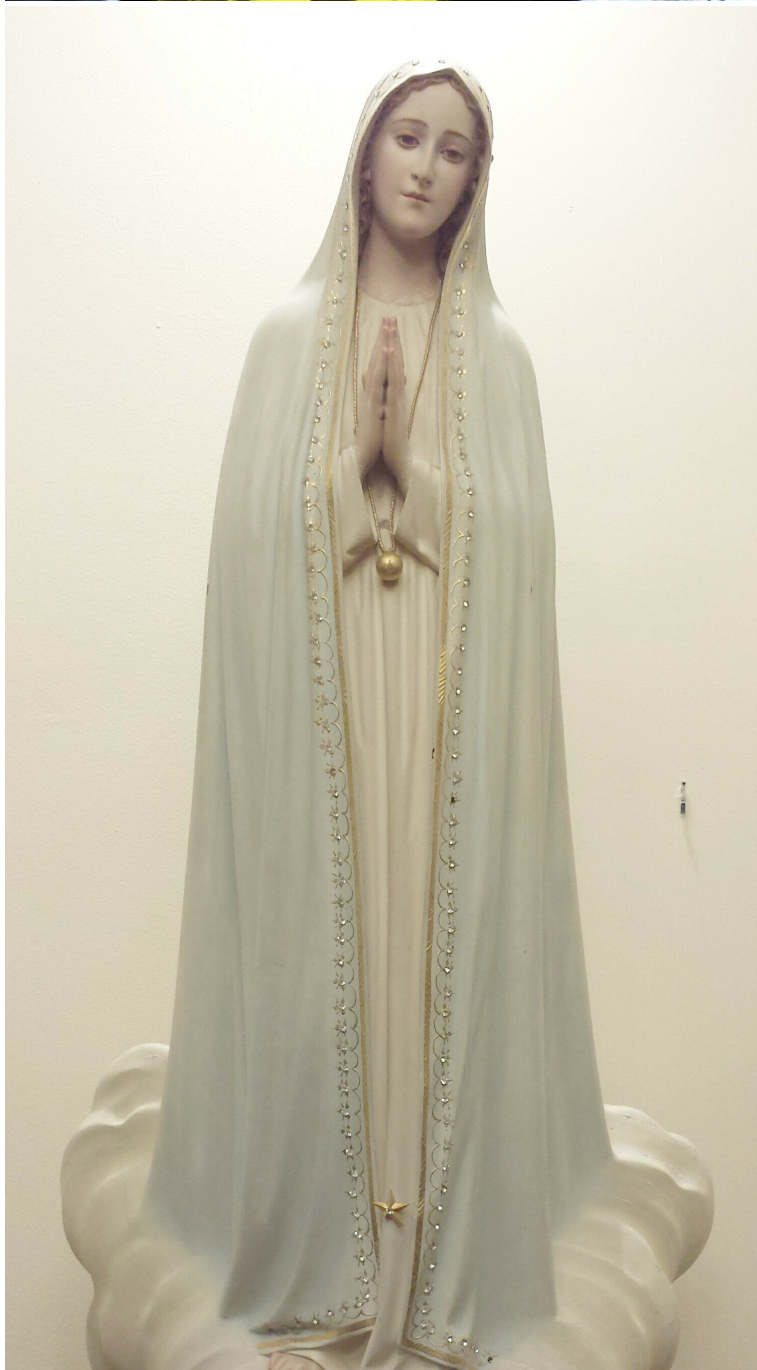




ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

MAY 3, 2026 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Edward Dernulc by Family
- 10:00 am Mary Ann Zimmerman by SVS 1963 Classmates
- 12:00 pm Josefina Bagadiiong (Anniv.) by Aquino Family

MONDAY, May 4

- 6:30 am Robert Kocur (Anniv.) by the Jorsch & Kocur Families
- 8:30 am Ashley Fritze by Mardi Flynn

TUESDAY, May 5

- 6:30 am Bertha Pepa Struble by Daughter
- 8:30 am Thomas Keilman by Joan Keilman

WEDNESDAY, May 6

- 6:30 am Irene Renwald by Family & Friends
- 8:30 am Mary Jonkouski by Marilyn Pajor

THURSDAY, May 7

- 6:30 am Jack Mateja by Wife & Family
- 8:30 am Michael Mercier by Wife, Daughters and Grddaughter

FRIDAY, May 8

- 6:30 am Kathryn Guadagno (Anniv.) by Helen Guadagno
- 8:30 am Dee Canavan by a Friend

SATURDAY, May 9

- 8:30 am Ann Marie Panek by Jennifer & Grayson Rajab
- 5:30 pm Miller Krizmanic by Family

SUNDAY, May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am John & Rose Gorczyca by Carol & Mary Sejda
- 10:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers
- 12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Kruger Family by Ellen O'Pat

Let us remember Mary in a special way this month and pray for humility and trust, that our yes to God may be immediate and unselfish.

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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MAY — THE MONTH OF MARY

“Mary’s greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself.” ~ Pope Benedict

There have been many apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the ages, some approved by the Church and some not approved. Many times, people have asked me what goes in the process of Church approbation of an alleged apparition. There are several things to consider; however, there seems to be one overriding question to ask: “In the apparition, did Mary, in one way, shape, or form, point to Jesus?”

In all of Mary’s appearances, her challenge has always been to listen to her Son. Mary never appeared on her own behalf but so that her Son could be known and glorified. Even in the few passages in the Gospels that speak about Mary, she was always directing attention to God and not herself.

When Mary visited Elizabeth and Elizabeth praised her, Mary redirected the praise to God. When the people came to her at a wedding in Cana, she pointed to her Son and said, “Do whatever He tells you.”

Mary is not interested in herself. She is not interested in getting her message out there. She is not interested in promulgating worship and adoration on her behalf. Mary has always, always, always pointed to her Son. That is one of the reasons that the Church holds her in such esteem. She is a wonderful example to all of us and teaches us what we need to do in our own lives.

Mary is a model of humility. She never claimed anything on her own but attributed it to the wonder and power of God. In our own lives, we are often far from humble. We like to grab for attention. We want people to praise us. We need to learn to acknowledge that all we have received, all that we are often praised for, is not of our own doing but a wonderful gift from God.

Mary is a model of trust. She had no idea what would come about when she said yes to the Angel Gabriel but she said yes nonetheless because she was the handmaid of the Lord and if God was calling, she was answering. When we feel called, we often weigh the call according to our own likes and wants. Our yes is usually a qualified one because it means that we are getting something out of it as well.

May is one of the two months each year dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we reflect upon Mary, let us do our best to see how she is pointing us to her Son so that we may embrace His will for our lives.

FAITH ACTION: Let us remember Mary in a special way this month and pray for humility and trust, that our yes to God may be immediate and unselfish.

In. 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:

- May 6: Rev. Augustine C. Van Rie (1962)
Rev. David E. Hauskins (1971)
May 9: Rev. John J. Lach (1960)
Msgr. Edward F. Litot (2018)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

A hearty congratulations to our parishioners who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Since the Eucharist is the Source & Summit of our lives, it is that much more joyful to have a group receive this most precious.

I pray that our students come back to the altar over and over again to receive the Eucharist. It not only unifies us, it feeds us as well. When we consume the Eucharist, we take Jesus Himself — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — into our bodies. That Eucharist nourishes our souls and gives us the grace that we need to overcome the snares of the ancient enemy who would rather have us turn away from the Lord.

Let us all come to the Table of the Lord and receive Him gratefully and faithfully so that we may continue to grow in grace and love.

WHY COMMUNION?

- † “Holy Communion is the shortest and the safest way to Heaven.” ~ St. Pius X
- † “We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good.” ~ St. John Vianney
- † “When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta
- † “If Angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.” ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The man told his doctor that he wasn’t able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said, “I can take it, doctor. Tell me in plain English what’s wrong with me.”

“Well,” the doctor replied, “in plain English, “you’re just incredibly lazy.”

“Okay, doctor,” the man replied. “Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife and keep her off my back.”



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/42tadtn>, 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 Czapkovicz
Janice De Vries
David Dull
Gabriela Gallegos
Gary Gardner
Joan Glinski
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Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
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Katie Kardes Hargett
Elaine Herrmann
Robert Hesek
Steve James
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Margaret Jones
Deacon David Kapala
Joseph D. Karulski
Dr. Greg Kelly
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
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
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 5th Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.



It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**" (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

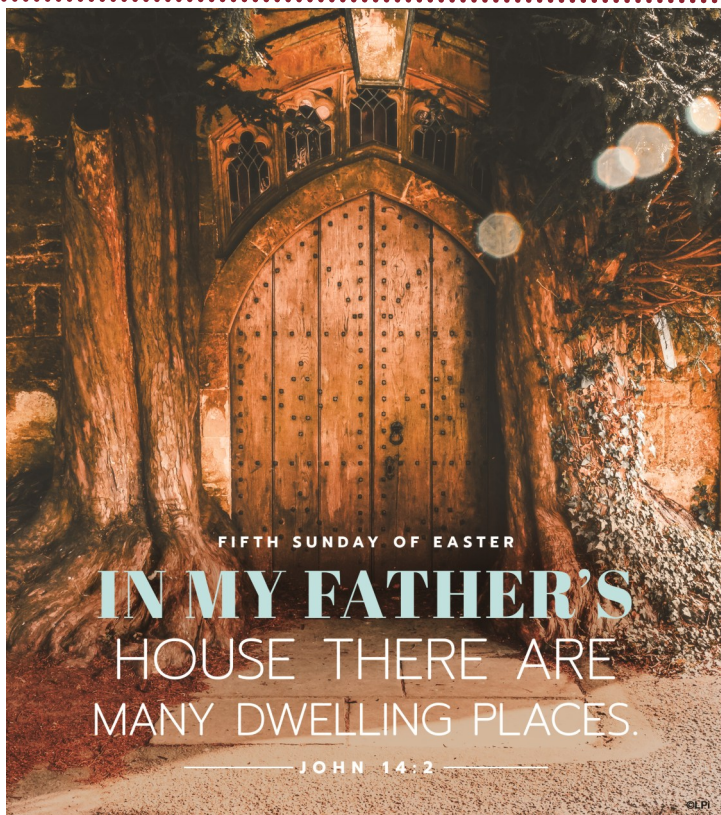
The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

Father John Muir

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Rest In Peace

*Jeanette L. Macknyk
Joseph F. Belovich*



Readings Week of May 3

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts.

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Monday, May 4

5:30 pm Parents Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Discernment—Weis Center Main Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, May 6

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

9:00 am Live Christ Share Christ—Weis Center Main Hall

Celebrants

Saturday, May 9

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, May 10

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron



Altar Servers

Saturday, May 9

5:30 p.m. MC—Hunter, AS—G. Knight & X. Fonseca

Sunday, May 10

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and H. Jorsch
10:00 a.m. MC—Sophia, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye and K. Orozco
12:00 p.m. MC—Nina, AS—O. Mack



Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, May 9

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Judy Mateja & Cathy Delgado

Chapel: Lisa Mendoza

Choir: —

Sunday, May 10

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kathy Tolnai

Chapel: Sandra Steele

Choir: —

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Jose & Paula Serrano

Chapel: —

Choir: —

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

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!



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Mondays 5/4/2026 & 5/11/2026

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

Saturday 5/16/2026

10:00 a.m. Confirmation



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Saturday 6/20/2026—Sunday 6/21/2026

Farewell to Fr. Mike, Receptions after ALL MASSES— in the school Cafeteria

Sunday 6/28/2026

12:00 Noon Fr. Mike's final Mass at St. Thomas More—
12 Noon Mass in the Church

1:30 p.m. Retirement Luncheon for Fr. Mike—
ticketed event held at the Carmelite Banquet Hall in Munster.

Saturday 7/4/2026— Sunday 7/5/2026

Welcome Receptions after ALL MASSES for Fr. Wozniak and Fr. Ross — in the school cafeteria



Stewardship REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

CRUISING *Into Retirement*

CELEBRATING FR. MIKE YADRON

Please join us in celebrating the retirement of Fr. Mike Yadron

28
June

1:30 PM

Carmelite Monastery Banquet Hall
1628 Ridge Rd, Munster

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 14TH
[ZEFFY - LINK TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)
OR
PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PARISH OFFICE



This luncheon will feature the incredible cuisine from the Carmelite's staff. Stella and her kitchen team hand-make everything with love and attention to the traditions of Polish-Americans.

Some menu highlights:

- Chicken Noodle Soup (one of Fr. Mike's favorites!)
- Homemade Pierogis
- Sausage & Kraut
- Roast Beef
- Baked Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes

And...

- By special request from Fr. Mike—*Cheesecake* for dessert!

Tickets:

\$30.00 for Adults
\$15.00 for Children under 12

**Thank you,
Fr. Mike!**

SIGN UP TO SERVE!

Farewell Receptions
After All Weekend Masses **June 20-21**

Welcome Receptions
After All Weekend Masses **July 4-5**

**Welcome,
Fr. Wozniak &
Fr. Ross!**

Mark Your Calendars for these special celebrations!

Thank You and Farewell Reception for Fr. Mike

Father's Day Weekend
Saturday, June 20th & Sunday, June 21st

After all Masses in the School Cafeteria

Bring your memories and well-wishes to share with Fr. Mike on this special weekend.

Welcome Fr. Wozniak & Fr. Ross

4th of July Weekend
Saturday, July 4th & Sunday, July 5th

After all Masses in the School Cafeteria

**Want to show your appreciation by helping?
Sign up for a small task to help the weekend events run smoothly!**



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4AE2EA7FA7-63591069-frmikes>

We Don't Go To Church

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

Sometimes, I *teach* my kids one thing but *say* another. Like all parents, I'm imperfect. Therefore, I often contradict myself, and my kids are *always* good for pointing it out, which I deserve.



For example, I tell them that there are no bad *people*, just good people who do bad *things*. People are never "monsters," "evil," or a "waste of space." We're *all* children of God (even criminals!), made in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). But, sometimes, when watching a movie, I'll stupidly ask something like, "Is *that* the bad guy?" Invariably, one of my children will say something like, "Hey, Daddy! I thought there were no bad *people*, only good people who do bad *things*!" I'll tell them that I misspoke and that they're correct, and then I'll jokingly quote a movie that they know and love – *Wreck-It Ralph* – in which Zangief states, "Just because you are a *bad* guy, doesn't mean you are a *bad* *guy*." But, I know they're right; so, I apologize.

I also misspeak, when, on Sunday afternoons, I ask them if they went to *church*. They point this out, too. Because I'm at all weekend Masses, at St. Thomas More, I regularly don't get to go to Mass with my family, at St. Mary, in Griffith. I teach them that we don't *go* to church, but, rather, we *are* the Church, and, on the weekend, we go to *Mass*, because we're *part* of the Church.

Therefore, even when we're irritated, waiting in line at a register in Target, we *are* the Church. When we're driving our cars, among reckless and dangerous people, we *are* the Church. When we're dealing with an unintelligible, customer-service agent, on the telephone, we *are* the Church. We don't *go* to church; we *are* the Church. We don't participate in church, once a week. We *are* the Church, within ourselves, all week long.

Church is not a *place* to which to *go*. It is an *identity* to *have* – a *people* to *be*. Unfortunately, we continue the ancient, bad habit of referring to church buildings as the Church. Even though Catholics believe in sacred space, and our bishops dedicate and anoint our worship spaces, with Sacred Christ, those buildings do not *constitute* the Church. They are, rather, the *property* of the Church, and they *house* the Church, for worship, prayer, and community. What we call "churches" really should be called houses of prayer, temples, sanctuaries, chapels, oratories, parishes, basilicas, cathedrals, or tabernacles. The Church subsists in baptized, believing people, who really are the *People of God*, the *Body of Christ*, and *Temples of the Holy Spirit*. And, even after we realize that the Church is people, we still have to remember not to think of the Church as consisting *only* of bishops, priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters. We, the laity, have to be the Church, too.

So, let's not *go* to church. Let's *be* the Church, even if we do misspeak about it.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Deacon William O'Donnell - Presider
Wednesday, May 13th - 6PM



Nicholas Emsing



Deacon William O'Donnell



Gianni DiTola



Ryan Pierce



Patrick Cullars



Collin van Waardenburg



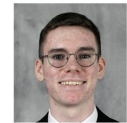
Come pray with us



Roy Graf



Nathan Knowlton



Leo Marcotte

Queen of All Saints Parish

1719 E. Barker Ave, Michigan City, IN



Help Feed Our Neighbors In Need

St. Vincent de Paul Society

ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

Laundry Soap, Paper Towels, Paper Tissue

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| 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!



May 3, 2026

St. Thomas More School



Unique Experiences

Each year, hundreds of fabulous items are offered in the Online Auction portion of the St. Thomas More School Denim & Diamonds and Golf Classic fundraisers.

At each event, several of the items up for bid are exclusively directed to STMS students, providing unique and fun experiences throughout the school building or with our phenomenal staff. Here is just one of those distinctive experiences:

Make Your Own Pizza Party



Thanks to a generous donation by Anthony's family, a pizza party was hosted for his 22 member homeroom by our Cafeteria Manager, Patti Davids. Students took over the cafeteria, created their own pizzas complete with a myriad of toppings, and brought home the delicious baked product in their personal pizza box...so much fun for our kids.

Champions On & Off the Court



Congratulations to the St. Thomas More School 6th Grade Boys Volleyball Team who were victorious in the Diocese of Gary CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Championship game, held at Bishop Noll in Hammond. Their championship win was hard-fought and well deserved. An additional congrats to the STMS 8th Grade team, who were Runner-Ups in their division. We are extremely proud of these young men, who are not only successful athletes, but demonstrate good sportsmanship, team spirit and kindness to those around them. Thank you Coaches Ramos, Welches, Brown and Kinsella for your time and dedication to help these boys shine.



You Can Make a Difference Today...and for Tomorrow!

For the past 77 years, St. Thomas More School has been a beacon for those seeking an outstanding, faith-based education.

Our students continually amaze and our graduates continue to stand out in high school, college and beyond, as leaders in our community and communities all across America!

If you are looking for a great way to invest your hard-earned money and know that your funds will be used wisely, please consider donating to the St. Thomas More School 2025-2026

Legacy Fund!

Your investment will directly support student educational programs, foster faith-filled leadership, provide teacher assistance and help fund important safety measures to continue St. Tom's legacy as the very best Catholic education in NWI for another 77 years.



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

CSA 2026

Hurray! We've reached our diocesan goal of .

\$141,676

With contributions from 305 donors

Thank you!!

All of parishioners are called to give, any amount is greatly appreciated and can help get us to our rebate goal:

\$208,324

"Thank You" to everyone who has donated to the 2026 CSA campaign. Let's work together to surpass our goal!



Scan the QR Code or Visit
Give.dcgary.org to donate online to CSA.

You may also send or bring your donation
to the Parish Office.

Thank you!!



ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
@ ST. THOMAS MORE | MUNSTER

FLORIST-QUALITY GERANIUMS IN A
VARIETY OF SIZES AND COLORS, PATIO
POTS, HEIRLOOM TOMATO PLANTS,
HERBS, AND PEPPERS

DELIVERY AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASES OVER \$100



Save the date for the Spring Plant sale—the Saturday AFTER Mother's Day!! Planting Possibilities will have florist-grade geraniums of all colors and sizes, patio planters, hanging baskets and heirloom herbs and vegetables.

Stop by, get your garden growing and learn about the organization & volunteer opportunities.
Thank you for all your support of Planting Possibilities!



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).

**Mark your calendars for
these upcoming
events!**



Game Bonanza

Wednesday May 20th
1:00 p.m.
Weis Center



Save the Date

Summer "Picnic"

Wednesday
July 15th
12:00 p.m.
at the Weis Center



Mother's Day & Father's Day

Listen to Mom

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th! This year, we want to share stories from our parish moms, grandmothers, and Godmothers. What is a lesson you learned from your mother, grandmother or Godmother? Or perhaps something you learned in your own experience?

Please email your short responses to Krystal by Fri. May 1st
kquagliara@stm-church.com
Subject: Listen to Mom

A Father's Wisdom

Father's Day is June 21st! In addition to celebrating and wishing Fr. Mike a fantastic retirement, we want to share stories from our parish dads, grandfathers and Godfathers. What is some wisdom that has been passed along to you from your father, grandfather or Godfather? Or perhaps something you learned in your own experience?

Please email your responses to Krystal by Wed. 6/10/26
kquagliara@stm-church.com
Subject: Father's Wisdom



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

May Schedule

May 2 Saturday—10 a.m. First Communion
STM School and Religious Education

May 16 Confirmation—10 A.M.

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Registration is open for 2026-2027 Academic Year

<https://www.stm-church.com/events?id=110>

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Easter • John 14:1-12



RELIGIOUS Education REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2026-2027

*Late registration fees will be applicable after June 30, 2026.
Discounted rate available for registered parishioners
of St. Thomas More Church.*

FAITH - SACRAMENTS - MORALITY - PRAYER

- Classes begin on September 9, 2026
- No additional sacramental fees
- All 4th grade students and new students 5-8 grade will receive one Bible
 - Replacement Bibles available for purchase if needed.
- Wednesday or Thursday Sessions (4:30-6:00 PM) or Homeschool option available.



*Nurture your
child's soul &
foster moral
courage.*

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The May Nursery Schedule



The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery

*The Nursery is in the "Brides Room", located in
the Church Main Entrance*

May 10th—CLOSED! Happy Mother's Day!

May 17th—Kaaren Mashura & Giuliana Diaz

May 24th—Rachel & Amelia Perezchica

May 31st—Jennifer & Oliver Anderson

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed in our Sunday Morning Nursery,
including 8th Grade Students and High School Students
that need Service Hours.

Please call Ann Harkenrider at 1-708-334-5228.

All volunteers 18 and over must have
completed the Virtus training.

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 Sajin • Cindy Thompson

Parish Ministries & Organizations

WORSHIP

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Environment & Art

Helen Jaworski (219)836-1833
Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

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Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately
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New Parishioner Registration

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

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