the parish hall. Music and dancing provided by the EZ Tones. Tickets are \$25 per person. Lunch catered by the Cavalier Inn. Cash bar available. Tickets on first come, first served basis and can be purchased by stopping in the church office during regular business hours.

### Craft & Vendor Fair

Craft and Vendor Fair at St. Matthias on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Now accepting applications for crafters and vendors. If you are interested in participating, applications are available in the parish office or can be requested by contacting Michelle Thiel via email: [michelle.thiel@stmatthiasparish.net](mailto:michelle.thiel@stmatthiasparish.net)

## SPRED News

You may be unfamiliar with SPRED (special religious development), a program for people with developmental and intellectual challenges from the ages of 6 to well into their 80s. It is a life-long journey of faith within a small community of faith. Please join us on Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary church in Griffith. Parents and interested adults are welcome.

## Enjoy "Supper with the Sisters"

All single, Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to enjoy an evening with the Sisters of Providence during "Supper with the Sisters" on Wednesday, March 8 at Guerin Convent, located at 8001 W. Belmont Avenue, River Grove, IL. Spend an evening with the Sisters at their local home to get to know them better while sharing a meal. Evening prayer begins at 5:15 p.m. and the meal will follow. There is no cost, but you must register online ASAP to attend. Register online: [SupperSistersIL.SistersofProvidence.org](http://SupperSistersIL.SistersofProvidence.org) or call/text Sister Editha Ben at 812-230-4771 or [eben@spsmw.org](mailto:eben@spsmw.org).

## Carmelite Home Fundraiser

Join the St. Joseph's Carmelite Home for an evening of dining, fine wine and craft beer to benefit the children at the home on

Thursday, March 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts in Munster.

Special guest speaker is Mary Ann Ahern, political reporter for NBC 5 Chicago. Tickets are \$125/person and all proceeds go to the children. Please respond by March 1 to [elaine.carmelite@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.carmelite@gmail.com).

## Soup and Salad Dinner

The St. Stephen, Martyr Men's Club is having an AYCE Soup & Salad Dinner on Saturday, March 11th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall at 5920 Waite Street in Merrillville. The cost is

\$8 for adults, \$4 for children (12 & under) and includes dessert & coffee. There will be a cash bar.

## St. James Rummage Sale

St. James the Less in Highland (corner of Kennedy & 45<sup>th</sup>) is holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, March 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Clothes: \$2 Bag on Saturday only. For more information call the Parish Office at (219) 924-4220.

## St Andrew's Fish Fry

Fish Fry every Friday night during Lent, except Good Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 801 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Merrillville.

All You Can Eat: fried or baked fish, pierogis (potato/kraut), French fries/baked potato, salad, coleslaw & bread with free coffee & ice cream. Adults \$10.00/ Children (12 & under) \$6.00 Preschool are free. Carryout Available \$8.00. No doggie bags!

