



# ST. THOMAS MORE

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



You can make all the difference in the world, even if only to one person.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 Buczowski by Karen & Jim Sliwi
12:00 pm	James & Nancy Kaczka by Career Networking

### MONDAY, February 2—Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am	Joseph Pawlak (Anniv.) by Family
8:30 am	Margaret & Vince Grober by Julie & Chris Ylo

### TUESDAY, February 3—St. Blaise

6:30 am	Della D. Klobuchar "Nani" by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am	Stephen Caco by Family

### WEDNESDAY, February 4

6:30 am	Ed & Jean Hreha by Children
8:30 am	Carmen Garcia by Serrano Family

### THURSDAY, February 5—St. Agatha

6:30 am	Joseph Ogarek by Tim O'Connor
8:30 am	Joseph Oblon (Anniv.) by Bob & Joseph Gauger

### FRIDAY, February 6—St. Paul Miki & Companions

6:30 am	Louise Younkers by Joyce & Deacon Joe Stodola
8:30 am	Roger & Dorothy Smitley Family

### SATURDAY, February 7

8:30 am	Joanne Jurich by Tom & Louisa Jurich
5:30 pm	Ann Marie Panek by Brian Panek & Family

### SUNDAY, February 8—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am	For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am	Joseph Trgovich by Trgovich Family
10:00 am	Leslie Murphy by Family
12:00 pm	Rufino Aquino (Anniv.) by Aquino Family

### 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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## THE REMNANT

“Tune your television to any channel it doesn't receive and about 1 percent of the dancing static you see is accounted for by this ancient remnant of the Big Bang. The next time you complain that there is nothing on, remember that you can always watch the birth of the universe.” ~ Bill Bryson

Abraham Isaac Kook once wrote, “A tiny remnant of a big thing is better than a whole little thing.” I think, in many ways, he reflects the thought of Bill Bryson in today's opening quote.

In today's first reading as well, God spoke through the prophet Zephaniah when he uttered, “I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord: the remnant of Israel.”

Remnants. When I first became familiar with that word, it was in terms of carpeting. My mother used to go to carpet stores and purchase the rectangles of remnants that the store was selling at dirt cheap prices. They were generally samples of carpeting that was discontinued and no longer sold.

With some carpet string, she would sew the remnants together in intriguing patterns and, voila, we would have a brand new area rug out of pieces that were once considered worthless.

That is what the remnant of Israel felt about themselves in history. They felt cast off, useless, worthless. But God, through Zephaniah, reminded them that they were left in the midst of nations as a visible sign to others. A remnant could be worthless. A remnant, on the other hand, could also be priceless.

There are days, when attempting to live the faith in a world that is so deeply troubled, that we might feel as if we, too, have no worth. We do not see the value that we have because our world appears so dark and overpowering. Nothing can overpower God, however.

If we live as His faithful people, we have the opportunity to provide a picture of what could be. A people of love, forgiveness, and serenity can take on the world if we just put our minds to it.

So, what do you say? Are you going to adopt an attitude of worthlessness, of thinking that you are too small of a remnant to make a difference? Think again. You can make all the difference in the world, even if only to one person.

**FAITH ACTION:** Don't worry about everyone else. Ask God to give you the grace that you need to live as a faith-filled person so as to inspire others.

*F. J. 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:

- February 2: Rev. Dennis Teles (2014)
- February 3: Msgr. Francis A. Rego (1987)
- February 4: Rev. Stephen J. Vrabel (1994)  
Reverend John Beckmann (1996)
- February 5: Rev. Vincent E. Eckert (1978)  
Rev. Stanley J. Dominik (2024)
- February 6: Deacon Alexander Saims (2008)

## THE POWER OF THE EUCHARIST



“Eucharistic Adoration is an invaluable conversation with Christ where we learn more deeply of the mysteries of His Divine and human life.”

~ St. Pope John Paul II

“Eucharistic Adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence.”

~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

“During a Holy Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host.”

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

## LENT WILL BE UPON US SOON

A quick peek ahead:

February 18 - Ash Wednesday

March 24 - Lent Penance Service

March 29 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Holy Thursday

April 3 - Good Friday

April 4 - Holy Saturday

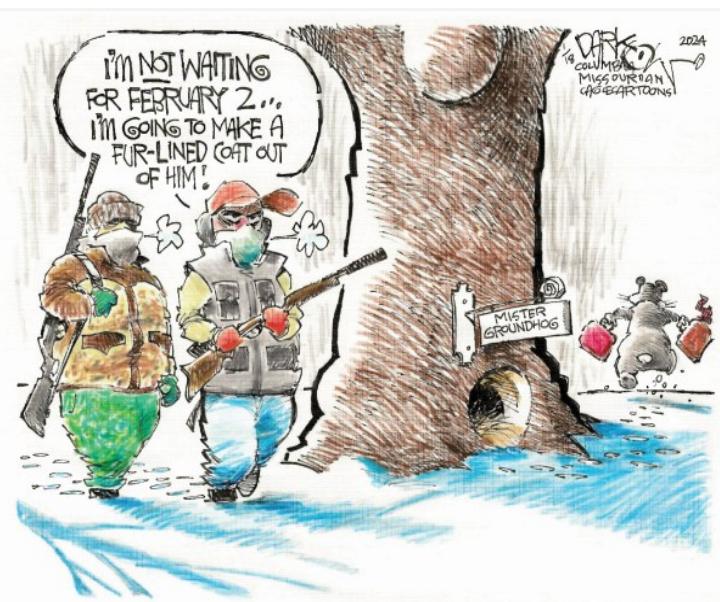
April 5 - Easter Sunday

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A minister thought that the reason he had no one coming to the altar week after week was because his sermons were too short.

The next week he decided to preach for an hour and a half. Sure enough, 18 people came down the aisle to the altar to lay down after the first hour of preaching.

He thought it was odd, though, that none of them got up after he was done.



## 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/42tadty>, 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 Czapkowicz  
Janice De Vries  
David Dull  
Gabriela Gallegos  
Gary Gardner  
Joan Glinski  
Howard Gralewski  
Margaret Gray  
Christine Greenberg  
Mary Ellen Gullicks  
Jeffrey Gunning  
Katie Kardes Hargett  
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  
Elizabeth (Betty)

Pallotto

Dennis Perz  
Lucille Perz

Ruth Ramirez

Antonia Rodriguez  
Valentine 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 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.



He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad"** (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

*Father John Muir*

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## Readings Week of February 1

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/  
Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mk 5:21-43

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

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/  
Mk 6:7-13

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

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We Pray...*

*That others can see we live as Christians by the way we act, dress and talk.*

## Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

### Ministry Schedule

#### Monday, February 2

5:30 pm Parents Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101  
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101  
7:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Tuesday, February 3

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

#### Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am Coffee with the Principal—Weis Center Main Hall  
9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101  
12:00 pm Seniors of STM—Weis Center Main Hall  
4:30 pm Brownie Troop 15625—Weis Center Main Hall  
6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Weis Center Room 101

#### Thursday, February 5

5:00 pm Girl Scouts—Weis Center Main Hall  
5:30 pm Cub Scouts 542 Tigers 1st Grade—Weis Center Rm 101

#### Friday, February 6

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

#### Sunday, February 8

5:00 pm T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry—Weis Center Main Hall



### Celebrants

#### Saturday, February 7

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

#### Sunday, February 8

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, February 7

5:30 p.m. MC—Hunter, AS—X. Mendoza & M. Moya

#### Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—A. & L. Jara & H. Jorsch  
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye & S. Santellano  
12:00 Noon MC—Lukas, AS—O. Mack

### Greeters Schedule for the Week

#### Saturday, February 7

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

Main: Miles Sepiol & Jo Ann Karr  
Chapel: Michelle Strimel  
Choir: Lisa Mendoza

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

#### Sunday, February 8

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

Main: Julie Loza

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

Main: David & Denise Jones  
Chapel: Maria Rodriguez  
Choir: Mike Cardone



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

Main: Jose & Paula Serrano  
Chapel: Magdalena Artega  
Choir: —



##### 12:00 Noon Mass

Main: —

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

### Stewardship REFLECTION

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3*

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.



## 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).**

**The cold weather doesn't stop our Seniors.  
There is always hot coffee and warm greetings  
awaiting you at our gatherings!**

**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



## Millions of Monicas

*Grow in holiness, humility and community.*

Join with other mothers in praying for their adult children and loved ones to return to the Catholic Church. St. Monica prayed unceasingly for her son, St. Augustine's conversion.

**Thursday February 12th**

*2nd Thursdays of Every Month*

**STM Chapel, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

*St. Monica, pray for us!*

## St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs Your Help!



Bitter cold temperatures and increases in energy costs have many NWI residents choosing between warmth and food. SVDP does their best to help people in all situations, please help their efforts!

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!

Contact Mike Martinelli at [themartinellis@att.net](mailto:themartinellis@att.net)

## The February 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.

## Do Not Wait Until Ash Wednesday To Prepare For Lent

When something is important to us, we prepare for it. With just a little more than two weeks to go, are we preparing for Lent? I haven't, yet! Have you?



My family and I will be going to Quebec, in June, and boy are we excited! As a result, we have done tons of preparation. We already have our itinerary, hotel rooms, passports, and rental van. All we need to do is pack up and go, even though the trip is still five months away. There's nothing necessarily wrong with this excitement and preparation, so long as it doesn't become the most important thing in our lives. Keep the eye on the prize: God. But, we don't travel often, and we're taking my parents, who are seventy-nine and eighty-one and have never been to Quebec.

I like to believe that Lent is important to me, but I usually fail to prepare for it ahead of time. I earnestly try to take the Church's advice by increasing my prayer (privately and in communal worship), fasting (a spiritual exercise, not a diet program), and almsgiving (giving and doing more to and for people in need). I attend Stations of the Cross, go to a few daily Masses, and follow the fasting and abstinence guidelines of the Church. Even though my children are young enough that they don't have to, they like to abstain from meat on Fridays and give something up for Lent, too. It's encouraged at their Catholic school.

Despite all of this, I often don't know what I'm actually going "to do" for Lent, until about Ash Wednesday or, maybe, Fat Tuesday, if I'm lucky.

So, as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, and if you're anything like me, let's choose to do things differently, this year, and start preparing for Lent, today! To go about doing this, I offer five small suggestions, for your consideration.

1. Pray – ask God what you need to do for Lent; don't decide for yourself; take God's lead.
2. Do a thorough Examination of Conscience (the USCCB offers a number of good ones on their website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) – figure out where your areas of sin are. Lent is about trying to come back to God, grow closer to Him, start over, and become holy, through a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him.
3. Bring your sins to Jesus Christ, and ask Him to put that sin to death in you, this Lent. Ask for the grace to resist and repent of the sins that you need to reject.
4. Write this all down, so as to be able to return to your plan, throughout Lent.
5. For accountability, share this plan with a trusted loved one or spiritual director.

Since Lent is important to you, don't wait.

Start preparing for it, today.

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

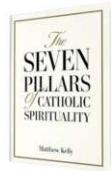
Morning Sessions: Thursdays 9:15-10:45 am

*The SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY*  
Matthew Kelly

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



February 1, 2026



# St. Thomas More School

## STMS Cash Raffle Returns

*Back by popular demand!*

Get your tickets now for the St. Thomas More School

### Cash Raffle

Drawing will be held at 8:00 p.m. during the STMS Trivia Night on March 14, 2026.

Winners need not be present.

**Tickets: Only \$10 Each**

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$3,000 • 3rd Prize: \$1,000 • Plus 10 \$100 Prizes

Purchase tickets in the Parish Office or from your favorite STMS student.

Thanks for Visiting Our  
Open House



**It's Back! It's Back!**

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

**CASH  
RAFFLE**

Get Your Tickets Now!

**Cash  
or Check  
Only**



## Apply Today!

Our thanks to all who visited the school last weekend. If someone you know is interested in the phenomenal Catholic education offered at our National Blue Ribbon School, apply now! Classes are filling quickly.

**New for 2026-2027: All Indiana families may 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 we approach everything with an "Excellence Happens on Purpose" attitude, then

St. Tom's may be the school for you!  
Questions? Contact Pam Pasyk  
ppasyk@stm-school.com



## Catholic Schools Week 2026

*Celebrating Our Families*

Catholic Schools Week 2026 kicked-off with our annual Open House, welcoming over 50 prospective families to our school building for tours and great conversations. The halls were teeming with excitement as our current students ushered parents to their classrooms to see class work displayed and visit with their teachers.

After a day off due to weather conditions on Monday, the week started on a high note as we celebrated our families with an All School Family Mass on Tuesday morning.

The church was packed with students and family members, as our big, happy school family gathered together in prayer and song. What a joy!



# DOWNLOAD YOUR 2025 GIVING STATEMENT

Your 2025 Giving Statement is now available online through our new parish database, Ministry Platform.

*Access is quick, secure and available anytime through our church website.*

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

To connect your account, you will need the following information:

First Name       Last Name       Email       Cell Phone Number

*If you received an email from STM, use the information included in that message.*

## HOW TO ACCESS YOUR STATEMENT:

1. Go to <https://www.stm-church.com/my-giving>
2. Select **Login**.
3. On the next page, choose **Create an Account**.
4. Enter your **First Name, Last Name, Email Address** and **Mobile Phone Number**, then select **Next**.
5. You will receive a **verification code** by email (or possibly text).
6. Enter the code. You will be taken to a page to **create and confirm a new password**. Select **Reset Password**.
7. Return to the login screen, enter your email and password, and select **Log In**.
8. If you receive a message that says **No Statements Currently Available**, please give us 24 hours to update your account prior to reaching out.
9. Once logged in, select **2025** to view your giving statement and choose **Save as PDF**.



***Please review your statement and compare it with your personal records.***

## Need Help?

### Questions/Discrepancies?

Contact Charles Schimpf, Director of Finance  
cschimpf@stm-church.com, 219-836-8610, Ext. 2329

### Received multiple emails from us?

This likely means you have a duplicate profile.  
Please forward one email to nbickel@stm-church.com  
so we can merge your records and ensure **all donations are included**.

### General questions or login assistance:

Contact Noreen Bickel, Director of Parish Mission  
nbickel@stm-church.com, 219-836-8610, Ext. 2330

### Need a paper copy?

We encourage online access whenever possible. If you are unable to retrieve your statement online, contact the parish office at 219-836-8610.

## 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

### 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

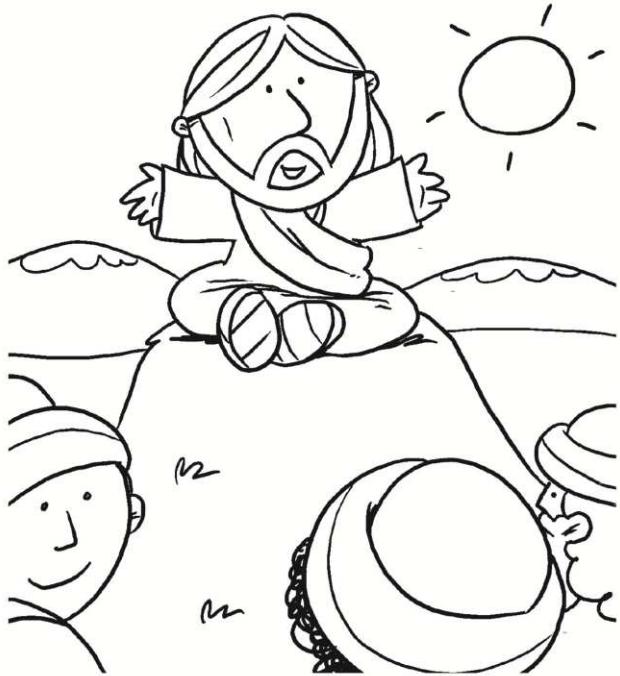
March 18/19 Class

March 25/26 Class



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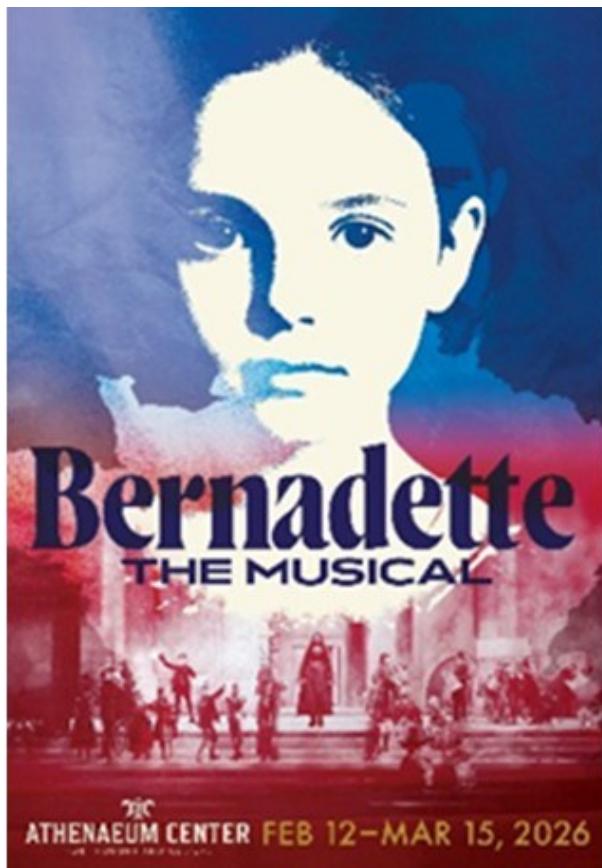
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## Families Get Creative with Advent Activities

This Advent, our Religious Education students brought a creative project home to their families. The Jesse Tree is a Catholic Tradition that helps us trace Jesus's lineage (the “family tree of Christ”) from creation to His birth. It involves decorating a tree, real or artificial, with ornaments each day in Advent. These ornaments represent Bible stories and people. For example, an apple represents Adam & Eve, and an ark represents Noah. The bible passages are read each day as the tree is decorated. Pictured here is 3rd grade Religious Education student Harper F.



Bernadette, The Musical is a powerful and deeply moving theatrical production that brings to life the extraordinary story of Bernadette Soubirous, the young girl whose Marian apparitions in Lourdes in 1858, forever changed the spiritual landscape of the world.

**Carmelite Shrine, Munster (NOON—5:30 PM)**

\$65/person, Motorcoach Transportation, One Balcony Ticket  
2:00 p.m. Performance (Athenaeum Center, Chicago)

Call Joe Cascone at 708-560-7767  
or email: casconejoe@outlook.com

# Parish Information

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## 2025-2026 Pastoral Council

### Chairperson: Michael Popovich

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### GROW

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Kaaren Mashura (219)836-5079

#### Bible Study – Wed. AM

Cindy Keilman (219)923-9862

#### Bible Study – Thurs. PM

Denise Gard (219)201-4103

#### Bible Study – Parents

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### Confessions

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### Communion Calls

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### Baptisms

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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  
before or after Mass on weekends.

Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions:  
219-836-8610, Ext. 2415, [dmaul@stm-church.com](mailto:dmaul@stm-church.com)

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### Senior Deacons: David Kapala, KHS • Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS

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### Building Maintenance

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