



# ST. THOMAS MORE

JANUARY 25, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



**We are all teachers of the faith.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, January 26—Saints Timothy & Titus

- 6:30 am Mary M. Silvasi by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Ann Marie Panek by Marianne Zembala

### TUESDAY, January 27—St. Angela Merici

- 6:30 am Souls in Purgatory by Karina Bravo
- 8:30 am Walter Banach by Joan, Tim & Jacalyn Plonsey

### WEDNESDAY, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas

- 6:30 am Anne Scepkowski by Family
- 8:30 am Doreen Jurkash by Jurkash Family

### THURSDAY, January 29

- 6:30 am Henrietta Kaminski by Pagorek Family
- 8:30 am Gene & Barbara Nottoli by Dave Nottoli

### FRIDAY, January 30

- 6:30 am Larry Monak by Family
- 8:30 am Fr. Stanley Dominik by Irene Matz

### SATURDAY, January 31—St. John Bosco

- 8:30 am Catherine Flynn (Anniv.) by Family
- 5:30 pm Bryan Pajor by Claudia Cipowski

### SUNDAY, February 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Michael Mercier by Kathy & Gene Garcia
- 10:00 am Margareta Buczkowski by Karen & Jim Sliwa
- 12:00 pm James & Nancy Kaczka by Career Networking

### 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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## UNITED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY

**“Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit.” ~ David Vitter**

Today is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. We celebrate our heritage each year at the end of January and we truly have much to celebrate.

Education is so very important. If our children are not educated properly, they will miss out on many things in life. That is one of the primary reasons for schools.

There are those who constantly argue about the value of public education versus private education. While, in many respects, children can receive adequate educations in either setting, we celebrate what Catholic education can enhance.

Vitter highlights that difference when he acknowledges that Catholic schools not only help to develop the mind but the body and soul as well. In Catholic schools, we can teach in a faith-based environment, helping the students to learn and acquire positive values that are crucial. We can talk about faith issues. We can celebrate our faith and belief in God. We can do those things freely, things that are often looked down upon if not outright prohibited in public education settings.

In forming the student, we attempt to do even more. We realize that the first teachers of the students are not the adults standing in the classroom, they are the adults that are at home: the mothers and fathers of the students. In a faith-based environment, we do our best to reinforce what the student is being taught in their home.

That is why Catholic schools do as much as they can to invite the parents to be a part of living the faith as much as possible. When parents model the faith, children tend to accept it and acquire it easier.

Hence, we are all teachers of the faith, not just the “teacher” in the classroom. It would do us well to ask ourselves if we are living the faith appropriately. Do we nurture a deeper relationship with God day by day? Do we invite others to walk with us in our faith journey?

Those are all ways that we can become teachers of the faith and, in the process, unite ourselves more closely with one another and with the Lord. United in Faith and Community. That is more than a catchphrase. That is more than a hope or a dream. That is a goal. Embrace the Lord today and ask Him to help you to be a witness to your family, friends, coworkers, and world.

**FAITH ACTION:** Pray for all involved in Catholic education as students, teachers, administrators, parents, or supporters.

*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 25: Rev. Joseph Judnic (1958)
- January 29: Rev. Edward M. Boney (1971)  
Msgr. Richard F. Zollinger (2024)
- January 30: Rev. Joseph Zobel (1967)  
Rev. Clarence Mazur (2001)
- January 31: Rev. Joseph R. Niezgoda (2008)

## a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools

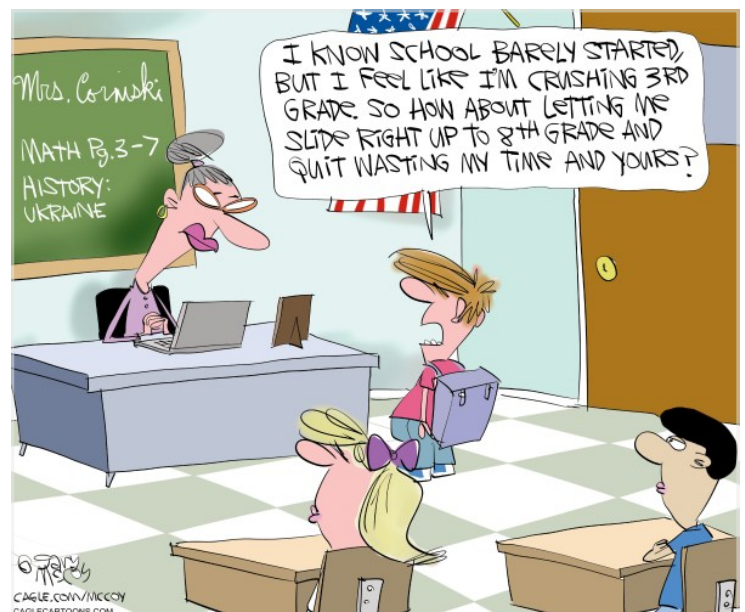


## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Q. Why did the chickens cross the school playground?  
A. To get to the other slide.

Q. Why did the student eat his exam?  
A. The teacher said it was a piece of cake.

Q. Why was the math book sad?  
A. Because it had so many problems.



## 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/42tadtyu>, 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 Czapkowitz  
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 Hesek  
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 Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.



Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (Matthew 4:19). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

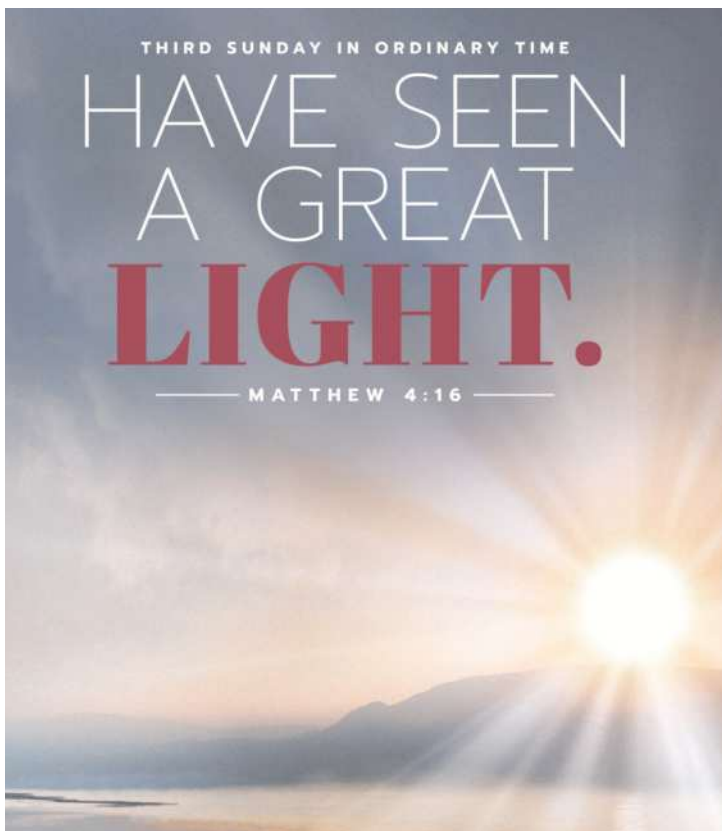
Father John Muir  
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## Rest In Peace



Joseph Richard Hemingway



## Readings Week of January 25

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  
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,  
10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/  
Mt 5:1-12a

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We Pray...*

*That we may faithfully follow Jesus,  
wherever and whenever He calls us.*



## Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

### Ministry Schedule

#### Monday, January 26

- 5:30 pm Parents Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Room 102

#### Tuesday, January 27

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall
- 7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Meeting—Weis Center Room 101

#### Wednesday, January 28

- 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting—Weis Center Room 107
- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts Lions Den #542—Weis Center Room 101

#### Thursday, January 29

- 2:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 15638—Weis Center Room 101
- 6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study—Weis Center Rooms 101 & 107

#### Friday, January 30

- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth—Weis Center Room 101

#### Saturday, January 31

- 9:30 am Spirituality & Worship Comm.—Weis Center Room 101
- 10:30 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan—Weis Center Room 107

### Add these dates to your calendar:

#### Monday 1/26/2026

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Monday 2/2/2026

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Friday 2/6/2026

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Monday 2/9/2026

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Monday 2/16/2026

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Wednesday 2/18/2026—Ash Wednesday Masses

- 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday 2/20/2026

- 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry -STM Gym

#### Monday 2/23/2026

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Monday 3/2/2026

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

#### Friday 3/6/2026

- 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel
- 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Holy Name Society Lenten Fish Fry—STM Gym

## Celebrants

### Saturday, January 31

- 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

### Sunday, February 1

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



## Altar Servers

### Saturday, January 31

- 5:30 p.m. MC—Nick, AS—X. Fonseca & G. Knight

### Sunday, February 1

- 8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—B., E. and J. Rueth
- 10:00 a.m. MC—Sophia, AS—J. Adebite, A. Monroy & K. Orozco
- 12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—J. Dye



## Greeters Schedule for the Week

### Saturday, January 31

#### 5:30 p.m. Mass

- Main: Knight Family
- Chapel: Kimberly Eurlay
- Choir: Ari Gregolunas

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

### Sunday, February 1

#### 6:30 a.m. Mass

- Main: Tanya Vasquez

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

- Main: Terry Laciak
- Chapel: Ivy Nguyen
- Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

#### 10:00 a.m. Mass

- Main: Juliet Ogunyoye
- Chapel: Lisa Mendoza
- Choir: Michelle Walker

#### 12:00 Noon Mass

- Main: Trinidad & Gladys Escobedo

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



## Stewardship REFLECTION

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



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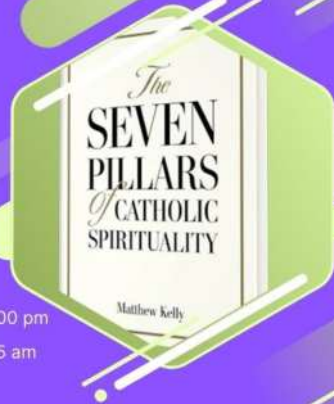
# LENTEN STUDY & SHARE

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

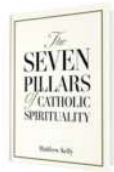


## Lenten Study and Share Small Group Sessions

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)

Hallow

Pray every  
day this Lent

Try It for Free



Go to [hallow.com/lent](https://hallow.com/lent) to find resources on fasting, daily prayer,  
and other resources for a prayerful Lenten season this year.



## 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

**Feb. 1—Susie, Finn & Kian Kinsella**

**Feb. 8—Kaaren Mashura & Rachel Perezchica**

**Feb. 15—Ann & Katie Harkenrider, Giuliana Diaz**

**Feb. 22—Jennifer & Oliver Anderson**

### 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.

## 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** 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



## 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).*

***Thank you to all who attended our first social gathering of 2026. We're excited for a great year together.***

**February 4th—Pizza Party!  
12:00 p.m. —Weis Center**

**Advance reservations were required**  
Plan to join us for some good friends, good food and a good time!



**Wednesday, February 18th  
1:00 p.m. Weis Center**

Speaker: Todd Nolder (Powers Health)  
Topic: Sleep Disorders



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**





January 25, 2026

# St. Thomas More School



## St. Thomas More School Open House

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

## Join Us Today!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in the phenomenal Catholic education offered at our National Blue Ribbon School, be sure to visit our Open House today and apply ASAP. Classes will fill very quickly.

New for the 2026-2027 School Year:

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

If you value a faith-based education, a place where teachers are strong, effective & loving, where there is a true family atmosphere, where students are kind, respectful & confident and where everything is approached with our "Excellence Happens on Purpose" attitude, then St. Tom's may be the school for you!

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>

### Applications Open for 2026-2027 on 1/25!

Come visit us today in Room 104 and see for yourself!

You will find a warm and welcoming staff and an environment that helps every child succeed.



## 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

A semester long course led the way to a big graduation for our St. Thomas More School 5th Grade.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Instructor and STMS Resource Officer, Munster Police Sergeant James Ghrist, students learned to make safe & healthy

choices, to avoid harmful substances & dangerous social situations and to help their friends do the same.

All this, and more, is part of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, helping young people live safe and happy lives. In addition to our 5th Grade, Sgt. Ghrist also meets with younger students throughout the year and circles back with our 8th Grade, bringing Drunk Driver Simulators to mimic the effects of driving under the influence and reiterates many of the D.A.R.E. lessons before these students graduate and launch into their high school careers. We hope the many important D.A.R.E. lessons always remain at the forefront of their decisions.





# 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!



Diocese of Gary  
dcgary.org

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



## Retreat includes:

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



## Upcoming Diocesan Event



**Knights of Columbus 8082**  
**14th Annual Paczki Ball**  
**Dinner/ Dance Fundraiser**

*Family Event!*

**Saturday, February 14th**  
**6:00—11:00 pm**

Goretti Hall • 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer, IN  
On the Grounds of St. Maria Goretti Church

Family-style Polish dinner, followed by dancing.  
Featuring E-Z Tones Polka Band.  
Tickets: \$45 per person (**\*\*Cash Bar**)

Purchase Tickets and More Information: Ed Hebda (630)258-8331  
Or Email: [edhebda8082@yahoo.com](mailto:edhebda8082@yahoo.com)



# MAJOR SEMINARY VISIT

COME AND YOU WILL SEE. - JOHN 1:39



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**JANUARY**  
**29TH - 31ST**  
**2026**

**SACRED HEART  
MAJOR  
SEMINARY**

Detroit, Michigan



Men ages 21 and older  
All expenses paid  
Transportation provided



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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary** is looking for a volunteer delivery driver to support our Food Pantry in East Chicago.

This role includes delivering groceries to homebound neighbors throughout Lake, Porter, La Porte, and Starke counties, packing food bags, and helping load and unload delivery trucks.

**Flexible weekday schedule (Monday-Friday).** The position plays a vital role in ensuring food reaches those who need it most.

### Interested in volunteering?

Contact Tina Gunnum  
Email: [tgunnum@catholic-charities.org](mailto:tgunnum@catholic-charities.org)  
Phone: 219-397-5803 ext. 205



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Charities  
Diocese of Gary



## 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

### January Schedule

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

### March Schedule

March 4/5 Class

March 11/12 Class

March 18/19 Class

March 25/26 Class

**GROWING**   
WITH THE *Gospel*  
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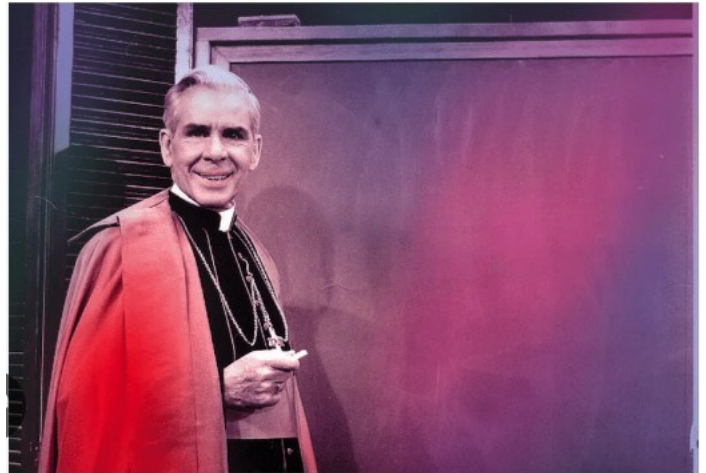
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 4:12-23

## Vatican will soon announce the date of Beatification of Ven. Fulton Sheen



### Paving the Way for Catholic Influencers

Younger generations might not know him yet, but Archbishop Fulton Sheen was ahead of his time, forging a path in the media for the Catholic faith. Before the internet, YouTube and social media, Sheen became well-known for his radio and television programs, *The Catholic Hour* on NBC Radio and *Life is Worth Living*, which drew about 10 million weekly viewers. He has also written more than 60 books.

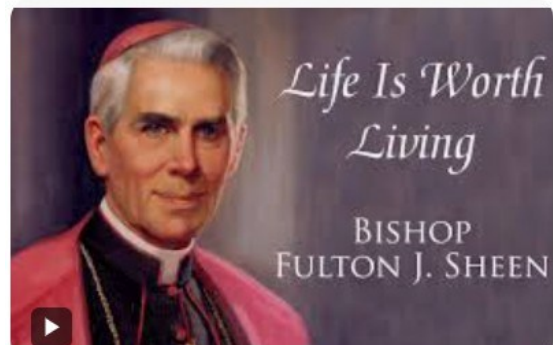
### Medically Unexplained Miracle

The Vatican approved a miracle attributed to Sheen's intercession in July 2019. The miracle involved a baby boy from Illinois, James Fulton Engstrom. He was still-born for 61 minutes and his parents prayed intensely for the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. Just as doctors were ready to pronounce him dead, James began to breathe with a normal heartbeat. He continues to live a healthy life today and has met all of his developmental milestones.

### Not Far From Home

Ven. Fulton Sheen was ordained a priest in Peoria, Illinois in 1919, where his beatification ceremony is suspected to be. At times we can think that holy saints of our Catholic faith are far-removed, from other countries and other times. Just as the childhood home of our current Pope Leo XIV is just miles away, Sheen's life and ministry began not far from Munster.

You can find episodes of the *Life Is Worth Living* show on the Vision Video channel on YouTube or on the Formed app.



## 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

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## Sacramental Information

#### Confessions

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

First Friday: Half hour  
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#### Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing member  
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#### Communion Calls

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Call the Parish Office to schedule  
Sacraments for those in the hospital or  
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#### Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately  
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#### Pre-Baptism Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 p.m.  
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Parish Office to schedule class  
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### New Parishioner Registration

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

You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex  
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Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions:  
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