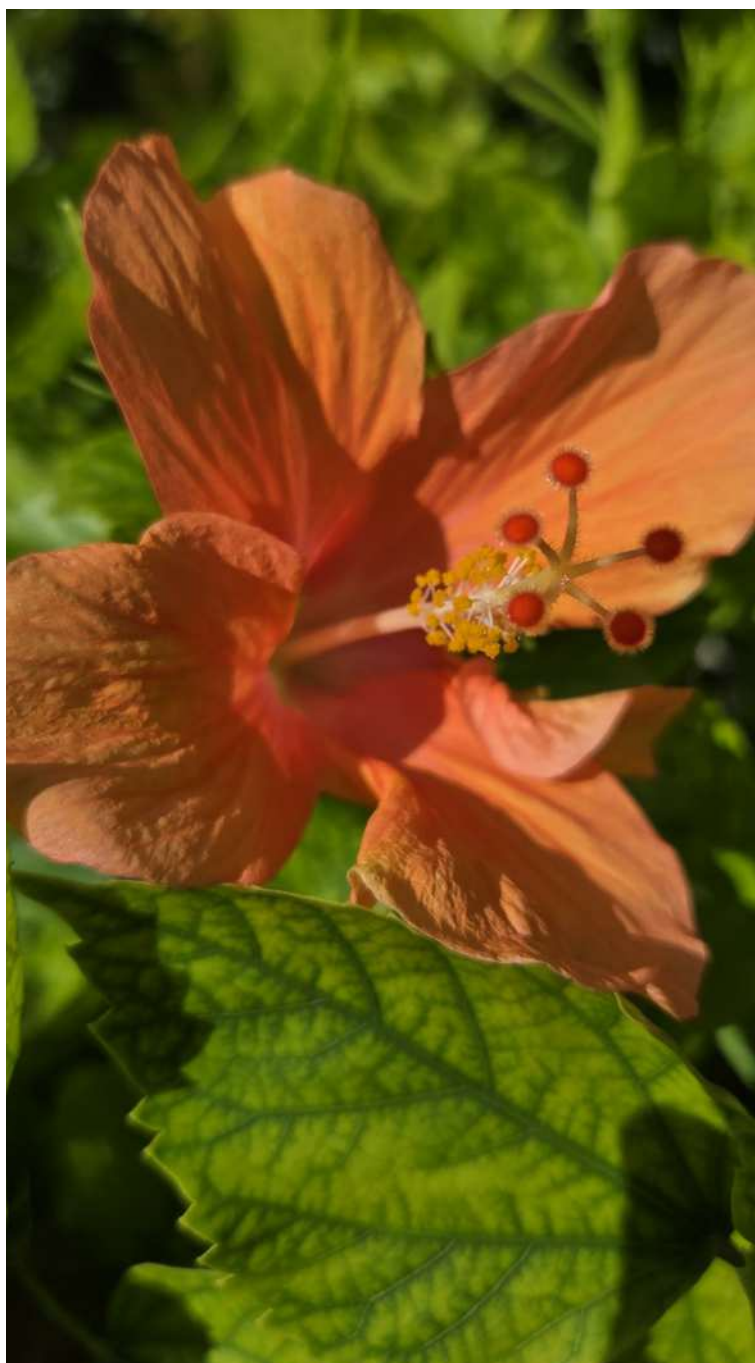




# ST. THOMAS MORE

JANUARY 18, 2026 • SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



Our souls leap for joy at  
the possibility of serving others.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, January 18—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Michael Dernulc by Leslie Dernulc
- 10:00 am Barbara Stiglitz by Maureen Campbell
- 12:00 pm Valerie Goginsky by Mary Jo Jez

### MONDAY, January 19

- 6:30 am Dora Davidson by Family
- 8:30 am Martin Nemeth (Anniv.) by Wife, Bernadine

### TUESDAY, January 20—St. Fabian

- 6:30 am Deanne Marie Rymarowicz by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Bryan Pajor by Mother & Family

### WEDNESDAY, January 21—St. Agnes

- 6:30 am Leonard Boese by Tina DeLuca
- 8:30 am Father Anthony Balczun by Carol & Mary Sejda

### THURSDAY, January 22—

#### Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

- 6:30 am Kim Aiello by Antoinette Mercier & Family
- 8:30 am Edward Smosna by Rose & Robert Hollingsworth

### FRIDAY, January 23—St. Vincent

- 6:30 am Roger P. Smitley by Smitley Family
- 8:30 am Amanda Jurkash by Jurkash Family

### SATURDAY, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

- 8:30 am Richard Saunders by Family
- 5:30 pm Lou Rozmanich by Wife, Mary Kay

### SUNDAY, January 25—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am Adam Jez (Anniv.) by Children
- 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 10:00 am Carolyn Smiley by Sefton Family
- 12:00 pm Mary Anhalt by Husband, Jerry

### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

### 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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## YOU ARE MY SERVANT

**"Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy." ~ Mahatma Gandhi**

"You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory." (Is 49:3) These are the words that we hear in the first reading at Mass today. You are my servant.

For many, that might not want to be the words they long to hear. After all, being a servant goes against what our human nature desires. We do not long to serve, we long to rule. Being a servant is too lowly — too demeaning — for many to consider.

But God calls us to be His servants. And He does so by embodying what it means to serve. He sent His Son to us as a suffering servant. Jesus endured great trials all out of love for us. He calls us to do the same in our own lives.

Serving might not appear to be ideal but serving is where it's at. When we serve, we humble ourselves and bring the Lord to others in ways we never thought imaginable. Doing so, we bring the Lord into sharper focus for ourselves as well. In short, serving helps not only others but us.

Our souls leap for joy at the possibility of serving others. Why? Our souls know something that we often fail to see: the Lord dwells in all of His people. Therefore, when we take the opportunity to serve another, we serve the Lord. I ask you, what could be better or more fulfilling than that?

We are back into Ordinary Time in the liturgical life of the Church. We finished the Christmas season last Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. At that time, we reminded ourselves that we were all commissioned by the Lord to be His faithful servants by virtue of our own baptisms.

Now, we journey on to the next season in the Church: Lent. During Lent, we will remember the Lord's struggle as He taught His people, healed His people, loved His people, and was ultimately rejected and killed by so many of His people. Let us strive to live as the Lord's people so that we can have the strength and grace to act as witnesses to Christ's love in a word so steeped in sin.

The world is going to try and tell you that it has the way to joy and riches, power and fame. The world would be and is extremely wrong. The joy, riches, power, and fame that the world has to offer are transitory. They will tarnish and wither because they are not rooted. But you? Be rooted not in the world but in the Lord and let your soul leap for you.

**FAITH ACTION:** Pray that all people may come to know the joy that comes from serving the Lord as He calls us to do.

*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:

January 19: Rev. Ignatius C. Vichuras (1984)  
January 20: Deacon Joseph Wilczynski (2004)  
Rev. Tony Valtierra (2007)  
January 23: Rev. Anthony A. Balczun (1977)

## NEXT SUNDAY BEGINS...



Catholic Schools Week begins next Sunday. We always begin that special week with a few important things. First of all, next Sunday at 10:00 a.m., we will have a brief awards ceremony.



There will be an Open House next Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon



The Usher's Club will also present their world famous (okay, Munster famous) Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

† "The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in and is the fruit of, Eucharistic worship." ~ St. John Paul II

† "Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life, faith, charity, and virtue." ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

† "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One Sunday a young child was acting up during Mass.

The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. They told their child that if he continued acting up, he would be taken out of church and then he would be in big trouble.

The implied threat did no good. The child continue to misbehave and was a distraction for many around the family. Finally, having enough of it, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the foyer the child called out loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"





## Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to this list and our Circle of Prayer Group, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/42tadtyr>, use the QR code or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.



Nancy Almason  
Antonio Belmonte  
Diane Bochnowski  
Linda Braun  
Jack Brunetti  
Diane Butler  
Ursula Cichy  
Kevin Clark  
Loretta Clott  
Charlotte Conn  
Valerie Czapkovicz  
Janice De Vries  
David Dull  
Antonia Espitia  
Gabriela Gallegos  
Gary Gardner  
Joan Glinski  
Howard Gralewski  
Margaret Gray  
Christine Greenberg  
Mary Ellen Gullicks  
Jeffrey Gunning

Katie Kardes Hargett  
Dick Hemingway  
Elaine Herrmann  
Robert Heseck  
Steve James  
Barbara Jamrose  
Kelly Jean  
Margaret Jones  
Joseph D. Karulski  
Dr. Greg Kelly  
Mary Alyce Kelly  
Susan Kolodziej  
Gregory P. Koscielski  
Crystal Kurek  
Jordan Lesniewski  
Skip Lind  
Paul A. Martin  
Carolyn McGill  
Sandi Merlo  
Gino Michels  
Madeline Mikolanis  
Thomas Mordaunt

Bernadine Nemeth  
Margaret Nickrent  
Dawn Niebling  
Don Noworyta  
Clare O'Brien  
Dennis Perz  
Lucille Perz  
Ruth Ramirez  
Antonia Rodriguez  
Valetine Rudakas  
Paul Runick  
Karen Rutz  
Karen Sliwa  
Steven Sliwa  
Georgianne Suto  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
David Trotman  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel

## Gospel Reflection John 19: 29-34



It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what

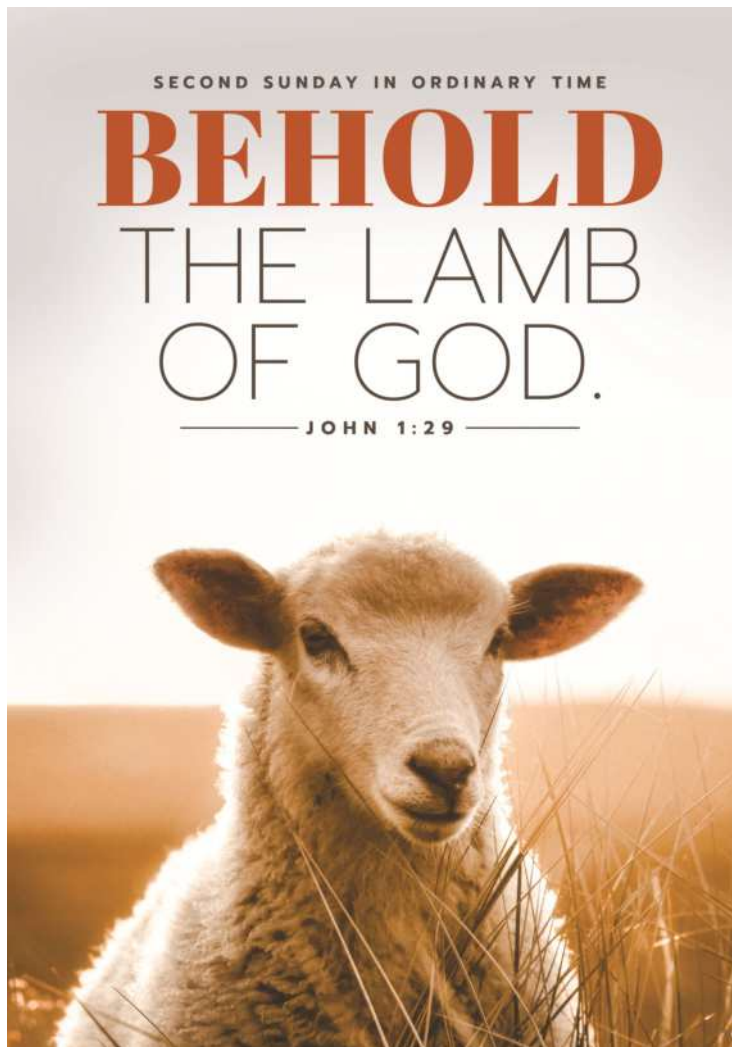
I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34)**. That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

*Father John Muir*  
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## Readings Week of January 18

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/  
Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We Pray...*

*That we may faithfully live as God's stewards,  
fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed  
us in the womb.*

## Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321  
Phone: (219) 836-2660

### Ministry Schedule

#### Monday, January 19

- 5:30 pm Parents Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Holy Name Society—Weis Center Room 102

#### Tuesday, January 20

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Wednesday, January 21

- 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM—Weis Center Main Hall
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Thursday, January 22

- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts Daisy Troop—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Friday, January 23

- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth—Weis Center Room 101
- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts ALL—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Saturday, January 24

- 10:00 am STM Kids Book Club—Weis Center Room 101
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts ALL—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Sunday, January 25

- 9:00 am SVDP Council Meeting—Weis Center Main Hall

### Add these dates to your calendar:

#### Monday 1/19/2026

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **NO ADORATION—MLK HOLIDAY**



### St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter	Or Hash Browns, etc.
Jelly	Rice
Pasta Sauce	Hamburger Helper
Canned Pasta	Pork & Beans
Canned Vegetables	Frosting
Canned Meats	
(Chicken, Beef Stew, Spam & Tuna)	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Toothpaste
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Dish Soap

We appreciate your contributions to help us carry out our mission.

Note: Parishioners wishing to make a monetary donation should use their "green envelope" (make checks payable to: St. Thomas More/SVDP)

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need. God bless you!

## Celebrants

### Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

### Sunday, January 25

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



## Altar Servers

### Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. MC—Alex, AS— M. Moya & P. Werner

### Sunday, January 25

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and E. Smola  
10:00 a.m. MC—Reyna, AS—As. Sudac, E. Valentino & C. Dagholor  
12:00 Noon MC—Nina, AS—O. Mack



## Greeters Schedule for the Week

### Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Miles Sepiol & Jo Ann Karr  
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko  
Choir:

If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact  
**Lisa Mendoza**  
718mendoza@gmail.com

### Sunday, January 25

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Sue & Dick Wilson  
Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller  
Choir: Mike Cardone

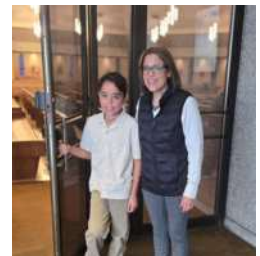
10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholor  
Chapel: Magdalena Arteaga  
Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: —

**Greeters needed for the 12 Noon Mass! Please consider signing up!**



## Stewardship REFLECTION

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." **ISAIAH 49:5**

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.





St. Thomas More

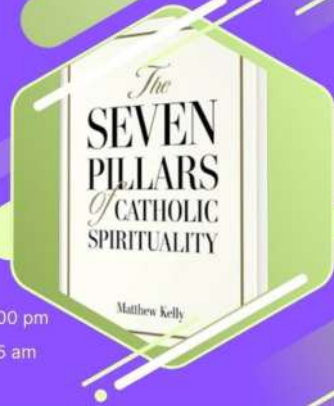
## LENTEN STUDY & SHARE

5-Week Small Group Discussion  
following Matthew Kelly's "Seven  
Pillars of Catholic Spirituality"

**STARTING FEB. 25TH**

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Morning Sessions: Thursdays 9:15-10:45 am

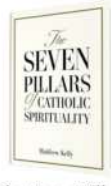


## Lenten Study and Share Small Group Sessions

Accompanying the Reading of:

*"The Seven Pillars of  
Catholic Spirituality"*

by Matthew Kelly



**Wednesday Evening Sessions 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Feb. 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25

**Thursday Morning Sessions 9:15-10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26

Sessions will be held at the **Weis Ministry Center** and will  
include time for fellowship and faith sharing.

**Register Here —>**

Or go to:

<https://www.stm-church.com/events?id=99>



Please call Daniel Maul with questions at

219-836-8610, Ext. 2415 or email [dmaul@stm-church.com](mailto:dmaul@stm-church.com)

# PREPARE FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is one month from today!



## Join Us for Pancakes!

It's time for the Annual Ushers'

### Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, January 25**

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Gym

Cost: Free Will Donation

**Visit the school during their annual  
Open House & stop by the Gym  
for delicious pancakes  
with fellow parishioners!**

Thank you from Al Gallagher, Jim Marmalejo,  
Joe Stefanich & Thomas Murray (co-chairs)

*P.S.—There is a need for additional Ushers at all Sunday  
Masses. You can sign up at the breakfast!*

## The January Nursery Schedule

### The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery

*The Nursery is in the "Brides Room", located in  
the Church Main Entrance*

**Jan. 18—Susie, Finn and Kian Kinsella**

**Jan. 25—Michelle, Eleanor & Tommy Wendlinger**

### We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed in our Sunday Morning Nursery,  
including 8th Grade Students and High School Students  
that need Service Hours.

**Please call Ann Harkenrider at  
1-708-334-5228.**

All volunteers 18 and over must  
have completed  
the Virtus training.





The St. Thomas More Gabriel Project Ministry helps expecting mothers and new mothers who are in need of assistance with supplies, resources or someone to lovingly care and encourage them.

Discover how you can impact the lives of mothers and their babies in the community.

Our most sincere thanks to those who have donated items and monetary gifts for the mothers and infants we serve.

We welcome new members to join us.

**Gabriel Project**  
**Wednesday, January 28th**  
**7:00 p.m.—Weis Center Room 101**

“As the family goes,  
 so goes the nation,  
 and so goes the  
 whole world  
 in which  
 we live.”  
 ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer  
 for the Legal  
 Protection of  
 Unborn Children

**DAY OF PRAYER**  
 for the Legal Protection  
 of Unborn Children

**Thursday**  
**January 22, 2026**



## Seniors of STM

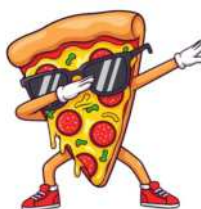
Join our fun group of active Seniors!  
 You **do not** need to be a St. Thomas More parishioner ...everyone 55+ is welcome!

**All Meetings are at the  
 Weis Center at 1:00 p.m.**  
*(unless noted otherwise).*

***Don't miss our first meetings of 2026!***

**Wednesday, January 21st**  
**1:00 p.m.—Weis Center Main Hall**

Everyone of “senior status” is welcome to join us!



**February 4th—Pizza Party!**  
**12:00 p.m. —Weis Center**  
 Advance reservations required by  
 1/21/26

Register at the Jan. 21 meeting or  
 contact the parish office  
 219-836-8610

**Wednesday, February 18th**  
**1:00 p.m. Weis Center**  
 Speaker: Todd Nolder (Powers Health)  
 Topic: Sleep Disorders



**The month of January is dedicated  
 to the *Holy Name of Jesus*.**

To honor Jesus' holy name this month, consider  
 attending a meeting of the ***Holy Name Society***.  
 Men of all ages are welcome to attend.

**Monday, January 19th**  
**7:00 p.m.—Weis Center Room 102**





January 18, 2026



# St. Thomas More School

## St. Thomas More School Open House

Sunday, January 25  
9:00 a.m. to Noon



## Attention Parishioners

If you, or someone you know, is interested in the phenomenal Catholic education offered at our National Blue Ribbon School, be sure to apply ASAP on/or soon after January 25th. Classes will fill quickly.

New for the 2026-2027 School Year:

**All Indiana families will qualify for the Indiana Choice Scholarship!**

If you have questions about STMS, please contact Pam Pasyk in Admissions at [ppasyk@stm-school.com](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com) or visit our website: <https://www.stm-school.com/how-to-apply>

## Open House

Meet students, teachers, administrators & parents, tour our building and find out why our

St. Thomas More School students thrive!

**Applications Open for 2026-2027 on 1/25, too!**

The following documents are required to apply:

Birth Certificate • Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)

Students in Grades 1-7 also need:

Report Cards & Standardized Test Scores for current school year + 2 years prior (if applicable)



## Hard Work Pays Fun Dividends

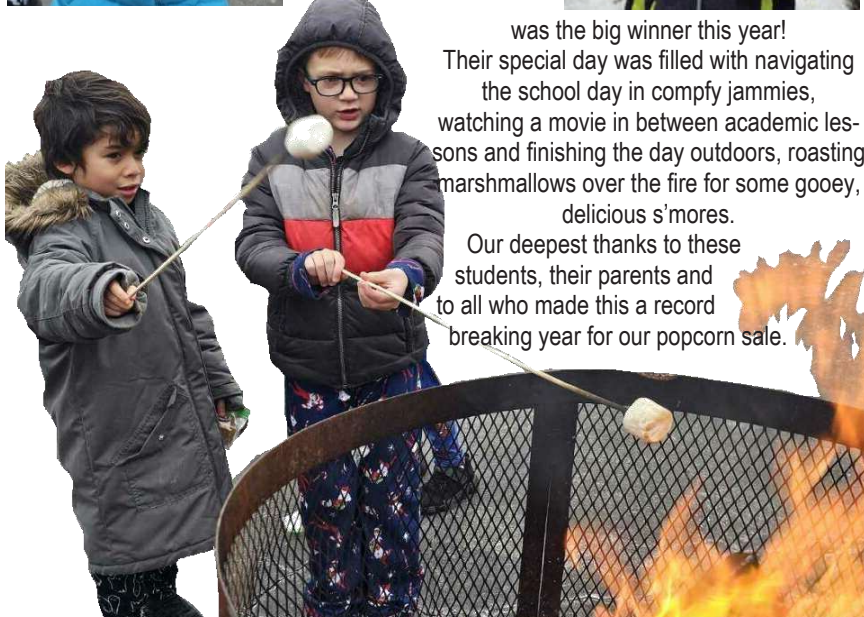
One of the incentives of the school's Double Good Popcorn Sale in the fall was a Pajama & S'mores Day for the grade that sold the most popcorn. And the STMS 1st Grade



was the big winner this year!

Their special day was filled with navigating the school day in comfy jammies, watching a movie in between academic lessons and finishing the day outdoors, roasting marshmallows over the fire for some gooey, delicious s'mores.

Our deepest thanks to these students, their parents and to all who made this a record breaking year for our popcorn sale.



## Thank You Munster Rotary Club!

Once again, we welcomed a visit from the Munster Rotary Club, who came bearing gifts of new dictionaries for our 3rd grade students.

Rotary members generously spent time with our students to explain all the valuable information that this incredible book holds; far more than just words and definitions.

We extend our deepest thanks to the Munster Rotary!



 **Pregnant?**  
Need help?  
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 For more resources, visit: [prolifegary.org](http://prolifegary.org)

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Office of Missionary Discipleship & Evangelization  
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# MAJOR SEMINARY VISIT

COME AND YOU WILL SEE. - JOHN 1:39



**JANUARY 29TH - 31ST 2026**

**SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY**  
Detroit, Michigan

 **To RSVP:**  
Contact Jo Anne Rosenow  
[jrosenow@dgary.org](mailto:jrosenow@dgary.org)



**Men ages 21 and older**  
**All expenses paid**  
**Transportation provided**

# EMBRACE!

*Retreat for married and engaged couples*

**FEATURING:**  
Chris and Linda Padgett



**Cost: \$120 per couple**

 **Saturday, Feb. 14**  
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 **St. Paul Catholic Church**  
1855 Harrison Blvd,  
Valparaiso, IN, 46385

**Bring your bible, your journal, and get ready for some fun!**

**Retreat includes:**

- Interactive talks
- Personal time for couples' reflection and discussion
- Continental breakfast and catered lunch
- Adoration with a special blessing for the couples

**Learn more and register:**  
[dgary.org/couples-retreat](http://dgary.org/couples-retreat)

 **Diocese of Gary**  
dgary.org





## St. Thomas More Religious Education

1st -8th Grade • Classes: Wednesday or Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### Religious Education Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Wed & Thurs 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Director: Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232 • [ehackett@stm-church.com](mailto:ehackett@stm-church.com)

### January Schedule

January 21/22 Class

January 28/29 Class

### February Schedule

February 4/5 Class

February 11/12 Class

**February 18/19 NO CLASS—ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 25/26 Class



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:29-34

## Parish Directory Update: *Thank you for your patience!*

If you came to the Weis Center to take your photo for the Parish Directory—Please Hold Tight!

The directory project includes several steps and phases:

- Photos are taken.
- The complimentary 8x10 photo and any additional prints you ordered should have been mailed to you. If you have not received your order/complimentary 8x10 print, please call UCD Customer Service at **419-522-5011**
- We are accepting photographs (through the end of January) from parishioners who were unable to take their photo here. These can be sent via digital JPEG file to [kquagliara@stm-church.com](mailto:kquagliara@stm-church.com) or hard copies brought to the parish office.
- The data information for the directory needs to be up-to-date before printing. In the later part of 2025, the church migrated to a new database. There will be opportunity for parishioners to update their contact information in our database (which is the list we will print in the directory).
- Parishioners will also be given the chance to respond and let us know if they wish to omit their address/phone information from the directory. **YOU WILL STILL HAVE YOUR PHOTO INCLUDED IF YOU TOOK A PHOTO. Be on the lookout for information on how to update your contact information for our database!**
- This information is all given to the company, then we proof the book until it is perfect!
- **If you came and took a photograph with the photographers, or submitted a photograph, you will receive a copy of the directory. Universal Church Directories will ship the directory to you with the address you provided for your photo orders.**
- If you did not take a photo or submit a photo, we will have some additional directories available for purchase at \$20.00.
- Look in the mail for your directory around Easter!

Please contact Krystal Quagliara if you have any additional questions. (219)836-8610, Ext. 2414

## Parish Information

St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)

### 2025-2026 Pastoral Council

**Chairperson:** Michael Popovich

Vita Ayala • Mike Englert • Deborah Gena • Elaine Herrmann  
Christi Kordeck • Bill McCullough • Lisa Mendoza • Claudia Pernal  
Patty Queroz • Michael Sajn • Cindy Thompson

### Parish Ministries & Organizations

#### WORSHIP

##### Altar Servers

Kathy Tolnai (708)212-7419

##### Environment & Art

Helen Jaworski (219)836-1833  
Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

##### Eucharistic Adoration

Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

##### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

James Kaspar (219)836-2343

##### Greeters

Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

##### Lectors

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## Sacramental Information

#### Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

First Friday: Half hour

before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

#### Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month program.

#### Communion Calls

##### Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

Call the Parish Office to schedule Sacraments for those in the hospital or homebound.

#### Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately following the noon Mass. Parents must be registered parishioners & regularly attending at least six months before the Baptism. At least one of the godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic.

#### Pre-Baptism Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the Parish Office to schedule class and/or Baptism.

## New Parishioner Registration

New parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex before or after Mass on weekends.

Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions:  
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