



ST. THOMAS MORE

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



God blessed us so that we might rally the team of Christians among whom we live and move together toward the goal: eternal life in His Kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, February 9

- 6:30 am Gloria Cicirale by Kathy Hatczel
- 8:30 am Fr. Stanley Dominik by Irene Matz

TUESDAY, February 10—St. Scholastic

- 6:30 am Irene Renwald by Jim Kaspar and the MRC
- 8:30 am Mary Patricia Wilk by Husband

WEDNESDAY, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

- 6:30 am Margaret Kushnak by Brian
- 8:30 am Frank Markey by Family

THURSDAY, February 12

- 6:30 am Louise Younkers by Joyce & Deacon Joe Stodola
- 8:30 am James Chmara (Anniv.) by Queroz Family

FRIDAY, February 13

- 6:30 am Sally Hollingshead by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Amy Osmulski by Family

SATURDAY, February 14—St. Cyril & Methodius

- 8:30 am David Dalessandro by Jennifer & Frank Dalessandro
- 5:30 pm Darlene Stout by Patti Stofko

SUNDAY, February 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am William Gerlach (Anniv.) by Wife Dona & Family
- 10:00 am Thomas J. Figler by Deacon & Mrs. Joseph Vincent Stodola, III
- 12:00 pm James Miskovich by Eva Kennedy

→ NEW Parish Office Hours ←

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.—Noon

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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MOVE TOGETHER TOWARD THE GOAL

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." ~ Phil Jackson

It has taken a lifetime to try to unlearn some of the things that I was taught as a child. My parents were two of the millions who lived during the Great Depression. Because of that, they developed a certain standard about living. My father, especially, taught his sons that we had to rely solely on ourselves. We had to do everything necessary by ourselves. It was a weakness to ask anyone else for help.

That's not the truth, however. Yes, there are things that we need to accomplish. There are things for which we are responsible. However, we do not need to exclude others from our lives. We can certainly ask others for help. As much as we might value individual strength, we also need to value a collective strength.

We are not alone. If we attempt to live alone, we will soon find out just how dependent we are upon others. Even the great saints who desired to be alone found that it wasn't possible. There were some who went into the desert and made hermitages for themselves solely for the purpose of removing themselves from society.

However, their very holiness soon attracted the attention of others and, before they knew it, they had followers. Their intention of being alone was soon replaced with being the center of a community. Their holiness was a bedrock for the communities formed around them. The collective benefited from them and they found themselves benefiting from the community in which they lived.

Today, Super Bowl Sunday, is a reminder of the strength of individuals as well as the need for community. Any player, in and of himself, cannot win a game. It takes the unity of many to make that happen. It is only in teamwork — each contributing the best of himself — that a win is possible.

The same holds for our own lives. We might be incredibly holy. We might be incredibly talented. We might be incredibly insightful. Those are all well and good. However, God did not bless us with those attributes and graces so that we could go it on our own. God blessed us so that we might rally the team of Christians among whom we live and move together toward the goal: eternal life in His Kingdom.

FAITH ACTION: In all humility, identify your many gifts and then ask God to give you the grace to use them for the benefit of those around you.

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:

February 8: Msgr. Frederick J. Westendorf (1963)
Rev. Robert E. Emmons (1965)
February 10: Rev. Edward Kennedy (2007)
February 11: Rev. Louis M. Letko (1981)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

(As the assignment process has started, it's time to turn our thoughts to how priests are moved from parish to parish. Here's a popular joke that makes the rounds of the internet.)

THE CHAIN LETTER PERFECT PASTOR

The perfect pastor does indeed exist — you've never met them, but you know they are out there. This is a sure-fire way of guaranteeing that you will be served by the perfect pastor, should you have enough faith to do what is necessary. First, just in case you have never dreamed of the perfect pastor, he/she must be defined:

....The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. The perfect pastor condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings.

....The perfect pastor works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor.

....The perfect pastor makes \$100 a week, wears stylish clothes, drives a new car that reflects well on your church, buys ten excellent books each week, and donates \$80 a week to the parish.

....The perfect pastor is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience.

....The perfect pastor has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and he/she spends most of his/her time with the senior citizens.

....The perfect pastor smiles all the time with a straight face because he/she has a sense of humor that keeps him/her seriously dedicated to the parish.

....The perfect pastor makes 15 home visits a day and is always in the office to be handy when needed.

....The perfect pastor always has time for parish council and all of its committees. He/she never misses the meeting of any parish organization, and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.

....The perfect pastor is broken enough to understand all people, but perfect in mental, emotional and physical health.

....The Perfect Pastor is always in the next parish over where your friend attends church.

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him/her to the parish at the top of your list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors from which to choose. One of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter — it works. But beware! One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.



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



Baptisms

Jane Evelyn

Daughter of George Joseph &
Keegan Leigh Marz Townsend

Isaiah Christopher Jordan, Jr.

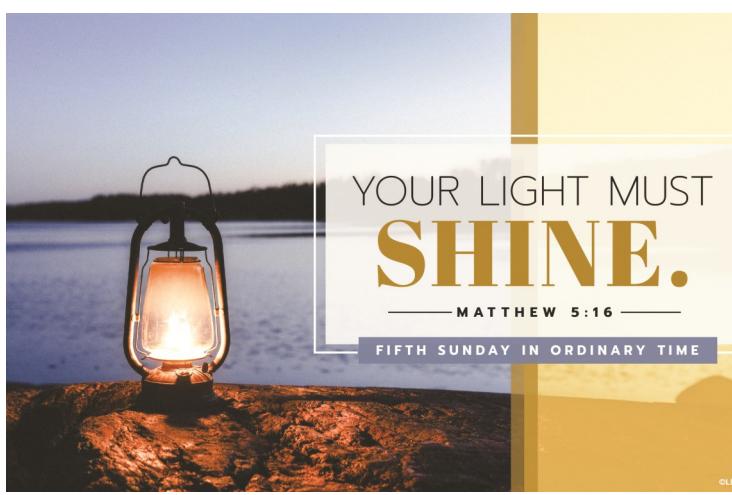
Son of Bridget Warner

Isac Alexander Warner

Son of Bridget Warner

Clara Louise Quimpo

Daughter of Louie Jay & Claire Anne Quimpo



Gospel Reflection Matthew 5:13-16

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.



Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden"** (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

*Father John Muir
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Readings Week of February 8

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith.

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, February 8

10:00 am Cub Scout Pack 504 Arrow of Light Patrol—Weis ALL
5:00 pm T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry—Weis Center Main Hall

Monday, February 9

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, February 10

6:30 pm Parish Life Meeting—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, February 11

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
1:00 pm Girl Scouts 15638—Weis Center Room 101

Thursday, February 12

1:00 pm Grateful Hearts Widows Ministry—Weis Center Room 101
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study—Weis Center Rooms 101 & 107

Friday, February 13

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



Celebrants

Saturday, February 14

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, February 15

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, February 14

MC—Alex, AS—P. Werner, & X. Fonseca

Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and K. Karl
10:00 a.m. MC—Reyna, AS—A. Sudac, E. Valentino & E. Monroy
12:00 Noon MC—Nina, AS—J. Dye

Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, February 14

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Catherine Delgado
Chapel: Kimberly Eurley
Choir: Victor & Wendy Villarreal

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

Sunday, February 15

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Krystal Quagliara

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Sandra Steele
Choir: Kathy Tolnai

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak
Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: —

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



Stewardship REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
MATTHEW 5:16*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.



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!

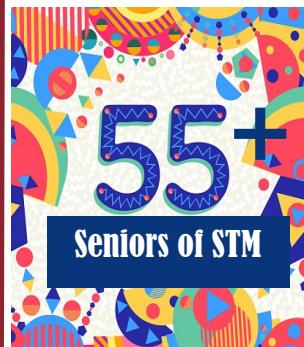


Bitter cold temperatures and increases in energy costs have many NWI residents choosing between warmth and food. SVDP does their best to help people in all situations, please help their efforts!

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



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 Pizza Party and those who brought goodies to share! We're looking forward to our next meeting!

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



Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are welcome to join us for the Feb. meeting on

Monday, February 16th
7:00 p.m.—Weis Center

This month's speaker is Fr. James Pierce Cavanaugh from the National Holy Name Society.



So THAT'S the Point of Lent!

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

When I was a Norbertine, as a novice, every day, we'd go to a small chapel, for twenty minutes of "silent contemplation." The novice master never explained *why* we were doing it or even *what* we were to do, other than be silent. I was twenty-three years old and had to look up what the word *contemplation* even meant. For two months, I had no idea *what I was supposed to be getting out of it*. I just sat there. Some days, I would mindfully pray to God; other days, I wouldn't think of anything at all; and, sometimes, I'd even fall asleep. I'd just "rest in the Lord" (Psalm 37:7). It wasn't until a few months of this routine that I realized what it was all about. It hit me, when my uncle came to visit and told me that I had never before seemed to him so "centered and at peace." And, you know, I was. I knew instantly that it was because of the contemplation. Unbeknownst to me, God had been working on me, and He was able to, only because I was giving Him the regular, structured time to do so. He had been giving me peace and putting my body in touch with my soul, while I just sat there, for Him.

When we intentionally give God our time, without distraction, He works on us, drawing us to conversion, peace, and holiness.

Lent can be a bit like this. We do it. We do it for a specific amount of time (40 days, which, biblically, signifies that a historical and sacred event lasted EXACTLY how long God wanted it to, however long that might have been). We do it regularly (annually). But, we don't always know *why* we do it or *what* we're supposed to get out of it.

For one, Lent is not a diet program. It's not about, for example, giving up chocolate (though sacrificing something that we enjoy is good, so long as we know *why* we're doing it and *what* we're supposed to get out of it: *e.g.*, to suffer with Christ; for solidarity with those who hurt; to practice self-denial and self-control, so as to become holier; to become more spiritually reliant upon God, not the things of this world, when we suffer and don't get what we want). It also doesn't require a 'dry-January' type of mindset, seeking to detox and get healthy. Lent is not about physical health, though it's always good to be healthy.

Lent is a time for spiritual growth, a time for us to embrace God's beautiful invitation to grow deeper in our relationship with Him.

During this Lent, let's not miss the point. Let's make it a time in which we intentionally say, "Here I am, Lord." "Do with me what you wish." "I just want to be closer to you."

Every day of Lent, let's give God some of our time and attention, in ways that we don't normally do so, and, then, reap the spiritual benefits that are meant to be the results of Lent.



St. Thomas More

LENTEN STUDY & SHARE

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

St. Thomas More Weis Ministry Center
8635 Calumet Avenue, Munster

STARTING FEB. 25TH

Childcare will be available upon request.

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm
2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Morning Sessions: Thursdays 9:15-10:45 am
2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Scan the QR Code or visit
www.stm-church.com to register.

ONE REGISTRATION PER
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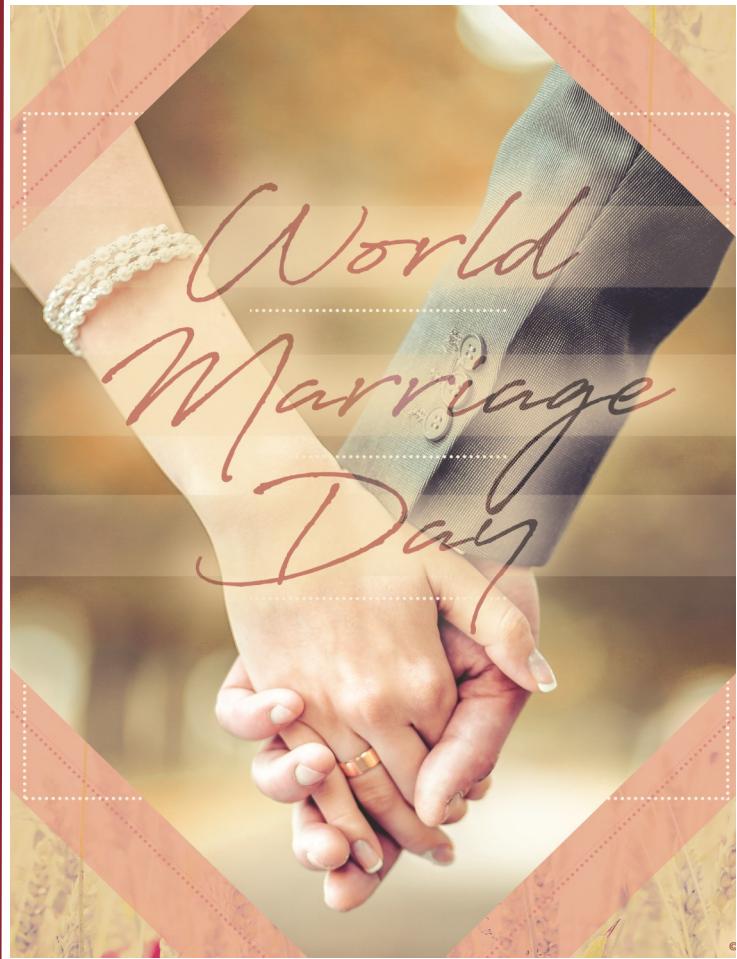
Questions? Please call Daniel Maul
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February 8, 2026



St. Thomas More School

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Catholic School Week is celebrated in over 8,800 Catholic schools nationwide in observance of the many attributes of a Catholic education. At St. Thomas More School, we raise the bar on educational expectations, incorporate our faith throughout each school day, provide a kind & loving educational environment and foster an atmosphere of giving, service and leadership.

Each year, St. Thomas More School recognizes a member of our alumni base who has lived a life inspired by their Catholic faith, who has supported our school and parish and continues to embody strong moral character and the value of service to others.



Ken Keilman, Sr.

Distinguished Graduate of the Year — STMS Class of 1966

We are proud to announce Ken Keilman, a long time St. Thomas More parishioner and community servant, as our 2026 Distinguished Graduate of the Year.

Reflecting on his early life as a student at St. Thomas More School, Ken continues to value the instruction and examples of his dedicated STMS teachers, remembering to this day the many life lessons the Sisters instilled upon him as a young boy. He has carried with him the importance of continuing to serve God and others with kindness and care.

Ken has taken all those lessons to heart. A long time employee of the Town of Munster and a 47-year veteran of the Munster Fire Department, Ken has indeed led a life of service to those in our community.

Throughout his adult life, Ken has also served in many other capacities, volunteering at St. Thomas More School while his children attended, coaching basketball, Little League & Babe Ruth baseball. He has also served as a volunteer Boy Scout leader and Explorers leader and mentor.

Along with his wife, Cindy, Ken is the proud parent of four St. Thomas More School alumni (Larry, Kelly, Mary and Ken, Jr.) and grandpa to a current STMS student, adorable Nadia. It is clear that the values and benefits of Ken's Catholic education is still as important to him today as they were as a young man, as he now watches a third generation of Keilmans attend St. Thomas More School.

Thank you, Ken, for all you do to live in faith and help those around you to do the same.



Tickets: Only \$10 Each

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$3,000

3rd Prize: \$1,000

10 —\$100 Prizes

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

\$200 Early Bird Drawings
Fridays: February 13 • February 20
February 27

Tickets must be turned in by 3:00 p.m. on the previous day to be included.

CASH RAFFLE

Back by popular demand!

Get your tickets now for the STMS **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.

Access Your 2025 Giving Statements Online



Looking to retrieve your 2025 Giving Statements? Our new parish database makes this easy and accessible.

Go to www.stm-church.com/mygiving

Be on the lookout for more information on what our new database and website will offer our parish community in the coming months!

- For questions about your statement, please contact Charlie Schimpf at 219-836-8610, Ext. 2329 cschimpf@stm-church.com
- For help with logging in to your account online, please contact Noreen Bickel at 219-836-8610, Ext. 2330 nbickel@stm-church.com
- For a printed statement, please contact Phyllis at the Parish Office 219-836-8610.



Grateful Hearts Widow's Ministry

A gathering for hope, comfort and support.

**Thursday, February 12th
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center**



Note: There will not be a February meeting of Live Christ Share Christ.

Please stay tuned for information on the upcoming March meeting.

Thank You and God Bless!

**Knights of Columbus Monsignor Weis Council 10596
in collaboration with Byway Brewing Company**

LENTEN FISH FRY

**Saint Thomas More School Gym
8435 Calumet Avenue
Munster, Indiana**

Friday February 20th

4:30pm-7:00pm

MENU ITEMS

Advance	Door	
\$16.00	\$17.00	Beer Battered Cod, Baked Cod or Shrimp Dinner
\$16.00	\$17.00	Fish and Shrimp Dinner Combo
\$10.00	\$11.00	Half Portion Dinner (Any of the above)
\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	Mac and Cheese Only

All Dinners include Tater Tots or Mac and Cheese and a trip to our Salad Bar

Carryout is available

Pop, Coffee, Milk, Desserts,
Byway Beer and Wine Available

50/50 Raffle

Tickets available at the door
Advance Ticket sales are available online through
2/19/2026 at zefy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-lenten-fish-fry
or use the QR code

Advance Sales will be available after all STM Masses
on Saturday 2/14 & Sunday 2/15 in the Church Narthex
or online with Zeffy until 2/19/2026.



To learn more about the Knights of Columbus,
please visit our website at kof10596.com
for more information.





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 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



Bernadette The Musical

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.

Saturday—March 14th

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

\$65/person, Motorcoach Transportation, One Balcony Ticket
2:00 p.m. Performance (Anthenaeum Center, Chicago)
Call Joe Cascone at 708-560-7767
or email: casconejoe@outlook.com

T.G.I.F.

Teens Gather in Fellowship

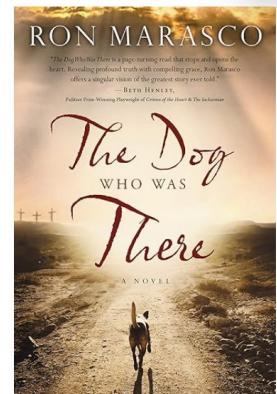
All high school teens are invited to the monthly
TGIF gathering on

Sunday, February 8th
At the Weis Center from 5:00-6:00 P.M.

And, for these last 3 months of this
school year, teens in 8th grade are
also invited!

Snacks and beverages will
be provided.

We will be reading and discussing a
novel by Ron Marasco entitled
“The Dog Who Was There”.
It's available in paperback, used for
about \$5, new \$14 at various sites on
the internet. Also as an audiobook
and kindle at Amazon.



Chapters 1-5 (the first 76 pages) for February, then chapters
6-11 in March, and finally chapters 12-19 in April.

Hallow

Pray every
day this Lent

Try It for Free



Go to hallow.com/lent to find resources on fasting, daily prayer,
and other resources for a prayerful Lenten season this year.

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Parish Information

St. Thomas More Parish Website: 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

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Richard Gard (219)614-7322

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Al Gallagher (312)493-8457

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

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Katie Lopez (765)427-3332

Grateful Hearts Widows Ministry

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

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

Baptisms

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

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