



ST. THOMAS MORE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



If we wish to become more holy,
we need to embrace the
discipline of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, February 16

- 6:30 am Julie Bock by Betty Ebben
8:30 am Dee Canavan by Friend

TUESDAY, February 17—Founders of the Order of Servites

- 6:30 am Susan M. Abbott by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Diana Markey (Anniv.) by Family

WEDNESDAY, February 18—Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 am Louise Younkers by Rich & Denise Gard
8:30 am Amy Osmulski by Family
5:00 pm John T. Kennedy by Jim & Kim Gillespie and
Larry & Nancy Geiger
7:00 pm Intention of Jiji Caponi by Jose & Paula Serrano

THURSDAY, February 19

- 6:30 am Donald Costa (Anniv.) by Elaine Fechalos
8:30 am Mary M. Silvasi by Bubala-Mier Families

FRIDAY, February 20

- 6:30 am Donna Kosinski by Michalik Family
8:30 am Don Pinarski by Phyllis Rueth

SATURDAY, February 21

- 8:30 am Ann Marie Panek by Mary Jo Jez
5:30 pm Leroy Gauger (Anniv.) by Bob & Virginia Gauger

SUNDAY, February 22—First Sunday of Lent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Charles Mullaney by Family
10:00 am Charles Pullen by Family
12:00 pm Margaret Uhrin by Herrmann Family

→ 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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LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY. GET READY.

"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store."

~ N.T. Wright

The not-so-favorite time of the year for many people is just around the corner. Lent begins this coming Wednesday. The reason, I believe, that Lent is so often looked down upon is because people view it from a negative lens.

Negative? Well, yes. After all, don't you have to give up your favorite things during Lent? That's negative, isn't it?

It could be. But negatives can be positives if viewed properly. We don't give things up to be miserable people and long for those things that much more. No, we give things up because we want our sacrifices to be meaningful to the Lord.

The Lord doesn't want us to be burdened, He doesn't want us to view Lent through a negative lens. He wants us to use the discipline of Lent in order to draw closer to Him.

Oops, I did it again, didn't I. First, I said negative. Now I've ramped up the negativity by using the word discipline. For many of us, discipline means unpleasantness. It means hurt. It means doing things that we don't want to do.

But discipline — when speaking about Lent — is not a negative. Discipline is very positive. After all, if a person wants to excel in sports, that person has to take on the discipline of practice and fitness. Without embracing that discipline, there is no opportunity for sports greatness.

We are called to holiness. If we wish to become more holy, we need to embrace the discipline of the Lord. We need to turn away from the things that we know keep us from Him. We need to renew ourselves daily in prayer, another discipline that many do not practice. We need to reach out to others by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

In short, we have been handed a road map to the Kingdom. Jesus let us know what we needed to do in order to arrive at that glorious destination. It is up to us to take that map and follow where it leads.

On this Sunday before Ash Wednesday, I encourage you to examine your lives (just as we often do toward the end of the year before making New Years resolutions) and see what needs to change within you so that you may be prepared to embrace the discipline of Lent with renewed focus and hope.

FAITH ACTION: Do not be afraid to look deep within in order to determine what can remain, what needs to change, and what might need to be removed in order to become more holy this Lent.

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 15: Msgr. Lawrence T. Grothouse (1970)
Rev. Stanley J. Milewski (2002)
February 18: Rev. Theodore A. Janicki (1983)
February 19: Msgr. William E. Sweigart (1970)

~~THE JOURNEY~~ WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION BUT A WONDERFUL DAY OF OPPORTUNITY

This coming Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation. It is, however, a day that many choose to attend Mass. To that end, Masses on Wednesday are at 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget, Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. **Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.** The **Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence.** **Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.**

Fast: Allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age through to those who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.** [Medical conditions may make it impossible to fast. The Church has never held its people to the impossible. If you have a condition that prohibits you from fasting, you are not obliged to do so.]

Abstinence: The practice of refraining from meat and meat products. **Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- It's the start of Lent. If you made a New Year's resolution, and failed to keep it, Lent is a great opportunity to fail at it again.
- I gave up online shopping for Lent. Monday I got an email letting me know a purse I had been looking at is on sale. Couldn't they have done that a week earlier?



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.



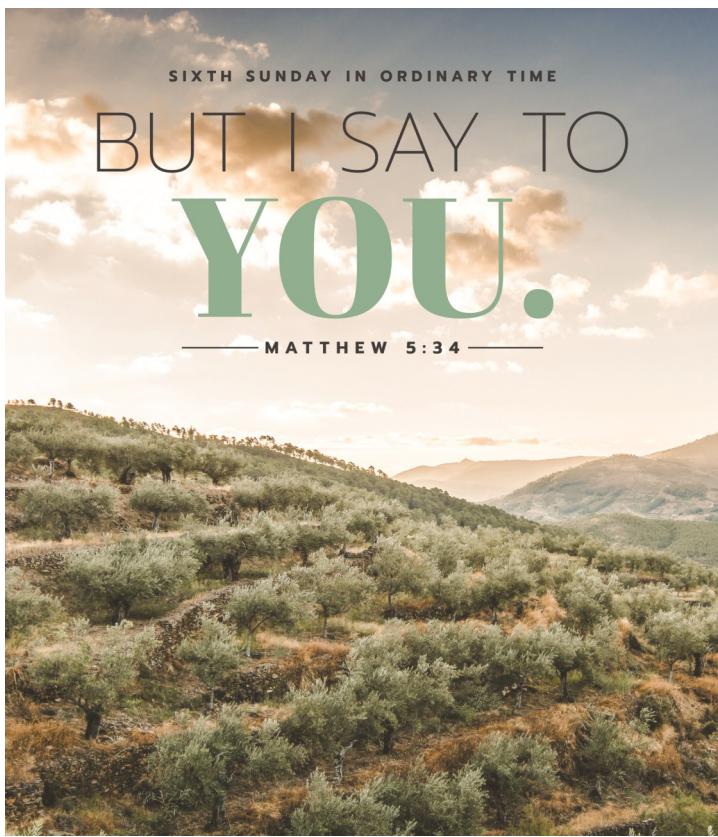
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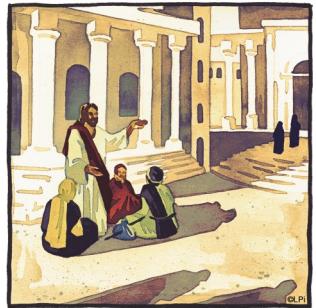
Rest In Peace

Eileen M. Smith



Gospel Reflection Matthew 5:17-37

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "**Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One**" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

Father John Muir
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Readings Week of February 15

- 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
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That our faith grows and we generously share out of love and not out of obligation.

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Monday, February 16

- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 542—Weis Center Main Hall
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, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

- 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, February 19

- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts—Weis Center Main Hall
4:30 pm Daisy Troop 15660—Weis Center Room 101

Friday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 21

- 10:00 am Lenten Study & Share Planning Mtg—Weis Center
5:00 pm Eagle Scout 542 Project—Weis Center Main Hall

Sunday, February 22

- 5:00 pm Eagle Scout 542 Project—Weis Center Main Hall

Add these dates to your calendar:

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
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church

Monday 2/23/2026

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

Wednesdays 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 & 3/25/2026

- 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Lenten Study & Share "Seven Pillars"
Weis Center Main Hall

Thursdays 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26/2026

- 9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Lenten Study & Share "Seven Pillars"
Weis Center Main Hall

Fridays 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27/2026

- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church

Sunday 3/1/2026

- 9:15 a.m.—9:45 a.m. Before the Bell—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, February 21

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, February 22

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



Ash Wednesday, February 18

MC—Sophia, AS—J. Adebite & C. Dagholor

MC—Alex, AS—K. Orozco & G. Knight

Saturday, February 21

MC—Nick, AS—G. Knight & X. Mendoza

Sunday, February 22

- 8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—B., E. & J. Rueth
10:00 a.m. MC—Lukas, AS—S. Santellano & X. Mendoza
12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—O. Mack

Greeters Schedule for the Week

Ash Wednesday, 2/18

5:00 p.m. Mass

Main: Michelle Strimel

Chapel: Kimberly Eurley

Choir: Mary Jo Jez

If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com

7:00 p.m. Mass

Main: Trinidad & Gladys Escobedo

Chapel: Lisa Mendoza

Choir: Mike Cardone



Saturday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Knight Family

Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

Choir: Ari Gregolunas



Sunday, February 22

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dick & Sue Wilson

Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller

Choir: Ivy Nguyen



10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholor

Chapel: Arturo & Claudia Mazon

Choir: —

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: —

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

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.



Mental Health Ministry



Do you have a favorite childhood memory?

Come Discuss it Next Sunday at:

Before the Bell

March 1, at 9:15 am

In the Chapel

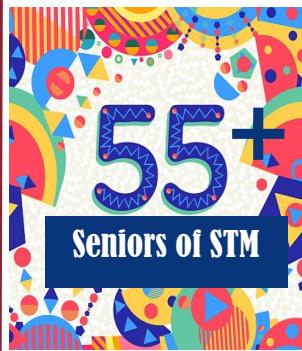
Lively Discussion with Your Fellow Parishioners
for Friendly Conversation
(We End at 9:45 am, Before the Bell)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church

(2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27)



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).**

Wednesday, February 18th

1:00 p.m. Weis Center

Speaker: Todd Nolder (Powers Health)

Topic: Sleep Disorders



March Schedule at a Glance:

Wednesday, March 4th

1:00 p.m. Weis Center

Speaker: Linda Curley, Purdue Extension

Topic: Food Preparation

Wednesday, March 18th

12:00 p.m. Weis Center

Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 22nd

10:00 a.m.—STM Church

Mass For Our Deceased Members

*Please join us at this special Mass to remember
and pray for our deceased members.*



What is Study & Share Group and why should I participate?

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

Surprisingly, for a left-brained, artistic person, I'm a pretty traditional kind of student. I learn best when I can sit quietly in class, pay close attention to the teacher, and take notes on the lecture. Therefore, I always *hated* being put into small groups or being forced to do work with a group, outside of class. That is, until I realized and accepted the good that small-group work did for me, both intellectually and personally.



Because of my learning style, I always felt like being put into small groups was a detriment to my education. I didn't need to orally process my thinking with other students, in order to learn. And, because of my irritation at being put into a small group, my bad attitude got in the way of me contributing very much to the group.

However, I have always struggled with a deep sense of loneliness and disconnection, even though I love *people*. I could always do my solitary academic work, but doing so would exacerbate my feeling of being all alone. My work style, too, is private and individualistic and, thus, isolating. In college, I realized that, though they didn't help me with the class material, *per se*, small-group work was good for me and my education. Small groups always lifted my spirits. As an extrovert, the energy that I would take in, from the groups, would propel me to be able to do my solitary work with joy. Small groups combated my sense of isolation and loneliness, both in my educational pursuits and in my personal life. When I realized what I did receive from small groups, I was, then, able to contribute the educational assistance from which other students could and, ultimately, *did* benefit. This contribution, too, was good for my self-esteem and emotional state.

Like the small groups in school, our Lenten Study and Share Series (though not a class) serves two purposes: (1) to study how to develop our personal spiritualities, so as to draw closer to the Lord and (2) to be a community that journeys together – in faith and relationship – unto the Heavenly Kingdom. We *need* each other. We are social “animals.” We’re a community. Christ established a Church, which is a faith community of the People of God. He didn’t just establish personal relationships with separated individuals. Yes, He died for each *one* of us, personally and individually, and He wants to have an intimate relationship with each *one* of us. But He came that we “may all be one” (John 17:21). Therefore, let’s work at being “one,” by gathering together to study and share our faith.

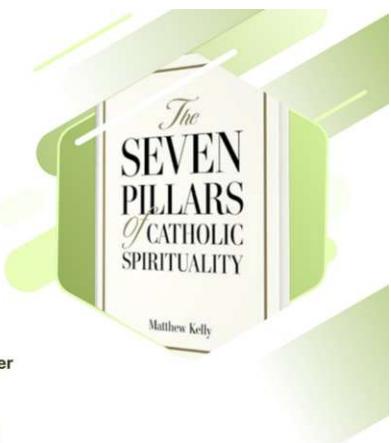
Please consider joining us for our Lenten Study and Share Series, to be Church, together, and grow in relationship and trust, as children of God and friends in the Lord.

 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
PARTICIPANT PLEASE.

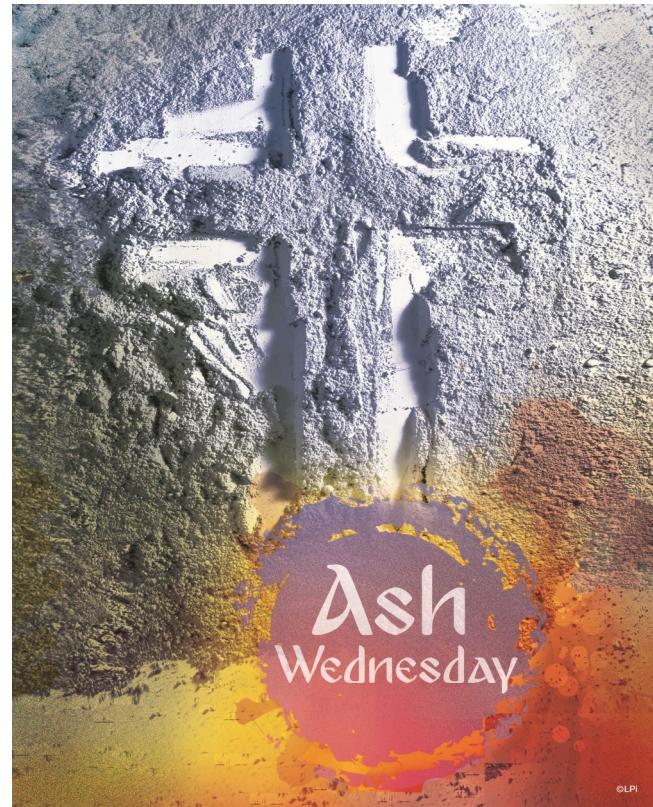
Questions? Please call Daniel Maul
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Mass Times for Ash Wednesday:
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



February 15, 2026



St. Thomas More School

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Each year, St. Thomas More School joins over 8,800 Catholic schools nationwide to celebrate the importance of the exceptional education, faith formation, service to others and leadership that Catholic schools provide during Catholic Schools Week.

2026 Belief in Catholic Education

Bruce & Claudia Van Duersen Family

This award is presented annually to a family who has consistently lived a faith-filled life and demonstrates a strong and on-going belief in the importance of Catholic education.

Bruce & Claudia Van Duersen, longtime parishioners of St. Thomas More parish, are true examples of our Catholic faith and big proponents of Catholic education.

They are the parents of three STMS alumni (Mary, Chad & Katie) and the very proud grandparents of four current St. Tom's students (Joseph, Joshua, Brianna and Jana). Daughter, Mary, is a 2nd Grade teacher at STMS.

Their Thoughts About Catholic Education:

"A family who chooses to educate their family within the Catholic religion has been given quite a task that requires the family to ensure each generation strives to follow the beliefs of the Church."

The Van Duersens have found great joy in knowing that they have instilled the importance of their faith on the next generations as they witness their children and grandchildren carrying-on.



They have seen firsthand the positive effect of Catholic education and have seen their grandchildren grow closer to God.

They appreciate the foundation of love & kindness taught at St. Thomas More School as they see it reflected in their family, knowing that teachings they first learned at home are extended into the every day lives of their offspring.

They have watched the family build wonderful relationships with other families, with those in the community, but most importantly a relationship with God.

They love the dedicated, faith-filled leadership in our parish and school, knowing that the example set by Fr. Mike, Dr. Francis and the STMS teachers & staff are undoubtedly making a positive impact on their grandchildren, confident that the lessons taught today will benefit the children for years to come.

Bruce & Claudia are extremely proud, as all STMS parents should be, that they have been able to provide the special gift of Catholic education to those they love most. Thank you, Van Duersen family, for your steadfast commitment to your faith and St. Thomas More School!

CASH RAFFLE

Tickets: Only \$10

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$3,000 • 3rd Prize: \$1,000

10 —\$100 Prizes

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

Winners need not be present.

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

Catholic Schools Week Celebrating Our Community



We greatly appreciate the incredible community we are surrounded by and value the unwavering support and kindness offered to our school and its students.

To show our appreciation, each year during Catholic Schools Week we "Celebrate Our

Community" by delivering a few sweet treats to our neighbors.

Thanks to the generosity of school parents, trays of goodies were donated and distributed to those around us who help STMS in some way.

On behalf of everyone at St. Thomas More School, thank you, Munster and beyond, for all you do to benefit our school community.



Save the Date

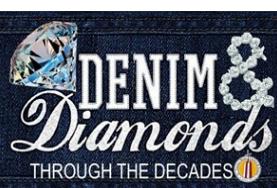
Everyone is invited to join the fun at our fabulous 2nd Annual

Denim & Diamonds

Friday, April 10

St. Thomas More Gym

Food • Libations • Dancing
Online Auction • Open to All





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



LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday February 20th

Saint Thomas More School Gym
8435 Calumet Avenue
Munster, Indiana

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 zeffy.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.

PURCHASE ADVANCED TICKETS ONLINE AT:

<https://zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-lenten-fish-fry> , scan the QR Code above, or
visit the Knights at the main entrance of the church the weekend of February 14-15.

CSA 2024-2025 UPDATE **Congratulations ~ We Did It!**

Final numbers are in! In 2025, we raised \$570,134 with contributions from 596 families, beating our \$500,000 goal. After the Diocesan Goal, this left us with \$430,972 to put towards the roofing project. **Thank you to everyone that donated or prayed for the success of our campaign.**

Over the two years, we were able to raise \$677,623 over the Diocesan Goal to help defray the cost of the roofing, lighting, and sound system projects. The final costs of the project exceeded just over \$2,000,000.

	2025	2024	Total
Total Pledged & Paid	\$570,134	\$376,064	\$946,198.85
Diocesan Goal	\$139,162	\$129,414	\$268,576.00
Total returned to STM	\$430,972	\$246,650.85	\$677,622.85



We will be announcing the 2026 Diocesan Goal and our campaign project soon ~ stay tuned!

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 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

April Schedule

April 1/2 NO CLASS—HOLY WEEK

April 8/9 Class

April 15/16 Class

April 22/23 Last Class for all but First Communicants

April 29/30 First Communion Practice—
ALL Wed & Thurs First Communion
students attend both nights

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Ash Wednesday • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18



Bernadette The Musical

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First Friday

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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

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