



ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

MARCH 8, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



When we do not practice the faith as we ought, we find it harder to tap the spiritual strength that we need in order to live our lives as faithful Christians.

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Charlotte Natzke (Anniv.) by Marilyn Pajor
- 10:00 am Doris Dabrowski (Anniv.) by Daughter
- 12:00 pm Floyd George (Anniv.) by Mary Beth Michalak, Helen Wormsbecher, William & F. John George

MONDAY, March 9

- 6:30 am Tim and Robert Sannito by Family
- 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. James Kaczka by Family

TUESDAY, March 10

- 6:30 am Raymond Suchanuk by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak
- 8:30 am Charlotte Madajczyk (Anniv.) by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 11

- 6:30 am Corinne Dagnillo by Daughter
- 8:30 am Ruth Erwin by Rose & Vern

THURSDAY, March 12

- 6:30 am Linda Long-Jarosik by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Dr. Jose F. Serrano, Jr. by Serrano Family

FRIDAY, March 13

- 6:30 am Irene Renwald by Family & Friends
- 8:30 am Elaine Burns (Anniv.) by Queroz Family

SATURDAY, March 14

- 8:30 am Karen Kalwasinski (Anniv.) by Family
- 5:30 pm April M. Godra by Lake County Auditors Office

SUNDAY, March 15—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Elaine Caco by Family
- 10:00 am Stephen Rousseau by Wife Susan
- 12:00 pm Margareta Buczkowski by Jenny & Josh Herold

—> 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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THE WORTH OF WATER

“When the well’s dry, we know the worth of water.” ~ Benjamin Franklin

The readings are full of water images this weekend. In the first reading, Moses struck a rock from which water flowed for the people to drink. In the Gospel, a Samaritan woman encountered Jesus at a well and her heart was inspired to see Jesus as the living water come down from heaven.

I remember, growing up, that we had a cottage on the Tippecanoe river outside of Rochester, Indiana. As it was far removed from city services, we had to have a well dug in order to bring water into the cottage that we had built.

There was one hassle with that, however. Since we would not get there on a very regular basis, the well pump often lost its hold of water and we would have to bring a gallon or two of water with us in order to prime the pump.

Once the pump was primed, it was able to draw the water from the ground once again and hold it throughout the weekend that we would stay in the cottage.

We often lose the prime on our souls. When we do not practice the faith as we ought, we find it harder to tap the spiritual strength that we need in order to live our lives as faithful Christians. We need to prime our pump with good, old-fashioned works of charity and mercy. Doing good for others, praying more regularly, and sacrificing are all ways to prime that pump. That is what Lent challenges us to do.

If we do not, we may run dry, just like any well that is not tapped on a regular basis.

We all thirst. As a matter of fact, “thirst” is a very common and powerful word. We take it to mean a deep longing or desire. We use it when talking about people thirsting for justice, people thirsting for love, as well as people thirsting for water to quench a parched body.

Our souls also thirst for the Lord. The Samaritan woman reflects that deep longing that is in each and every one of us. Some people mask that longing by trying to fill their thirst with worldly goods. Others mask that longing by reaching out to the wrong people and find themselves led astray.

It is only the Lord who can lead us safely to the Kingdom. It is only the Lord who can quench our parched souls. It is only the Lord who can provide all of our needs. Why, then, do we look to satisfy our thirst in other places or other people?

FAITH ACTION: Spend time with the Lord in prayer this day, going to the source of life-giving waters and quenching your thirst.

Jr. 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:

- March 8: Rev. Patrick A. Meehan (1969)
- March 9: Rev. Rocco J. Guerriero (1968)
- March 14: Rev. Thaddeus S. Plawecki (1967)
Rev. Henry I. Krysinski (1987)



EUCCHARISTIC OPPORTUNITIES

We provide opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and every First Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Jesus is waiting for you to come to Him in this beautiful prayer.

“In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Our Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration acknowledges Christ as the spiritual center of our community.”

~ St. Pope Paul VI

“Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.”

~ St. John Bosco

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend and extends until Sunday, November 1st. This is the weekend when we lose an hour’s sleep.

Did anyone every consider that it falls in line with our Lenten sacrifices? After all, in the spirit of giving things up for Lent, we’re giving up an hour of sleep.

We’ll get it back in the fall but for the next couple of days, you can count on seeing some people shaken up a bit as it provides a certain jetlag quality to some people’s lives.

Hang in there. You’ll soon be back to your old selves.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE *Some More Lent Humor*

I’m giving up negativity for Lent.

We’ll see how long that lasts.

I gave up procrastination for Lent this year.
Well...I’m working on it.

Poor Rick Astley.

He must be really struggling with Lent.



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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



Nancy Almason
Antonio Belmonte
Diane Bochnowski
Linda Braun
Jack Brunetti
Diane Butler
Ursula Cichy
Kevin Clark
Loretta Clott
Charlotte Conn
Valerie Czapkowitz
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 Heseck
Steve James
Barbara Jamrose
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Joseph D. Karulski
Dr. Greg Kelly
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
Skip Lind
Paul A. Martin
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Sandi Merlo
Gino Michels
Madeline Mikolanis
Thomas Mordaunt
Bernadine Nemeth
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Dawn Niebling
Don Noworyta
Clare O'Brien
Theresa Pecsek
Dennis Perz
Lucille Perz
Ruth Ramirez
Antonia Rodriguez
Valetine Rudakas
Paul Runick
Karen Rutz
Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel

Gospel Reflection John 4:5-42



Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "**One sows and another reaps**" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

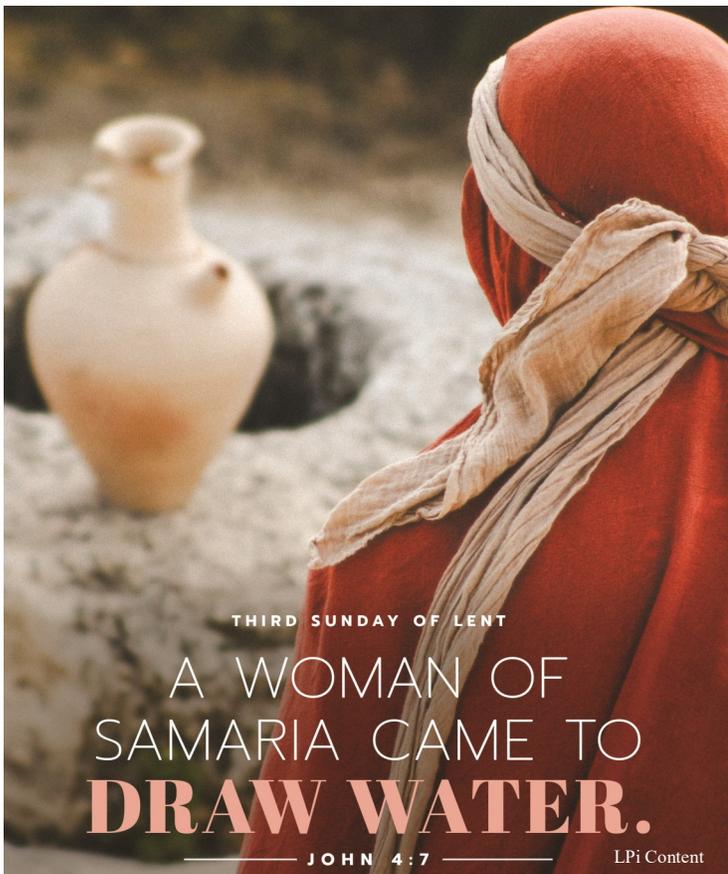
This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

Father John Muir
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Rest In Peace

Jeannine R. Rehling



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A WOMAN OF
SAMARIA CAME TO
DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:7

LPi Content

Readings Week of March 8

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

*That we become more "God-centered"
and less "self-centered" in our
daily actions and decisions.*

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Monday, March 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, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
1:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop #15638—Weis Center Room 101
6:30 pm Lenten Study & Share—Weis Center Main Hall, 101, 107

Thursday, March 12

9:15 am Lenten Study & Share—Weis Center Main Hall, 101, 107

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Live Christ Share Christ—Weis Center Main Hall
10:00 am Apostles Selection Meeting—Weis Center Room 101



Celebrants

Saturday, March 14

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, March 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, March 14th

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

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—B., E. & J. Rueth
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—J. Adebite, A. Monroy & S. Santellano
12:00 p.m. MC—Jack, AS—J. Dye

Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, March 14

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Cathy Delgado & Judy Mateja
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko
Choir: Ari Gregolunas

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

Sunday, March 15

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Ivy Nguyen

Chapel: Sandra Steele
Choir: Michael Cardone

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!**



Add these dates to your calendar:

Wednesdays 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 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 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27/2026

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

Sunday 3/8/2026

11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Potluck Bunco—Weis Center

Tuesday 3/24/2026

7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service—STM Church

Sunday 3/29/2026

Palm Sunday Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Wednesday 4/1/2026

6:00 p.m. Confessions—STM Church
7:00 p.m. Taize Prayer Service—STM Church

Thursday 4/2/2026

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper

Friday 4/3/2026

1:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Saturday 4/4/2026

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday 3/29/2026

Easter Sunday Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Sat. @ 5:30 pm
Sun. @ 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon

Stewardship REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

A heartfelt *Thank You* from St. Vincent de Paul

Another year as passed and once again we are amazed at the unending generosity of our parishioners to the St. Thomas More Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing financial donations and support of our food pantry.

In 2025 we provided the following to our neighbors in need:

➤ Assistance

642 Families, composed 1,461 persons, were provided food and/or rent/utility assistance. Due to your generous donations of food we are able to share food with conferences in Gary and Hammond that have larger numbers of neighbors in need.



➤ Holiday Food Baskets

115 Families were provided Holiday food baskets for Thanks giving and Christmas. Total cost for the food items was \$6,141.00. In addition to the Christmas food baskets, 93 children received multiple toys provided by the STMS Toy Drive, and lovely handmade winter apparel items, courtesy of the Gifts of Love & Warmth Ministry, as well as items from the Caps 4 Kids program.

➤ Rent/Utility Assistance

477 Families, composed of 1,078 persons throughout Lake County received financial assistance for utility or rent bills. We are one of the 14 members of the St. Vincent de Paul Network. Catholic Charities determines a family's financial needs and then asks the Network members to contribute to the family's unmet need. A family may receive assistance for rent or utility bills once in 12 months. Our total contribution to the Network for 2025 was \$51,722.00.

None of this would be possible without the support of our extremely generous parishioners.

Our ongoing gratitude also extends to the following:

- ◇ Our Parish staff, organizations, and ministries for their continued support over the years.
- ◇ Father Mike for his on-going support of our St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas More
- ◇ Knights of Columbus, Ushers, Altar & Rosary Society, Holy Name Society and the Seniors of STM
- ◇ St. Thomas More School students, parents and staff for their fabulous toy drive, including sorting and packing the toys, and for their monthly donations of food items.
- ◇ Last, but certainly not least, we want to give a huge thank you to those who helped with the holiday basket distributions: The STMS student volunteers, the Boy Scouts, Mike Popovich for transportation and unloading, and Patti Davids and her cafeteria staff for storage of perishable items.

Thanks to all of you for helping us help our neighbors in need!



Saturday, March 14
9:00 a.m.—Weis Center Main Hall

Speaker: Crescencio M. Doma, Jr.
Topic: The Family as a Ministry

*All are welcome. Bring your family!
There are light refreshments served
and fellowship shared at each meeting.*



Thursday, March 12
9 - 10 am in the Chapel

A prayer ministry where we, like St. Monica, pray for our children to return to the practice of their faith.

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month
Immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Meetings will include prayer as well as faith sharing and fellowship among mothers.



Thursday, March 12
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center

Find friendship, a community of understanding support and a group of women for social activities.

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month

DISCIPLESHIP
discipulado

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**Our 2026
Parish Goal:
\$350,000**



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CSA 2026

We invite everyone to participate in the campaign
this year as we look ahead to the future of our
diocese and parish!

Diocesan Goal: \$141,676
Parish Rebate Goal: \$208, 324



Stations of the Cross

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

St. Thomas More Church

(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).

*Join the Seniors to learn about Food Prep and
Safety at our March 4th meeting. Learn some
new facts with the group for an informed and
social meeting.*



**Wednesday, March 18th
12:00 p.m. Weis Center**

Potluck Luncheon

A—L (last names) : Dessert
M—Z (last names) : Side Dish
or Salad



**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.*

UPDATING YOUR DIRECTORY LISTING

—> ATTENTION <—

We will be sending out a letter in the U.S. Mail as
well as an email with a request for you to:

- Update your database listing information
(Name, Address, Phone & Email)
- Confirm the information you want listed in the
Parish Directory (at the back of the photo
directory)

*If we do not receive a response from you within **30 days of
the letter/email**, we will assume all information is correct
and will publish in the directory.*



March 8, 2026

St. Thomas More School



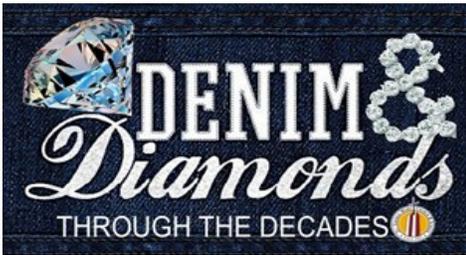
Denim & Diamonds

All are invited to join fellow parishioners and school parents for an adult evening of great food & fun, libations & dancing.

Friday, April 10

6:00-11:00 p.m. in the STM Gym

Ample Appetizers • Beer & Wine • Music & Dancing



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Event Sponsors & Item Donations

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Event Sponsorship is offered at a variety of price points & provides advertising for your business/service in our marketing materials to over 3,000 people.

If you'd like to donate a gift certificate for an area restaurant, salon, theater or sporting event or can donate any item or service for our sought-after Online Auction, we welcome your help!

Donated items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or text, call or email Andrea Leahy: (574) 339-0020 or aleahy1518@gmail.com or Pam Pasyk: ppasyk@stm-school.com

To Sponsor or Purchase Tickets: diamonds2026.givesmart.com



Catholic Schools Week 2026

And last, but certainly not least, we present our final 2026 Catholic Schools Week honoree. Each year during Catholic Schools Week, St. Thomas More School highlights a member of our teaching staff who has gone above & beyond for her students and our school.

2026 Teacher of the Year — Lindsay (Caputo) Reynolds

We are thrilled to announce Mrs. Lindsay Reynolds as our 2026 Teacher of the Year.

Lindsay began her teaching career at St. Thomas More School seven years ago after graduating from Western Michigan University, knowing that the loving, kind, faith-filled atmosphere of a Catholic school was going to be a good fit for her. We are delighted that STMS was where she decided to land, enriching our staff with her friendly smile and professionalism, sharing her love of fun and insightful knowledge with our 2nd grade students. Since beginning her career at St. Tom's, Lindsay has continued her education, juggling her many responsibilities at school, where she also coaches volleyball, works at our Kids Time after school program and is one of our summer school teachers, with studying for her Master's degree.

The last two years marked several big milestones for Mrs. Reynolds, as she successfully completed her Master's Degree in Special Education (LBS1), was selected for the STMS Eagle Award as an outstanding teacher and got married. She and her husband, Robert, are enjoying many "firsts" as newlyweds.

When not at school, Lindsay spends time at her home parish in IL and enjoys time with family, traveling, playing volleyball, golfing with her husband and spending time with her book club and very best friends.

Lindsay loves how she is able to live out her faith through kindness, compassion, integrity and ethical behavior as an STMS educator, showing her students a real-world example of Christian living.

Her thoughts about her vocation: "Catholic education is very important because it integrates academic learning with faith formation, nurturing the "whole child" by developing strong moral character, ethical decision-making and a commitment to service."

Thank you, Mrs. Reynolds, for choosing to minister & teach at St. Thomas More School, illustrating your dedication and modeling your love and faith

Bingo for Books



Another great Bingo for Books event hosted over 150 members of our school family for a great family night of bingo, snacks, fun and most of all...books!

At STMS, we are always encouraging children to read more often and going home with a stack of free, new books is a great start!

Thanks to our fabulous organizers, teachers Ellen Opat & Katie Kordeck with assists from Dr. Francis, Mollie Patton & staff made it a perfect evening.

CASH RAFFLE

Tickets: Only \$10
Purchase tickets in the Parish Office or
Today After Mass!

- Grand Prize: \$5,000
- 2nd Prize: \$3,000
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000
- 10 — \$100 Prizes

Last chance to get tickets: 3:00 pm 3/13/26.
Drawing 8:00 pm Saturday, March 14, 2026

Lent: Time of Conversion and Conversation

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

My daughter is a talker, a great conversationalist. She came this way; she didn't need to be taught. When she was three years old, she would approach strangers and say, "Hello. My name's Daniela. I'm three years old. This is my daddy. His name's Daniel. He's forty. And this is my mommy.

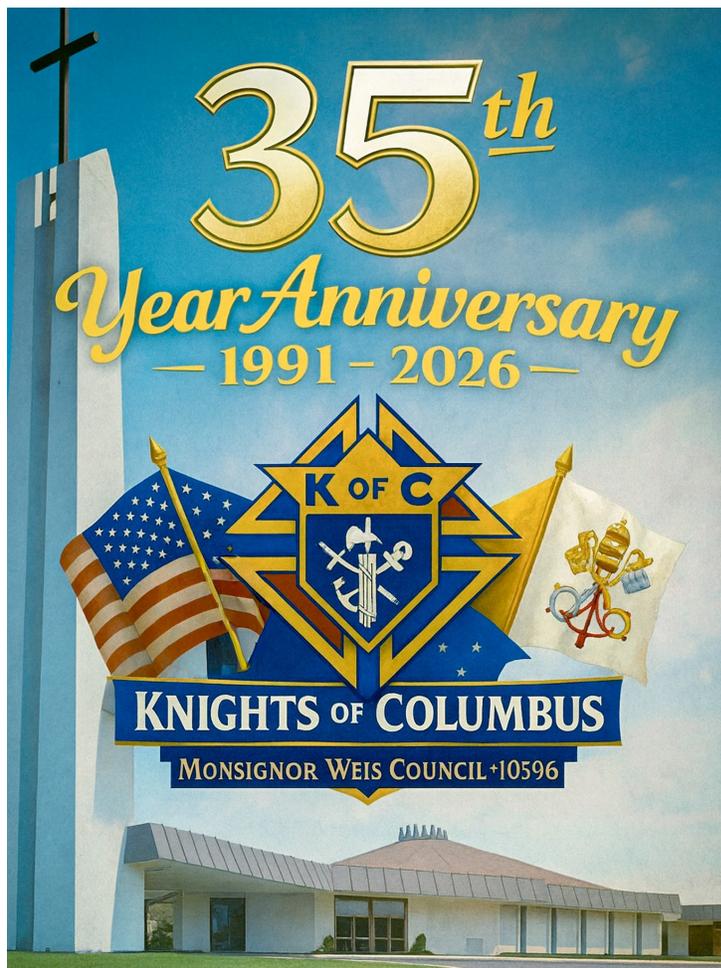


Her name's Amanda. She's thirty-four. What's your name?" [Oh, Lord, Daniela. Please don't ask their ages, and good thing we never taught you our social security numbers!] Her challenge, however, is in the listening department. In fact, when we're talking, she'll often cut me off, and I'll point it out to her. The sweetheart always apologizes, and I tell her that she shouldn't. I just want her to know that she does it. Also, I can tell that, when "listening," she's often thinking of the next thing that she's going to say. I can tell, because her responses to my statements are often non sequiturs. I'll have to ask, "Now, how does that statement follow from what I said?" Like all of us, she's got her strengths and her weaknesses.

I think we, Catholics, are quite strong in the talking-to-or-at-God department. We "say" our traditional prayers, like the Rosary and Grace, before meals. We seem fond of the biblical passage, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7). So, we flood God with our wants and needs. But do we actually ever *listen* to God? That seems to be a weakness of ours. Do we ever pray, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10)? The Lord has much to reveal to us, but hearing it requires listening.

Not only is the Christian called to *love* both God and neighbor, we're also called to *converse with* both God and neighbor. Just as we ought to give God our time, so, too, ought we give our neighbor our time. But conversation is always a two-way street. We can't just talk; we have to listen. Usually, says Scripture, Jesus comes to us in the weakest, most humble, and (worldly) unimpressive of people, and, in those moments, do we give Jesus our time? Or, do we have the time to listen only to smart, successful, humorous, and interesting people? We're called to listen to the meek and lowly. Doing this, however, will require real conversion, on our part.

We cannot change ourselves. We cannot overcome our sins, through our own power and efforts. Only the grace of God can do this. And we cannot grow in the grace necessary for conversion and transformation, towards holiness, if we're always talking *at* God. We have to stop and listen to God. "Be still..." (Psalm 46:10). Then, our hearts can be changed, and we'll be able to listen to Jesus, in those we least expect. Let this Lent be, for you, a time of conversation and conversion, through listening.



Knights of Columbus Monsignor Weis Council 10596

The Men of St. Thomas More are cordially invited to strengthen their faith, participate in service activities and join a distinguished Catholic fraternity. As we mark 35 years of dedicated service, we encourage your involvement in our ongoing mission.

Our guiding principles include charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. There is no minimum time requirement for participation, and membership dues are waived until 2027.

Catholic men aged 18 and above are eligible to initiate membership online at <https://www.kofc.org/join> (please indicate council #10596).

For additional information,
please visit <https://kofc10596.com>,

contact Tim Jevyak or jevyaakt@prodigy.net

or attend our monthly social gatherings held on the Fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Weis Ministry Center.

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

March Schedule

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



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Lent • John 4:5-42



Order your pierogis for Easter!
 Pierogi provided by Alexandra's

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Bible Study – Thurs. PM

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Joe Dubczak (708)214-2991

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Paul Liszewski (219)781-0494

Sacramental Information

Confessions

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

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Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing member
of the parish at least six months before
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Communion Calls

Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

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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2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
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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

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