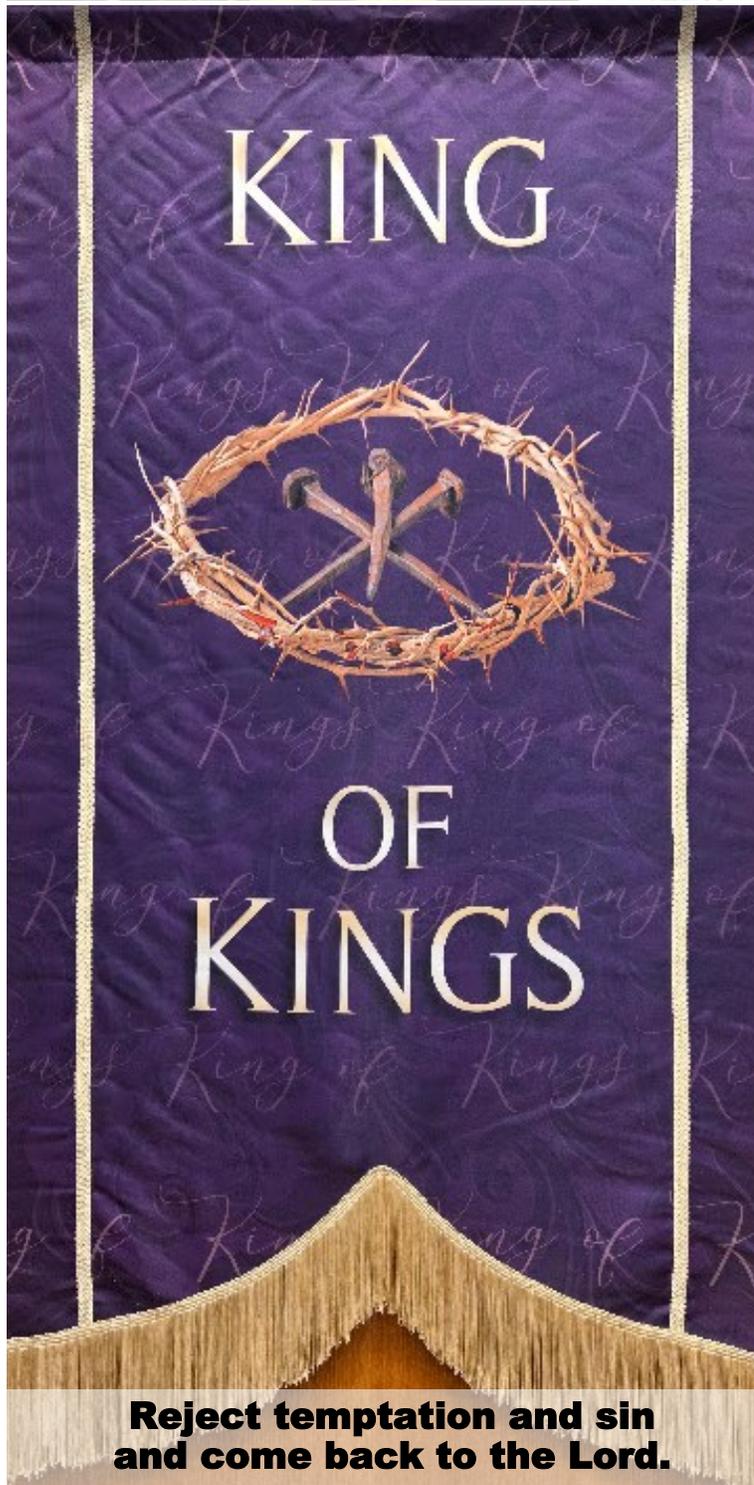




ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2026 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



**Reject temptation and sin
and come back to the Lord.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 29—

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Nancy Kaczka by Joe & Eloise Janostak
- 10:00 am Johanna Petruch by Husband Frank & Family
- 12:00 pm Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Howard and Diane Gralewski on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Gralewski Family

MONDAY, March 30

- 6:30 am Robert G. Rutkowski (Anniv.) by Family
- 8:30 am Bert Woess by Eileen Van Kavelaar & Bert Jr.

TUESDAY, March 31

- 6:30 am Leonard Aponas by Linda Rescan
- 8:30 am Charles Svitko by Wife

WEDNESDAY, April 1

- 6:30 am Mary M Silvasi by Bubala-Mier Families
- 8:30 am Ernest Chmara (Anniv.) by Queroz Family

THURSDAY, April 2—Holy Thursday

- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 3—Good Friday

- 1:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- 7:00 pm Tenebrae Prayer Service

SATURDAY, April 4—Holy Saturday

- 2:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food
- 8:00 pm Vigil Mass of Easter—
For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, April 5—

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

—> 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 CROSS LEADS TO VICTORY

"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown." ~ William Penn

Today is a rough day and it begins a rough week. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the time we remember the passion and death of Jesus Christ. It is only through this week that we also come to next Sunday, the celebration of the resurrection.

I have long thought that Palm Sunday was a tragic reminder of the fickle nature of God's people. After all, we begin the Mass with the reading of the Gospel where Jesus entered Jerusalem in great pomp and glory. The people all clamored to see Him. They shouted "Hosanna!" to Him as He came down the streets. They were quick to acclaim Him as their ruler and pledge themselves to Him.

Yet, a brief time later, these same people cried even louder, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

This tragedy plays itself out over and over again in our own lives. For we, too, shout out our praises to the Lord. We gather in worship each Sunday and sing our praises to God. Yet, we join the crowds lashing out against Jesus each and every time that we sin. Succumbing to temptation is a step away from Jesus. When we sin, we reject the rule of the Lord and accept the rule of the world and the one who is over the world.

Sin has no place in our lives. It cannot save us. It cannot redeem us. It cannot give us hope. All sin can do is corrupt us and, ultimately, destroy our relationship with the Lord. That is why we are called, on a continual basis, to reject temptation and sin and come back to the Lord.

Jesus did not go through his trial, persecution, suffering, and death for Himself. Jesus went through all that He did for our sake. He suffered and died — and rose again — so that we might have hope restored. Jesus accomplished His mission. Now, it is up to us to accept the rule of the Lord and reject the rule of the world.

If we find it too easy to cave to temptation and to sin, perhaps it is time to come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness. Confessions have been offered throughout our deanery for the past couple of weeks.

There are still some chances this week as well as a "last minute" chance at our parish this coming Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Confession is still one of the best ways to prepare ourselves spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

Whatever you do, make sure that you are ready to celebrate the victory of the Lord this coming weekend.

FAITH ACTION: Do what you need to do to be ready for the celebration of Easter.

J. N. Mike

Remember, this coming Friday - Good Friday - is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.



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 31: Msgr. Ferdinand J. Melevage (2015)
April 2: Msgr. Everard N. Klein (1983)

HOLY THURSDAY WITH BISHOP MCCLORY

Join our bishop this week to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 p.m. until finished - "Last minute confessions"
7:00 p.m. - Taizé Prayer

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Bishop McClory will be the celebrant

Good Friday, April 3

1:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Prayer Service

Holy Saturday, April 4

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

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon Masses



"The Cross is the way of Paradise, but only when it's borne willingly."

~ St. Paul of the Cross

"He who seeks not the Cross of Christ seeks not the glory of Christ."

~ St. John of the Cross

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Things I Learned From The Easter Bunny

- Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.
- Walk softly and carry a big carrot.
- Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
- There's no such thing as too much candy.
- All work and no play can make you a basket case.
- Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.
- Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
- Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans.
- The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.
- An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.
- The best things in life are still sweet and gooey!



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/42tadlyn>, 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
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Joan Glinski
Howard Gralewski
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Mary Ellen Gullicks
Jeffrey Gunning
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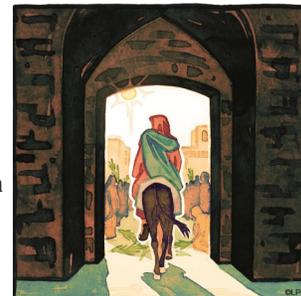
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Steve James
Barbara Jamrose
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Joseph D. Karulski
Dr. Greg Kelly
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
Skip Lind
Paul A. Martin
Carolyn McGill
Sandi Merlo
Gino Michels
Madeline Mikolanis
Thomas Mordaunt
Bernadine Nemeth
Margaret Nickrent

Dawn Niebling
Don Noworyta
Clare O'Brien
Dennis Perz
Lucille Perz
Ruth Ramirez
Antonia Rodriguez
Valetine Rudakas
Paul Runick
Karen Rutz
Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Judith Zawada

Gospel Reflection

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head"** (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

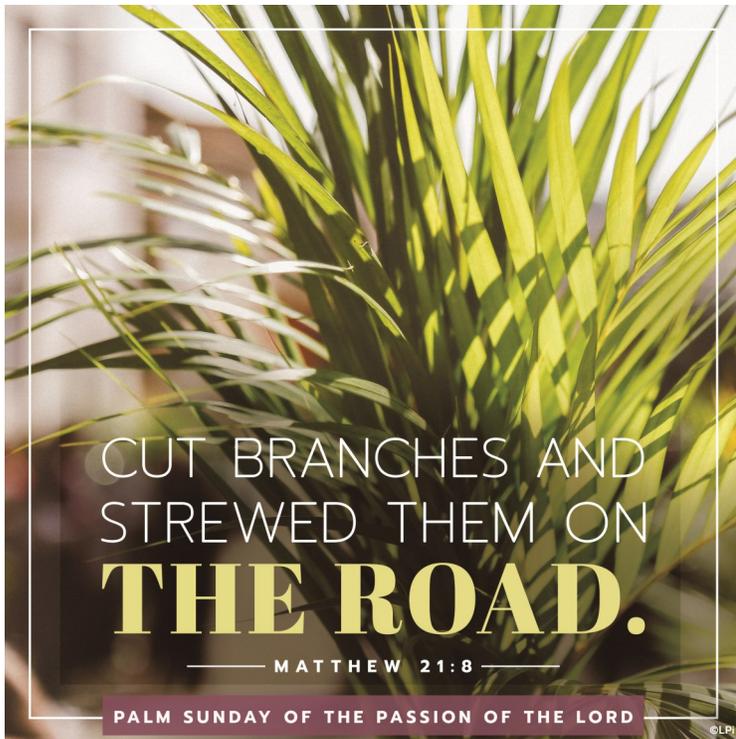


Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me"** (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

Father John Muir
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Readings Week of March 29

- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/
Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
(3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/
Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Or Lk 24:13-35

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross."

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
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Ministry Schedule

Monday, March 23

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 24

5:00 pm Parish Life—Weis Center Room 107
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall
7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry—Weis Center Room 101

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
1:00 pm Seniors Board Meeting—Weis Center Room 107
4:30 pm Lion's Den Meeting—Weis Center Main Hall
6:30 pm Lenten Study & Share—Weis Center Main Hall, 101, 107

Thursday, March 26

9:15 am Lenten Study & Share—Weis Center Main Hall, 101, 107
5:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 15650—Weis Center Main Hall
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study—Weis Center Rooms 101 & 107

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscans
—Weis Center Room 101

Add these dates to your calendar:

Wednesday 4/1/2026

6:00 p.m. (until finished) 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
Bishop McClory the Celebrant

Friday 4/3/2026

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—STM Church
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service—STM Church

Saturday 4/4/2026

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Baskets—STM Church
8:00 p.m. The Vigil Mass of Easter

Sunday 4/5/2026

Easter Sunday Sun. @ 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon

Saturday 5/2/2026

10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion

Saturday 5/16/2026

10:00 a.m. Confirmation

Celebrants

Saturday, April 4

8:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, April 5

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

Holy Thursday, April 2



4:00 p.m. Practice—ALL MCs
7:00 p.m. All MCs

Good Friday, April 3

MC VOLUNTEERS—Contact Mrs. Tolnai @
altarservers@stm-school.com

12:30 p.m. Practice
1:30 p.m. MC Volunteers

Tenebrae

MC VOLUNTEERS—Contact Mrs. Tolnai @
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4:00 p.m. Practice
7:00 p.m. MC Volunteers

Holy Saturday, April 4

10:30 a.m. PRACTICE
8:00 p.m. MC—ALL, AS—C. Dagholor and G. Knight

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—B., E. and J. Rueth
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—R. Smola, J. Adebite and S. Santellano

Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, April 4

8:00 p.m. Mass

Main: —

Chapel: —

Choir: —

Sunday, April 5

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski

Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholor

Chapel: Kimberly Eurlay

Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Trini & Gladys Escobedo

If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com



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

More from the Lenten Study and Share Series

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

As we've continued making our way through the book, *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, the small groups of our Study and Share Series analyzed and discussed the chapters on the Holy Bible and Spiritual Reading. I'd like to share, here, some of the ideas that were brought up.



One participant said that his group was realizing that God speaks to us *over time*. The Lord hears our prayers, always, but answers us only when *we're* ready, and only *God* knows when *we're* ready. In this life, we're impatient and pushy people who need to slow down, see the big picture, and trust the Lord. Sometimes, that means we don't get the answers we want, at least not right when we want them. We have to remember that we're not in charge, and we shouldn't – as Christians – *want* to be. We are created, and we look to the Creator – our Father – to lead us, as He sees fit. We are sheep, and we listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ – to follow. We have to believe that, even if the Lord might not give us an answer, right when we want it, the Lord never leaves or ignores us. We have to wait for the Lord (Psalm 27:14).

Next, it was agreed that Catholics *need* a kind of religious revival – like the Eucharistic Revival – a renewal, based in our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. We can't look to renew ourselves. We can't base a newness of life on our own skills, achievements, successes, or possessions. The kind of renewal and revival that we're really looking for, and *need*, is the one that comes from God, because our faith in Jesus Christ opens us up to receive the passion, fire, and love of the Holy Spirit. This – and only this – will make our lives truly worth living.

One participant said that there are people in the parish who are looking for *more* from their faith and from the Church, and gatherings that lead us to Christ will offer them the "more" that they're looking for. Catholics are called to much more than just following rules and attending Mass. Without a deep faith in God, a close relationship with Jesus Christ – in prayer and love for others – the obedience and Mass attendance won't do much for you. The sacraments are celebrations of faith. But, do we have the faith?

One participant asked about faith and works – whether a person is saved by faith alone or by one's good deeds. We have to remember that doing good won't save us. Only Jesus Christ saves us. But, when we love God and want to follow Him, we'll want to do good, which is part of the Christian life. How can one show love for others without works? But, those works won't get us to heaven. We need to *ask for* and *rely upon* the mercy and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Let's start, today!



Saturday, April 11
9:00 a.m.—Weis Center Main Hall

Speaker: Chris Kinard
Topic: Journey of Faith

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



Thursday, April 9
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.

Taize Prayer Service



Wednesday, April 1st
7:00 p.m.—STM Church

Confessions will be heard starting at 6:00 p.m. and go through until the end of Taize

Prepare your mind and heart to reflect on the Passion of Christ and enter into the celebration of the Resurrection.

What is a Tenebrae Service?

Good Friday, April 3rd
7:00 p.m.—STM Church



“Tenebrae” is Latin for ‘darkness’. During this service, candles are extinguished one by one, leading to darkness in the church, symbolizing the coming darkness of Jesus’ death. There is a special triangular candelabra on the altar. The 14 candles on either side of it represent the followers of Christ, and the one in the middle represents Jesus.

Blessing of Easter Food

Bring your family for this special tradition of blessing your Easter food.

Saturday, April 4th

2:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church



LET'S TAKE A MOMENT

To pray for our RCIA candidates

They are taking big steps in their Catholic Faith on Easter Weekend!

Let's Rejoice!

St. Vincent DePaul Pantry



ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

Laundry Soap, Paper Towels, Paper Tissue

Peanut Butter	Or Hash Browns, etc.
Jelly	Rice
Pasta Sauce	Hamburger Helper
Canned Pasta	Pork & Beans
Canned Vegetables	Frosting
Canned Meats	Shampoo
(Chicken, Beef Stew, Spam & Tuna)	Toothpaste
Canned Fruit	Dish Soap
Instant Mashed Potatoes	

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!



March 29, 2026

St. Thomas More School



DENIM Diamonds
THROUGH THE DECADES

Get Your Tickets Now and join the fun!

Who's Invited? Everyone!

Parishioners • Alumni • Alumni Parents • Current Parents • Friends

Friday, April 10

6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Gym

Tickets: \$75

ByWay Apps • New Oberpfalz & ByWay Beer/Wine • Music/Dancing • Raffles/Auction

Can't Make It?

Bid on our fabulous Online Auction from home or anywhere!
For tickets (by April 3rd) or to bid: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/NC5/>
Attire is casual. Want a splash of diamonds with your denim? Go for it!

Donation Items & Sponsorships Still Happily Accepted!

Please email Andrea: aleahy1518@gmail.com or Pam: ppasyk@stm-school.com

Young Illustrators



Thanks to the coordination of our Kids Time after school program director, Renee Rosario, several St. Thomas More School students are now published illustrators and authors.

Submitting our students' creative work, with expectations of further contact from the publishing company, students drew, colored and wrote about their artwork in hopes of having their work included in an upcoming journal.

Thrilled to hear back from the publisher, our students' work was selected for the published book, *Perfect Pets*, now in full-color print.

We are exceedingly proud of our imaginative students and thank our entire staff for their hand in fostering our students' talent and ingenuity.

Thank You DQ!

A huge thank you to Munster Dairy Queen, and all its employees, for another great first day of Spring "Free Ice Cream Cone Day." Serving our entire school of 550 students, plus approximately 50 staff members, the Munster DQ gang did it with a smile and precision speediness, moving all our students & staff through the line in record time.

We are not only blessed to have Dairy Queen as our neighbor, but so grateful for their continued generosity and kindness to our students and our school.



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 **BY APRIL 15th** we will assume all information is correct and will publish in the directory.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
Partners in Christ's Mission

Our 2026 Parish Goal: \$350,000



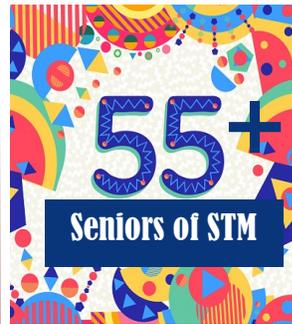
CSA 2026

For this year's CSA rebate, the parish plans to use funds to replace the carpeting throughout the church and begin renovations on the Narthex (main entrance of the church).

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

Let's surpass our goal!

Scan to give, use a donation card or visit give.dcgary.org | Escanear para dar, usar una tarjeta de donación o visitar give.dcgary.org



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).

Hop into Spring with the Seniors! Our April 1st meeting will be very informative meeting with our Mental Health Ministry at St. Thomas More with Julius Ballanco. Come here all about this ministry and mental health issues.

This meeting will also be a business meeting to elect our officers for our upcoming year. Social time to follow.

Wednesday, April 1st
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center
Speaker: Julius Ballanco
Mental Health Ministry
Election of 2026-2027 Officers

Wednesday, April 15th
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center
Mark your calendars for our Social Meeting

Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers
May 6th - 12:00 p.m.
Andora Restaurant/Banquets
Reservations will be required.
Please watch the bulletin for coming details.

Parish Garden Meeting

For all current and new members!



The Parish Garden ministry will be meeting on

Wednesday, April 8th
6:30 p.m.—Weis Center

We will be discussing the plans for the Spring.
Questions? Please call Bob Thomas, 630-363-7978

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

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

May Schedule

May 2

Sunday—10 a.m. First Communion
STM School and Religious Education

May 16

Confirmation

DID YOU KNOW?

HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.

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GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Good Friday • John 18:1



Celebrating 22 years of Catholic Retreats for Mid-life Singles 2004 - 2026

Attention Mid-Life Singles!

(mid 30's-50's)

REFLECT Catholic Retreat
April 17-19, 2026
Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL
(southwest suburb of Chicago)



REFLECT is designed:

- for single men and women in their mid 30's to 50's
- to reflect on and grow deeper in your relationship with Christ
- to share about life's journey in a Christ-centered environment
- to encourage you to step outside your comfort zone and embrace an opportunity for personal growth!



For More Dates, Locations and Information:
Visit: www.ReflectRetreat.com
Call: 630-222-8303
Email: reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com



Emotions Anonymous is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Mental Health Ministry.

Meetings are every Monday evening
7:00 p.m.—Weis Center

A spiritual 12-Step Program that helps people improve their emotional wellbeing (i.e. depression, anxiety and anger).

Parish Information

St. Thomas More Parish Website: www.stm-church.com

2025-2026 Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Michael Popovich

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Christi Kordeck • Bill McCullough • Lisa Mendoza • Claudia Pernal
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Must be a registered, practicing member
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Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately
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You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex
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