



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2016

St. Thomas More School

Open House

Sunday, January 31st from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Tour our school & meet our staff. There are lots of great things happening at STMS!

Ushers' Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

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 Development Amanda King; Ext. 342

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2014-2015 Pastoral Council Members

Leslie Dernulc..... Joe Dubczak
Wendy Jasinski..... Nancy Klawitter
Christi Kordeck..... Michael Korfiatis, Chairperson
Jim Landowski..... Jesse Montenegro
Joe O'Brien..... Kurt Popovich
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.

Web Site..... www.stm-school.com
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President..... Noreen Bickel; Ext. 330
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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

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8635 Calumet Avenue ~ Munster, IN 46321

Phone.....836-2660
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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 Barbara Topete
Parish Life Elaine Herrmann
Peace & Social Justice..... Mary Silvasi
Spirituality & Worship Kaaren Mashura
Stewardship Noreen Bickel

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society Kathleen Pagorek 972-0539
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 Alan Pischner 306-7552
Finance Barbara Shaver 838-9200
Gabriel Project..... Carolyn Grskovich 455-9258
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 Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
K of C Columbian Squires..... Brad Hemingway (708) 951-5492
Moms' Group 836-8610
Oblates..... Denise Gard 836-9115
Respect Life 836-8610
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, February 6

5:30 p.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

Sunday, February 7

6:30 a.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

8:00 a.m. Fr. Ted Mauch

10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron

Servers

SATURDAY, February 6

8:30 am P. Cullars, M. Slivka

5:30 pm G. & I. Scalzo, E., M. & T. Zabrecky

MC ~ Ricky

SUNDAY, February 7

6:30 am A. & C. Burzynski, L. Cabrales

8:00 am A. Korfiatis, A. Nahnsen, M. Sharp, D. Smith,
V. Zaczek/ MC ~ Elizabeth Z.

10:00 am D. Ayala, V. Vasquez, J. Burns,
J. & M. Connelly/ MC ~ Xavian

12:00 pm D. & K. O'Shea, S. Becker-Toro MC ~ Mike



Dorothy Giannini

Blood Drive

Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.

1 donation can save 3 lives!

Consider donating! This time of year, blood collections run LOW & patient needs are HIGH!

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon in the Gym.

Heartland Blood Centers is the **sole** provider of blood products to 10 hospitals in NWI including Community and Franciscan Healthcare in Munster. Eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating! Photo ID required • Walk-ins welcome!



Sacrificial Offerings

January 24, 2016



Adult	\$ 20,600.00
Loose	\$ 2,268.00
Children	\$ 125.04
TOTAL	\$ 22,993.04

Thank you for sharing your treasure with our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 31 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Stephanie Mueller (Ann.) by Mr. & Mrs. Sal Giovane

8:00 am Joseph Adams (Ann.) by John & Carolyn Grskovich

10:00 am Sophie & Henry Kazmierski by Helene Nelson

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living and Deceased

MONDAY, February 1

6:30 am Intention of Mindy and Donald Dinh

8:30 am Joseph Adams (Ann.) by Al & Carol Carollo

TUESDAY, February 2 — Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am Clara & Stanley Bochnowski by Family

8:30 am Frank Kish (Ann.) by Wife & Family

10:00 am George Sperl by Family

(MASS AT MED-INN CHAPEL, Group 2)

WEDNESDAY, February 3 — St. Blaise

6:30 am Jo Ann Long (Ann.) by Marilyn Pajor

8:30 am Shirley O'Donnell (Ann.) by Pat Strange & Lois Quinn

THURSDAY, February 4

6:30 am Ed & Jean Hreha by Children

9:00 am Elvira Ferrara (Ann.) by Daughters Tina & Maria

FRIDAY, February 5 — St. Agatha — First Friday

6:30 am Mark Herold by Bob & Marchell Barkey

8:30 am Walter Keilman by Patricia Fischer

**SATURDAY, February 6 — St. Paul Miki and Companions
First Saturday**

8:30 am Joseph Oblon (Ann.) by Virginia & Bob Gauger

5:30 pm Catherine Flynn (Ann.) by Family

SUNDAY, February 7 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family

8:00 am Joseph Adams by Carole & Joseph Janusonis

10:00 am Greg Drobac by Carollo Family

12:00 pm In Thanksgiving for 64 Years of Marriage of Carmen & Mary Ann Cammarata

Readings for Week of January 31

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury." Why were these folks furious? Because they didn't like what Jesus told them. They took offense at his teaching that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Jesus was implying that his fellow Nazarenes in the synagogue were blind to who he really was. And this made them mad. They didn't like being told that they were wrong. But Jesus told them anyway. He knew that these people needed to hear the truth, even if it meant that he would be unpopular. In fact, he spoke the truth even at risk of his own life. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

It can be tempting to confuse Jesus' kindness and goodness with passivity, mistakenly imagining him as a person who would never ruffle any feathers because he was so concerned about being "nice." This one-sided image of Jesus can lead us to excuse our own passivity about the falsehood and evil that surrounds us. We can justify our silence or inaction by convincing ourselves that we shouldn't upset anyone. But the fact is that Jesus upset people on a regular basis. That wasn't his goal, of course, but he was willing to deal with resistance for the sake of truth and justice. And we should be willing to do the same.

Our world is growing more and more hostile to the message of the Gospel. When we simply live our faith authentically, it makes some people angry. But we should not recoil from this reality. Jesus' witness made people furious too. But when they got mad, he didn't cave in.

Whether people like it or not, the truth does not change.

Please pray for the sick of our parish...

Joshua Alvarez
Margaret Amatulli
Frieda Andersen
Doris Aurelio
Maria Aurelio
Antonio Belmonte
Michael Berry
Michael Blazeovich
Laverne Blumka
Michael Boston
Cheryl Bostrom
Robert Boyle
Linda Braun
Stephany Burney
Paul Burns
Dorothy Campbell
James Campbell
Thomas Cak
Al Carollo
Carol Carollo
Janet Cattanaach
Jacqueline Morrow
Christian
Frank Coman
Vincent Corsello
Mike Curtain
Lucille Dettlerline
Irene Dettmer
Ann DeVoy
MaryPat Devoy
Jeanine Doescher
Jim D'Orazio
Alex Eiland
Tom Engwert
Sherlon Evans
John Forde
Phyllis Garber
Denise Gard
Andrea Garritano
Margaret Geary
Emily Gibson
Dorothy Gillespie
Shirley Gillespie
Margaret Good
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray

Susan Graff
James Grunewald
Amy Hayes
Eleanore Heggi
Marie Henke
Evelyn Hennes
Marisol Hernandez
Becky Hill
Joan Hoess
Megan Homcho
Mary Jo Humpfer
Betty Ingbertson
Steve Izzo
Dennis Jablonski
Elizabeth Jacob
Barbara Jamrose
Stanley Jayjack
Rosemary Jerzak
Carol Keilman
James Klein, Sr.
Janet Knight
Susan Kolodziej
Miller Krizmanic
Annika LeMonier
Chris LeMonier
Debbie LeMonier
Nicklas LeMonier
Mary Leahy
Jo Lisiniewicz
Edward Liskiewicz
Stanley Liskiewicz
Maria Lovell
Marilyn Madsen
Charlene Madura
Mary Manchak
Brady Martin
Jenny Mendoza
Faye Meny
Sandi Merlo
Ann Miskovich
Andrew Moll
Elissa Moll
David Moll
Jean Narvid
Donna Nichols
Steven Nowaczyk

Clare O'Brien
Valerie O'Donnell
Danny Ogren
Emily Orosco
Maryann Pancheri
James Pancheri
Marty Pavovic
Johanna Petrich
Andrew Pieczyrak
Elizabeth Pilones
Sylvester Porras
Timothy Ribble
Jackie Roach
Thomas J. Roach, Jr.
Kristen Rubin
Ann Sardella
George Sauer
Marie Schultz
Marianne Schwartz
William Schwartz
Zachary Scriff
James Secviar
Jim Seul
Renee Shehan
Nick Skinner
Lydia Skorupa
Carolyn Smiley
Deborah Stareck
Georgianne Suto
Celine Szczepaniak
Florence Stevens
Carrie Szumelda
Barbara Szypczak
Rose Theis
Gerardo Trevino
Kathie Trudgian
Anthony Ubuane
Tony Vanden Heuvel
Raymond Vanderbok
Julia Vrbnich
Jim Wachel
Adele Wall
Stephanie Wisniewski
Don Woszczynski
Cecilia Ziegler
Cody Ziemkowski

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, January 31

Ushers' Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More School Open House from 9:00 a.m.-Noon

MONDAY, February 1 — Catholic Schools Week

7:00 pm Schola Choir ~ Church
7:00 pm Blue Army ~ Chapel
7:00 pm Parish Life ~ Conference Room

TUESDAY, February 2 — Catholic Schools Week

9:15 am Eucharistic Adoration (until 6:30 pm) ~ Chapel
1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations ~ Chapel
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chapel ~ Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA ~ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, February 3 — Catholic Schools Week

9:30 am Bible Study ~ Conference Room
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)
5:00 pm RCIC ~ Teachers' Lounge
6:00 pm Handbells ~ Church

THURSDAY, February 4 — Catholic Schools Week

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes (until 6:00 pm)
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study ~ Conference Room
7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale ~ Church

FRIDAY, February 5 — Catholic Schools Week

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth ~ Conference Room

SATURDAY, February 6 — Catholic Schools Week

8:00 am First Saturday Rosary ~ Church
9:30 am *1st Penance for STMS & Religious Education
3rd Grade ~ Church*
7:00 pm STMS Junior High Dance

SUNDAY, February 7 — Catholic Schools Week

*St. Thomas More School Honorees Announced at 10:00 Mass
Blood Drive in Gym from 8:00 a.m. until Noon*

Vocations Committee

We have so much to pray for! The 43rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade occurred recently and legalized abortion still goes on. This is the Holy Year of Mercy, proclaimed by the Pope, and the whole world awaits mercy in so many situations.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are so needed! We all have our own needs and problems and pray for an increase of faith for ourselves and our families.

Our Tuesday all-day Eucharistic Adoration provides a chance to be where Jesus awaits us, where he hears us and helps us.

It is so sparsely attended.

Won't you consider joining us this week?

Pastoral Care Ministry

Please notify the Pastoral Care Ministry to arrange a visit by a parishioner from Pastoral Care for the hospitalized or homebound. Contact Deacon Dave Kapala, Pastoral Care Coordinator at (219) 836-8610, ext. 313 or dkapala@stm-church.com.

I SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

As a dean, once a year, I visit the priests in the Southlake Deanery to discuss their ministry and to see if they are open for a new assignment. One of the questions asked is, "Can we assume that you are unequivocally in favor of Catholic schools and willing to work with a school in a new assignment?"

You might be surprised at the answers of some of the priests.

Schools, nowadays, are often seen as a burden to a parish. As we have less priests, schools mean more work and there are some who are not up to the challenge of supporting a Catholic school.

I believe in Catholic education.

Catholic schools give us the opportunity to provide a quality education to our parish children in a faith-based environment.

There are many things that cannot be done or taught in public schools. In our Catholic schools, however, we are free to teach religion, to celebrate our faith by going to Mass and going to confession during Lent and Advent, to speak about moral issues, and to teach values, just to name a few.

That does not mean that we scrimp on any of the other "essentials" of schooling. Our students receive excellent educations. As a matter of fact, our graduates are often the valedictorians or salutatorians of their public or private high schools or colleges. I am very proud of their achievements.

Our teachers are also dedicated to Catholic education. They work for less pay than their public school counterparts but do so because they realize that they have more than a job. They have a ministry.

Are our Catholic schools perfect? Heavens, no. No school is perfect because no person is perfect. However, we try our hardest to provide the best education for our students while, at the same time, helping to form them to be the strongest Christians they can be.

St. Thomas More has been a leader in Catholic education in the Diocese of Gary for many decades. I have every reason to believe that we will continue to be that strong force. Our school is strong, our teachers are wonderful, and our administration and staff are deeply committed to Catholic education. Because of that, our students thrive. I am very proud of our school.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, take the time to visit our school and see how our Catholics School is a **Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service.**

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:

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| January 31: | Rev. Joseph R. Niezgoda (2008) |
| February 2: | Rev. Dennis Teles (2014) |
| February 3: | Msgr. Francis A. Rego (1987) |
| February 4: | Rev. Stephen J. Vrabely (1994) |
| | Reverend John Beckmann (1996) |
| February 5: | Rev. Vincent E. Eckert (1978) |
| February 6: | Deacon Alexander Saims (2008) |

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The tuition assistance application for the 2016-2017 school year is now available on the **Diocese of Gary website**. Click the Tuition Assistance Application tab and you will be directed to the application. **Parishes DO NOT have paper copies this year.** If you require a paper copy, you must contact the Diocese of Gary Office of Catholic Schools and request a copy be mailed to you.

Catholic families who belong to a Diocese of Gary parish and have their children enrolled in any diocesan school, Kindergarten through Grade 12, may apply. Pre-school students are not eligible. A \$30.00 nonrefundable processing fee must accompany the application and will be paid via credit card, debit card, or checking account online. Approximately \$500,000 is distributed on the basis of need to assist Catholic parents in providing Catholic faith formation, strong academic programs, and safety for their children in our Catholic schools.

The filing deadline is Monday, February 22, 2016. This is the date that completed applications must be submitted online. PSAS will not accept any applications mailed directly to the company. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Parents will be notified of the results in writing by May, 2016.

AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOP

I joyfully invite all the people of our Diocese to celebrate a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels on Saturday, February 27th at 10:30 a.m. to mark the formal proclamation of our 2017 Diocesan Synod and the issuance of my pastoral letter which will lead off our preparations leading up to the Synod.

I especially invite our clergy, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, pastoral council leadership, and dedicated laity to pray with me that day, invoking the Holy Spirit on this important ecclesial work.

The fruit of this pastoral process will be grown through prayer, reflection, conversation, and action as we move forward together. Thank you for generous dedication to the saving mission of the Church.

+ Bishop Donald J. Hying

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During the last service the visiting pastor spent at the church he served for some months, his hat was passed around for a goodwill, farewell offering. When it returned to the pastor, it was empty. Without flinching, the minister said, "I thank you, Lord, that I at least got my hat back from this congregation."





Religious Education

February Schedule

3/4	Class
6	<i>Sacrament of First Penance at 9:30 a.m. in the Church</i>
10/11	<i>No Class — Ash Wednesday</i>
17/18	Class
24/25	Class

March Schedule

2/3	Class
9/10	Class
16/17	Class
23/24	<i>No Class — Holy Week/ Spring Break</i>
30/31	Class

Meeting for New Altar Servers

There will be a general meeting for everyone interested in becoming an Altar Server.

Children must be accompanied by at least one parent.

Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

in the Church (please use Chapel entrance).

We hope to see many new and enthusiastic participants.

Ushers' Club Pancake Breakfast

Join the Ushers' Club for the best Pancake Breakfast in NWI!

Today, Sunday, January 31st

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
in the STM Gym

Cost: Free-will offering

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee/milk.

Ushers' Club Raffle, too!

After your delicious breakfast, take a tour of St. Thomas More School at the Open House.

All parishioners, alumni and prospective families are invited.



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Begin 2016 by assisting others who may not have a bright outlook on the new year ahead. Many struggle, particularly during the cold winter months, due to personal circumstances and the inability to provide for their families, halting them from having a positive feeling about the start of a new year.

Won't you consider assisting the St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting us to provide food and help lift up someone in need?

Better yet, join us as a new member of the Society and allow yourself to see the smiles and happiness firsthand, as we provide for others.

Our meetings are on the

Second & Fourth Wednesday each month

Parish Conference room at 7:00 p.m.

Our food pantry currently needs the following items:

**Cake Mixes • Frosting • Boxed Potatoes • Rice
Macaroni & Cheese • Canned Meat or Fish
Canned Vegetables • Meal Helpers • Soup • Cereal
Liquid Dish Soap • Toilet Paper • Bar Soap • Shampoo**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Happy New Year!



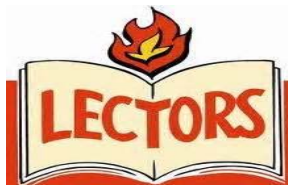
Bulletin Articles

Please submit all bulletin articles via email to:

bulletin@stm-school.com at least two weeks in advance.

Thank you for your assistance.

Lectors & Greeters for the Week



Sunday, February 7

6:30 am Mass

Mark & Gabriella Bittner

8:00 am Mass

Paul Liszewski & Linda Stefanich

10:00 am Mass

STM Boy Scouts

12:00 Noon Mass

Christopher Balbo & Cal Bellamy

Saturday, February 6

5:30 pm Mass

Julie Blanford &

Jennifer Feddeler



Sunday, February 7

6:30 am Mass

Main: Leilani Suchanuk
Chapel: Tom & Linda Brady

8:00 am Mass

Main: Dennis & Karen McNeil
Chapel: Art & Mary Halpin
Choir: Rosemary Barker

10:00 am Mass

Chapel: Miller Family
Choir: Joe Arent

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pastor Family

Saturday, February 6

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

Chapel: Don & Carol

Kopenec

Choir: Ed Lebryk &

Judy Millspaugh

St. Thomas More School



St. Thomas More School

Preschool to 8th Grade

- Catholic Values with a Strong Family/Church Community
- Exceptional Academic Education
- Small Class Sizes (19:1 Ratio) with Individual Attention
- Half-day or Full-day Preschool, Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Fine Arts Curriculum: Music, Art, Spanish
- Honors Programs
- Before & After School Care
- Over 25 Extra-Curricular Clubs, Activities & Sports

Sunday, January 31st

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon or

Tuesday, February 23rd

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Open House Today!

Ushers' Club Pancake Breakfast, too!



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
with the Students of St. Thomas More School!

You're Invited

During Catholic Schools Week, St. Thomas More School will be honoring those in our community who keep our families safe and secure by paying special tribute to

***Veterans, Active Military, Police,
Fire & Emergency Personnel***

at the All School Mass on
Tuesday, February 2nd
8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Church
A reception will follow
in the Solar Room.

Please respond to
Jennifer Gonzalez at
(219) 836-9151, #328 or
jgonzalez@stm-school.com no later
than Monday, February 1st
at 9:00 a.m.



Knights of Columbus

Celebrate Mass with the Bishop

Bishop Donald Hying will celebrate Mass with the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas More

Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship to follow.

This event is open to everyone!

To join our council contact Brad Hemingway at (708) 951-5492 or email: JBH1028@sbcglobal.net.

Oblates of St. Benedict

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More Oblates will be **Saturday, February 13th —10:00 a.m. to Noon** in the Parish Conference Room.

All are invited and encouraged to join us.



OBATES
of St. Benedict

Holy Name Society

Next Regular Meeting

Join us for our next regular meeting, beginning with the Rosary.

Monday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Solar Room. Refreshments after the meeting.

Topic of discussion:

Holy Name Fish Fry on Friday, February 26th.

Senior Citizens

Any senior citizen in our parish who is interested in being a part of our congenial group is encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Kish Community Room, 10000 Calumet Avenue in Munster, unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 3rd

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Carolyn Grskovich of the STM Gabriel Project

Saturday, February 20th

Pizza Party

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Wednesday, March 2nd

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Jenna Allen of Dental Home Health in Munster

Saturday, March 19th

Pot Luck Luncheon

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Solar Room

Wednesday, April 6th

Business Meeting

Vote for New Officers

Picture Day — Seniors Group Picture

Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Mass for Deceased Members

Breakfast in the Cafeteria to follow Mass.

Reservations required.

Wednesday, May 4th

Spring Luncheon & Installation of 2016/2017 Officers

Entertainment: To Be Announced



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, February 18, 2016

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Financial Wellness During Employment Transition

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



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.

Respect Life

Lake County Right To Life is hosting a

Fundraising Banquet —Friday, April 8, 2016

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Avalon Manor

3550 E. Route 30 • Merrillville, Indiana

Admission is FREE

Reservations Required • Reservation Deadline is April 4th.

To make a reservation, for more information or to advertise:

(219) 838-1138 or office@lakecortl.org or www.lakecortl.org

Speaker: Jason Jones

Movie Producer/Whole-Life Activist

Event Emcee: Pam Ross

Director of Public & Media Relations-Family Christian Center

Help Wanted

St. Thomas More Position Now Available

Part-Time Custodian

Responsibilities include: cleaning offices, classrooms and restrooms, as well as event set-ups for church and school.

Requirements: Must have experience in cleaning in a commercial setting, be able to use various types of floor machines, read and follow directions and have reliable transportation with a valid driver's license.

Hours: Monday through Friday
5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Please call (219) 836-8610 for more information about this position.

Send cover letter and resume to:
jobopenings@stm-school.com or apply

in person at the STM Parish Office:
8501 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321



You Did It For Me

Adam Barnabas is 16-months old and has just been diagnosed with the mosquito-borne disease, malaria. Every year, 438,000 people die from malaria, most of them children. Thanks to CRS' malaria prevention program working in Benin, children like Adam are being given a lifesaving treatment. The program aims to help more than 25,000 in Benin and the treatment is free. To learn more, please visit CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me

Linen Launderers Needed

Assistance is requested to launder church linens. Each volunteer is only required to launder/iron two times per year. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8601.

Basketball Coach Needed

Planting Possibilities, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization teaching Special Needs employment skills and running a program for special needs youth at Campagna Academy is in search of an additional coach for our basketball teams.

Special Olympics Basketball Coach Needed.

The demand has exceeded our supply of coaches.

Basketball experience would be a plus and Special Needs experience is a plus, but not necessary.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by our enthusiastic players and our organization. If you can help, please contact:

Mark Neiner —Executive Director at (219) 781-1148.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you are interested in assisting your parish by serving at God's table consider becoming an STM Eucharistic Minister.

To learn more, please contact

Deacon Dan Zurawski at (219) 742-6005 or email:
deacondanz@outlook.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"...but the greatest of these is love." Spouses, nurture your spiritual gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on one of the following weekends in Elk Grove Village:

February 12-14 or April 8-10, 2016 or June 10-12

Early registration is highly recommended.

For reservations/information, call

Jim & Kris at (630) 577-0778 or contact us through

<http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

World Marriage Encounter Day Dinner Dance

When: Saturday, February 13, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church,
1555 Glen Ellyn Road in Glendale Heights, IL

Description: All married couples are invited to celebrate World Marriage Day. The event will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per couple for catered dinner and dancing. CASH bar. Reservations required and accepted until February 6th. Please mail to:

Matt & Dana Wolze 1409 Center Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60189.

Make Checks payable to WWME.

This event is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Catholic Charities of the Gary Diocese is hosting its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception

Saturday, May 7th at 4:00 p.m.

for those couples celebrating

25, 30, 40, 50 or more than 50 years of marriage
at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary.

Find information in our Parish Office.

Deadline to respond is Wednesday, April 20th.

NWI Catholic Subscription Drive

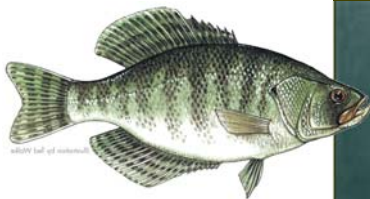
How much is staying current with your faith worth to you? Consider the value of bringing a Catholic publication into your home each week by renewing or starting a subscription to the award-winning *Northwest Indiana Catholic*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Gary.

A one year subscription (43 issues), including our annual diocesan directory, is only \$26. Read Bishop Donald J. Hying's weekly column; follow the words of Pope Francis; learn about the good work being done by the Catholic Church all around the world. Stay current on national affairs as events apply to our faith and enjoy reading how our local parishes and organizations are working to spread the Good News in our local communities. The wealth of articles, photos and commentaries will educate, inspire and encourage reflection and conversation for all ages.

All this for less than a weekly candy bar!

Isn't it worth staying current with our Church?

Subscribe by **Sunday, March 6, 2016** using the envelope provided in your collection packet or make your check out to **(insert the name of your parish)** 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 nwcatholic.com and pay using your Visa, MasterCard or Discover debit or credit cards.



friday night FISH FRY



JOIN US DURING LENT

Msgr. Weis Council 10596
Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

Come check out our New Menu!

Friday, February 12th

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

in the St. Thomas More Gym

**New
Salads:**
Seafood
& Pasta

Menu:

All-U-Can-Eat Alaskan Pollock — \$10

Baked Cod (2 pieces) — \$10

Shrimp — \$10

Child Portion Dinners — \$5

All Dinners include:

French Fries

Serve-Yourself-Sides:

Cole Slaw, Salads, 3-Bean Salad & Beets

Bread & Butter • Coffee • Condiments

Pop, Desserts, Beer & Wine for a free-will donation.

*****50/50 Raffle*****

Proceeds support scholarships for STMS graduates attending Catholic high schools, SVDP Thanksgiving turkeys, local Seminarians, Gabriel Project, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, Planting Possibilities, Campagna Academy and more.



Sponsored by the St. Thomas More
Holy Name Society

Fish Fry and Raffle

Friday, February 26th

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

in the St. Thomas More Gym

Adults— \$10 • Children (13 & under) — \$5

Menu:

Choose either Baked or Fried:

North Atlantic Cod with Shrimp — \$10

Child Portion Dinners — \$5

All Dinners include:

French Fries

Serve-Yourself-Sides:

Cole Slaw, Salad & Beets

Bread & Butter with Condiments

Macaroni & Cheese Available

Coffee, Milk & Soft Drinks

Beer & Wine Available

Carry-Out Available • Tickets at the Door



St. Thomas More School 8th Grade

Fish Fries

Friday, February 19th &

Friday, March 4th

4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the STM Gym

Menu: Pollack • Fried Shrimp • Baked Potato Encrusted Cod — \$10

All Dinners include: French Fries

Serve-Yourself-Sides: Cole Slaw, Beets, Bread & Butter

Macaroni & Cheese Available • 1 Beverage Included with Meal

Desserts available for an additional donation.

Events in the Area...

Weekly Pierogi Sale

We're Back! Order homemade pierogi from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church by calling (219) 838-9811 prior to Thursday (potato, kraut, cheese or prune). Leave your name, phone and amount/flavor you'd like. Pick-up on Friday between Noon & 4:00 p.m. at the church. \$9.00/dozen or \$4.50/half-dozen.

Wounded Healers

Heal with Wounded Healers Grief Support. Separate group sessions for those grieving due to the death of a spouse, parent/sibling/friend, child/grandchild or loss due to suicide. "Advanced" & "Parents Moving Forward" also. Meetings are 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. James (Kennedy & 45th).

Sessions: **February 3 & 17 • March 2 & 16**

For info: (219) 924-5577 or www.woundedhealers.com.

All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Salad Bar

St. Andrew Church is hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Salad Bar with a Bake Sale in Ameling Hall, 801 West 73rd in Merrillville, on Sunday, January 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Adults \$7 • Seniors (62+) \$6

Children (12/under) \$4

Family Plan (2 adults & their children) \$18

Carry-out: \$7/quart or \$4/pint. Tina or Rick Dravet at (219) 662-2437. Proceeds to benefit Tuition Assistance for Aquinas School.

Remembering a Lost Child

The "We Remember" Ecumenical Committee of Crown Point is sponsoring an all-faith service of comfort and hope for

those mourning the loss of a child. Children of all ages will be remembered at this special ecumenical service of prayers, songs and

spiritual readings. Whether you have lost a child after conception or lost an adult child, the loss is significant.

Join us on Sunday, February 21st at St. Matthias Church, 101 W. Burrell Drive in Crown Point at 1:00 p.m. for this service. **Please RSVP and submit names of children to be remembered by February 1st by calling (219) 663-2201.** Let your faith sustain you!

Winter Fest at St. John the Baptist

All are welcome to join in celebrating Winter Super Fest XL at St. John the Baptist School and Parish, 1844 Lincoln Avenue in Whiting. A family event, fun for all ages: Friday, February 5th

6:00-11:00 p.m. (Mexican Dinner), Saturday, February 6th

2:00-11:00 p.m. (Slovak Meal)/ Sunday, February 7th

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (SJB's Famous Chicken Dinner--\$12.00 a ticket in advance only with one seating 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

Raffle, Tip Boards, Beer Garden, Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Kids Game Room, Teen Dance Room & FCSLA Ethnic Bake Sale. (219) 659-3042. License #139520.

Brunch & Speaker at Calumet College

Glenda Ritz, IN Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the keynote speaker at Calumet College of St. Joseph's annual Quentin P. Smith Brunch on Saturday, February 6th. The brunch will be held from 10:30 am-1:30pm at the College,

2400 New York Avenue in Whiting. Cost is \$50 per guest and all funds raised will benefit the Quentin Smith Endowed Chair in Science. For more information call 219-473-4318.

Ethnic Bake Sale

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Branch 58 & 81 is having an ethnic bake sale on Saturday, February 6th, beginning at 2:00 pm until sold out at the St. John the Baptist Winter Festival in Whiting. Homemade bread, nut roll, roshky, nut cups, cakes, cookies and more will be available. Senior Day begins at 2pm, come early for the best selection. All proceeds go directly back to St. John School.

St. James Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Early tickets are now being sold for the St. Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance on February 13th from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight in the Parish Hall. Tickets are **advance sale only**. \$80/couple includes: dinner buffet, dessert, favors and open bar. Doors open at 5:30 p.m./Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Music from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets: Daniel at (219) 801-5250 or Robert at (219) 776-8773.

St. Mary Griffith Events

Super Raffle Party & Raffle

The St. Mary Men's Club from St. Mary Church in Griffith is sponsoring their annual Super Raffle Party held on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street in Griffith. Doors open 45 minutes prior to the big game. Enjoy plenty of food and drinks and view the game on big screen TV's! Tickets are \$15 before January 31/\$20 after January 31. Take part in our Super Raffle with a chance to win \$3,750 in prize money. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased at the Rectory Office.

Call (219) 924-4163. (License #139409)

Valentine's Dance

The St. Mary Men's Club in Griffith, is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dinner/ Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 5:00 to 11:00 pm at St. Mary-Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street in Griffith. Hors'd oeuvres, beer and wine served at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Music provided by DJ Mike Lively. \$40 per person or \$75 a couple. Tickets can be purchased at the rectory office or by calling Bill Cook at (219) 712-2629 or Joe Rossi at (219) 838-7733. All proceeds benefit service projects in the church and the community.

Shop for Your Valentine

Valentine's Day is two weeks from today.


A gift from The Gift Shoppe at The Shrine of Christ's Passion touches not just the heart but also the soul.

This year don't just surprise your Valentine, inspire them!

Discernment Retreat

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, IN are hosting a Discernment Retreat: February 26-28, 2016. If you are a young woman between the ages of 17 and 30 and are considering a vocation to the Religious Life, join the sisters for a weekend of prayer and fun relaxation. For more information or to schedule a visit: www.ssfa.org or call (574) 259-5427.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 31 Ushers' Club Pancake Breakfast 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Gym STMS School Open House 9:00 a.m. to Noon	1 7:00 pm Schola Choir Church 7:00 pm Blue Army-Chapel 7:00 pm Parish Life Conference Room	2 9:15 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 1:00 pm Prayer/Vocations Chapel 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Chapel 7:00 pm RCIA-Conference Rm	3 9:30 am Bible Study Conference Room 4:30-6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes 5:00 pm RCIC Teachers' Lounge 6:00 pm Handbells-Church	4 4:30-6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes 6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study Conference Room 7:00 pm All Seasons Chorale Church	5 9:00 am Gifts of Love/Warmth Conference Room	6 8:00 am First Saturday Rosary Church 9:30 a.m. 1st Penance STMS & Religious Education 3rd Grade 7:00 pm Jr Hi Dance Gym
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