



# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We need to be genuine in our faith so that as people look at us and listen to our words, they may see and hear the truths of Christ.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, September 21—

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Michael Mercier by Bart & Kim Aiello
- 10:00 am Mark Neiner by Family
- 12:00 pm Barbara Prahovich by Family

### MONDAY, September 22

- 6:30 am James Laskarin by Wife & Daughter
- 8:30 am Lorraine Rescan by Sharon Tillery

### TUESDAY, September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

- 6:30 am Kelsey Keilman by The Jurich Family
- 8:30 am Clare Korabel by Jacqueline Rench

### WEDNESDAY, September 24

- 6:30 am Earl Sconlan by John and Andrea Mudroy
- 8:30 am Margaret & Vince Grober by Viktor & Ashleigh Turner

### THURSDAY, September 25

- 6:30 am Catherine E. Wilkinson by Altar & Rosary Society
- 8:30 am Jan Cholke by Mike Cholke

### FRIDAY, September 26—Saints Cosmas & Damian

- 6:30 am Dorothy Smitley by Smitley Family
- 8:30 am Joan Wolak by Wolak Children

### SATURDAY, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul

- 8:30 am Marya Holda (Anniv.) by Family
- 5:30 pm Ralph Piccirilli by Joel & Gina Cipowski

### SUNDAY, September 28

#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Bert & Emily Woess by Bert & Emily
- 10:00 am Ken Flynn (Anniv.) by Family
- 12:00 pm Josephine Zawacki by John & Eva Kennedy

### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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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## LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

**"The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it's difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine. ~ Abraham Lincoln"**

Every time the quote above appears on Facebook or in other various places on the internet, I get the biggest laugh. We all know, of course, that Abraham Lincoln could not have made this quote as there was no such thing as the internet in his day and age. The reason I get such a laugh is because, when pointing this quote out to some people, you will invariably get a blank look on someone's face and the response, "What's wrong with that?" As long as it appears in print, it must be correct.

The phrase fake news has been rampant for several years. There have been many "news" stories printed on social media that are glaringly false. There have been many stories printed that have pointed the finger wrongly at others because facts were not checked before something went to print. But once the story is printed, it begins to spread as if it were, indeed, true. It then becomes difficult to determine whether or not something is genuine, something is real.

The same can be said for our faith lives. There are, sadly, ministers across all faiths who brand a certain kind of theology and preach it as if it were the truth handed down to them by God. Theologies of wealth and prosperity, theologies of entertainment, cults of personality, these, and many other false theologies cause confusion at best and grave harm at worst. All one has to do is study those who have died in cults because they gravitated around someone claiming to be God's own anointed.

We need to be genuine in our faith so that as people look at us and listen to our words, they may see and hear the truths of Christ. We cannot package convenient theologies that leave out what we do not like about the faith or include our own little peccadillos. Jesus has said on more than one occasion, woe to those who lead others astray.

In order to be genuine, we need to know our faith. That means learning it from competent places and not picking it up from people with chips on their shoulders or internet sites that are far from accurate. If anything is important to us, we need to go the extra mile to learn about it so that we can embrace it as totally and as honestly as possible.

The world needs genuine disciples of the Lord so that they can understand the rich, deep, and abiding love of God. We do not need God's teachings watered down. Instead, we need to see people living the faith authentically.

**FAITH ACTION:** Ask God to give you the grace and the courage that you need to live the faith authentically today so that you may inspire others to choose to follow Him as well.

*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:

September 22: Msgr. John J. Charlebois (2009)  
September 23: Rev. Joseph P. Murphy, SCJ (1977)  
September 24: Deacon David Brown (1997)  
September 27: Rev. Emil E. Bloch (1990)

## RCIA



## THIS COMING TUESDAY

Each year, our parish begins the RCIA process at the beginning of October. It culminates with the celebration of the Vigil Mass of Easter.

If you have considered becoming a Catholic (or if you were baptized Catholic but never finished your sacraments), the RCIA is meant for you.

This Tuesday, September 23, and next Tuesday, September 30, have been set aside for anyone who may want to come to the church and learn about the process. The meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room (come to the Parish Office). You only need to come to one of the two informational meetings in September.

RCIA begins in earnest the first Tuesday of October and will meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

*Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 21:29)*

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE HMO Questions & Answers

Q - I just joined a new HMO. How difficult will it be to choose the doctor I want?

A - Just slightly more difficult than choosing your parents. Your insurer will provide you with a book listing all the doctors who were participating in the plan at the time the information was gathered.

These doctors basically fall into two categories: those who are no longer accepting new patients and those who will see you but are no longer part of the plan.

But don't worry, the remaining doctor who is still in the plan and accepting new patients has an office just a half a day's drive away.





## Sacramental Information

### Confessions

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

First Friday: Half hour  
before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

### Marriage

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

### Communion Calls

#### Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

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

### Baptisms

First & Third Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Parents must be registered  
parishioners & regularly attending at  
least six months before the Baptism.

At least one of the godparents  
**must** be a practicing Catholic.

### Pre-Baptism Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the  
Parish Office to schedule class  
and/or Baptism.

## 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.

## 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

Administrative Assistant: Cindy McMahon; Ext. 2311

## Pastoral Staff

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael J. Yadron, KCHS

Ext. 2312 • myadron@stm-church.com

**Senior Deacons:** David Kapala, KHS • Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS

**Deacon:** Joseph Stodola, KHS

### Director of Parish Mission

Noreen Bickel, Ext. 2330  
nbickel@stm-church.com

### Director of Finance & Operations

Charles Schimpf, Ext. 2329  
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### Director of Music

Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338  
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### Director of Parish Ministries & Communications

Krystal Quagliara, Ext. 2414  
kquagliara@stm-church.com

### Director of Religious Education

Emily Hackett, Ext. 2232  
ehackett@stm-school.com

**St. Thomas More Parish Website:** [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)

## Parish Office Staff

(219) 836-8610 • eFax: (219) 533-4280 • Email: [parish.office@stm-church.com](mailto:parish.office@stm-church.com)

**Website:** [stm-church.com](http://stm-church.com)

**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. • Saturday 9:00 a.m.-Noon

### Parish Office Receptionist

Phyllis Krizmanic; Ext. 2300  
pkrizmanic@stm-church.com

### Bulletin/Communications Director

Krystal Quagliara, Ext. 2414  
bulletin@stm-church.com

### Building Maintenance

Contact the Parish Office or  
Charles Schimpf at Ext. 2329

### Custodial Supervisor

Kim Smith, Ext. 2331  
ksmith@stm-church.com

## St. Thomas More School

**National Blue Ribbon School • Preschool to 8th Grade**

School Office: (219) 836-9151 • M-F: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • [stm-school.com](http://stm-school.com)

### Principal

Dr. Samantha Francis  
Ext. 2258

### Admissions

Pam Pasyk  
Ext. 2309  
[ppasyk@stm-school.com](mailto:ppasyk@stm-school.com)

### Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Gonzalez  
Ext. 2200

### Reception/Office Associate

Nereida Harretos  
Ext. 2201

### Director of Development

Annette Czarowski  
Ext. 2307

### Business Manager

Maria Vega  
Ext. 2339

## Gospel Meditation

### Luke 16:10-13



Before I was a priest, I was a lazy  
worker for a retail Apple store.  
Hearing a rumor that my boss was  
going to fire me, I secretly sold  
iPhones for half-price, gave away  
dozens of free iPads, and donated  
several brand-new laptops to  
managers in other stores in the mall.

After a week, my boss called me into  
his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the  
store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he  
said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant  
manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never  
happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus'  
brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest  
steward defrauds his boss and then the "**master commended  
the dishonest servant for acting prudently**" (Luke 16:8).  
What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an  
Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the  
motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that  
shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time,  
money, and resources we have to build around us a strong  
network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he  
*wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others.  
He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

*Father John Muir*

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## Readings Week of September 21

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/  
Lk 16:19-31

## Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray... That we recognize everything we have is a  
gift from God, including our money, and to generously  
share our wealth to support the mission of our Church,  
locally and around the world.

## 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.



Susan Abbott  
Antonio Belmonte  
Diane Bochnowski  
Bill Briney  
Grace Briney  
Linda Braun  
Jack Brunetti  
Diane Butler  
Paiyton Castillo  
Ursula Cichy  
Kevin Clark  
Loretta Clott  
Charlotte Conn  
Valerie Czapkowicz  
Janice Devries  
David Dull  
Karl Dytrych  
Antonia Espitia  
Gabriela Gallegos  
Gary Gardner  
Joan Glinski  
Howard Gralewski  
Margaret Gray  
Christine Greenberg

Mary Ellen Gullicks  
Jeffrey Gunning  
Katie Kardes Hargett  
Dick Hemingway  
Elaine Herrmann  
Robert Heseck  
Jim Hunt  
Steve James  
Barbara Jamrose  
Kelly Jean  
Margaret Jones  
Joseph D. Karulski  
Dr. Greg Kelly  
Mary Alyce Kelly  
Susan Kolodziej  
Gregory P. Koscielski  
Crystal Kurek  
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  
Lucille Perz  
Ruth Ramirez  
Antonia Rodriguez  
Valetine Rudakas  
Paul Runick  
Karen Rutz  
Karen Sliwa  
Steven Sliwa  
Georgianne Suto  
Charles Svitko  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
David Trotman  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
David Wartman



## Baptisms

### Emeka Michael

Son of Emeka Earl & Michelle Esotu

### Adelina

Daughter of Steven & Melissa Luptak

## Celebrants

### Saturday, September 27

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

### Sunday, September 28

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, September 27

5:30 p.m. MC—Hunter, AS—J. Dye, X. Fonseca & M. Moya

### Sunday, September 28

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—A. & L. Jara and K. Karl

10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—S. Santellano, K. Orozco & J. Adebite

12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—N. Correa, B. Reynolds & C. Schell-O'Connor



## Greeters Schedule for the Week

### Saturday, September 27

#### 5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

Chapel: Michelle Strimel

### Sunday, September 28

#### 6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

#### 8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Terry Laciak

Chapel: Joe & Kathy Tolnai

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

#### 10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Sergio & Lisa Mendoza

Chapel: Kate Dagholer

Choir: Michelle Walker



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com



## Stewardship

## REFLECTION

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13*

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry.

Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



## Weis Center: Parish/Ministry Schedule

### Sunday, September 21

- 7:00 am Flu Shots—Weis Center Room 107
- 9:30 am Altar & Rosary—Weis Center Main Hall

### Monday, September 22

- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study—Weis Center Room 107
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Room 102

### Tuesday, September 23

- 2:00 pm Parish Directory Photos—Weis Center Main Hall
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Room 107
- 7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Meeting—Weis Center Room 101

### Wednesday, September 24

- 9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting—Weis Center Room 107
- 2:00 pm Parish Directory Photos—Weis Center Main Hall

### Thursday, September 25

- 2:00 pm Parish Directory Photos—Weis Center Main Hall

### Friday, September 26

- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth—Weis Center Room 101
- 2:00 pm Parish Directory Photos—Weis Center Main Hall

### Saturday, September 27

- 10:00 am Parish Directory Photos—Weis Center Main Hall

## Religious Education September Schedule

### September 23rd Confirmation Parent Meeting-7:00 pm

September 24/25 Class

October 1/2 Class

October 8/9 Class

October 15/16 **Mass at 5:00 pm**  
**Confirmation Commitment at Mass**

October 21st **First Confession/First Communion**  
**Parent Meeting - 7:00 pm**

October 22/23 Class

October 29/30 Class



## Flu Shot Clinic

Free flu shots offered conveniently for our parish and community.  
Be prepared and stay healthy in the upcoming flu season!

**THIS WEEKEND!!!**  
**Sunday, September 21st**  
**7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Weis Ministry Center

## Automatic Offering

### *Make Life Easier with Automated Contributions to Our Parish*

Rather than weekly envelopes, you may find it easier to make your regular parish contributions via our online system. Each time you donate, St. Thomas More Parish benefits from contributions to support our ministries, programs and facilities. Follow the instructions below if you, too, would like to utilize our online system.

### Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit

You may also scan the QR Code or Link Directly at  
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=TQTQJV2KT2UKS](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=TQTQJV2KT2UKS)

### Questions?

Contact Maria Vega, Business Manager:

(219) 836-8610, #2339 or

[mvega@stm-church.com](mailto:mvega@stm-church.com)

*No matter how you give, your contributions to STM are appreciated*



## Sacrificial Offerings

September 7, 2025

Regular	\$18,647.00
Loose	\$1,994.00
Children	\$15.00
June Automated	\$10,361.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,017.00</b>

*Please remember  
St. Thomas More in your  
Will and Estate Planning.  
Thank you for your  
generosity.*



## Bulletin Deadlines

Every effort is made to include pertinent information in the weekly bulletin.

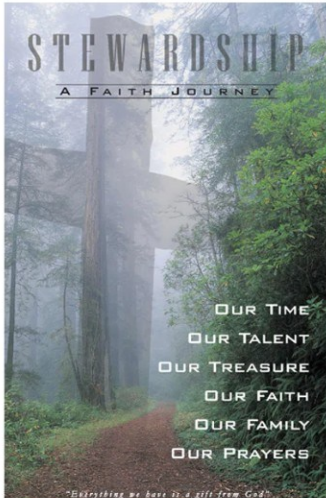
It is very important to submit bulletin articles  
**at least 2 full weeks in advance**  
of when you would like your information to appear.

Email info to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com) or

Call 219-836-8610, Ext. 2414

Thank you for your help!

# Stewardship



The Stewardship Commission will be gifting the "Faith Journey" booklet this weekend at all Masses.

Please take a copy as you exit Mass and spend a little time this week with the prayers inside.



Next weekend is the Ministry Fair!  
This is a great opportunity to learn more about all of the incredible ministries offered at St. Thomas More.

You can connect with other members of the ministries and let the Spirit guide you to Worship, Grow and Serve.

September 27-28  
In the School Gym after all Masses



FIND COMMUNITY, CONNECTION & PURPOSE

September 27-28  
(after all Masses)  
St. Thomas More Gymnasium

Snacks, Refreshments, Giveaways & Prizes! Bring the whole family!

## Brunch Celebration!



Please join us for a commemorative brunch to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Thomas More Church.

Brunch will follow a special Mass at Noon.

Sunday Nov. 16th, 1:00 p.m.  
Center for Visual & Performing Arts  
1040 Ridge Road, Munster

Tickets available for Adults & Children.

**Scan to Purchase ---->**

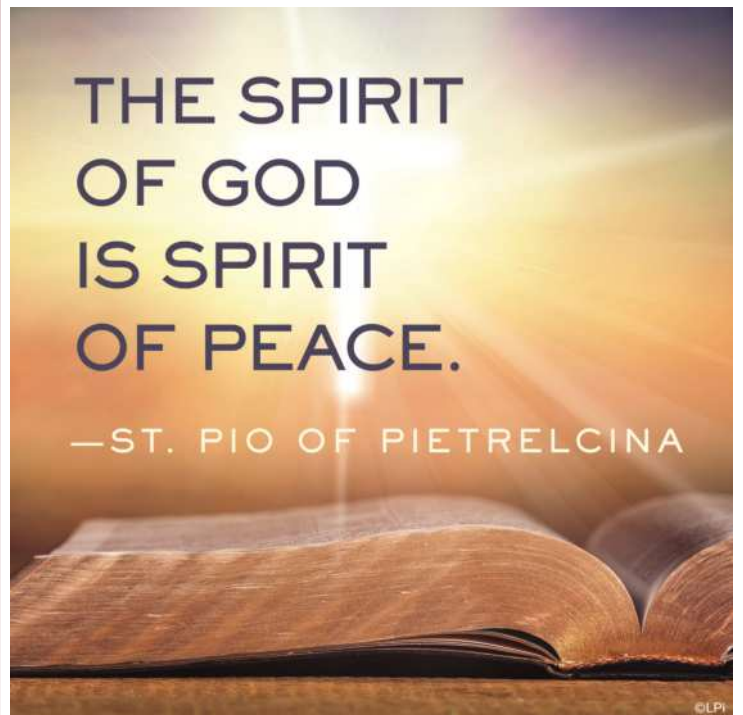
Or purchase at the Parish Office.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-thomas-more-80th-anniversary-celebration>

THE SPIRIT  
OF GOD  
IS SPIRIT  
OF PEACE.

—ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA







September 21, 2025

# St. Thomas More School



## Celebrating Grandparents Day

Honoring the backbones of our families; those who deliver unconditional love with a smile & a hug and support us with strength, wisdom and helping hands. Grandparents are the blessings who mentor, preserve tradition and provide nourishment to our bodies & souls (literally) and we were thrilled to have so many of our STMS grandparents join us for Mass and refreshments on Grandparent Sunday. Lucky are those who have grandparents active in their lives. God bless them all!



## 2025 Golf Classic Hole Sponsors

In addition to the many event sponsors and auction donors/participants, we'd like to recognize

Meccon Industries  
In Memory of Curt Rak  
Bickel Family  
Czarowski Family (Edan 2020)  
InkOnMemorabilia Inc  
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The Duhon Family  
In Memory of  
Dr. Richard & Sandra Duhon  
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Crnokrak Family  
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Byway Brewing Company  
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Caddick Family  
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Feeney Family  
Navarrete Family  
Strack Van Til  
RBN Insurance  
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## Dining for Dollars

Join us for the next STMS Dining event

### Schoop's

215 Ridge Road • Munster • (219) 836-6233

**Tuesday,  
September 23**

3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Must show this ad!**

Dine-in or Carry-out





## Sharing Our Memories



Do you have photos or mementos from your time here at St. Thomas More?

We're working on a fun project for our 80th Anniversary and we want to share **YOUR** memories!

As we continue to celebrate our 80th Jubilee here, we want to hear from you! If you have stories from early days of our parish, or photos to share, please bring them to the parish office.



### Please Include:

Your **Name**, Phone **Number**, **Year** of the Photo  
You may also share : **Who** is in the Photo, **Where** and **When** it was taken (special event or Sacrament?)

Photographs will be returned if requested.

For more information, please contact  
Claudia Pernal : 219-838-7984

The more *Eucharist* we receive, the more we will *become like Jesus*, so that on earth we will have a *foretaste of heaven*.

Saint Carlo Acutis



## 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).

The Seniors had a great kickoff meeting at the beginning of the month. We learned about different insurances available for seniors and danced to chair yoga led by our member, Sue!

Don't miss the next meeting—and bring a friend!

**Wednesday, October 1st  
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center Main Hall**



Speaker: Dr. Shetty  
Midwest Interventional  
Spine Group

Come learn about our backs, spines, their problems and how to solve them.

Stay for the desserts, refreshments and fellowship!  
(Reminder to bring your \$10 dues)

**Day of Reflection with Fr. Steven Caraher  
Wednesday—October 15th**

We will have 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel and a talk afterwards. Lunch will follow at the Weis Center.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Cost is \$10.00



## Parish Directory Photos

Photos will take place this week at the Weis Center.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes ahead of your scheduled time.

<https://schedule.ucdir.com>

Parish Code: IN2015

Password: photos



Questions or changes to your appointment:

Please call Krystal Quagliara

219-836-8610, Ext. 2414

Or email: [kquagliara@stm-church.com](mailto:kquagliara@stm-church.com)





## Stewardship Coordinator Part Time

Rooted in the belief that all we are and all we have is a gift from God, this position plays a vital role in cultivating a parish culture where stewardship is embraced as a way of life. This role provides vision, leadership and coordination for a comprehensive stewardship initiative focused on formation, education and engagement—encouraging parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure in response to God's generosity.

To apply: Please email your resume to [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com) (Subject: Stewardship Coordinator)



### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:1-13



*"When we face the sun, we get a tan. When we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."*

♦ St. Carlo Acutis

Stand before Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration  
**Every Monday evening 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**And First Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

## Diocese of Gary Pastoral Planning Process

From August 2025 through December 2025 our parish, along with a number of others, will participate in a Diocesan facilitated process known as Pastoral Planning. This is an extremely important undertaking designed to help us meet the future sacramental and pastoral needs of our communities.

Each week, we will feature a topic from the Pastoral Planning Process up until the next General Session on October 28, 2025.

### 1. What is "pastoral planning"?

Pastoral planning is a prayerful, strategic process by which a group of parishes take inventory of the human and financial resources of their community and realign them to meet the future sacramental and pastoral needs.

Simply put, pastoral planning is the pathway that recognizes changes, challenges and constraints to revitalize the Church through a well-thought-out plan.

## Parish Organizations

**Altar & Rosary Society**  
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