



# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 2025 • TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, October 19

#### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Intention of Bob Gauger on his 91st Birthday by Wife, Virginia Gauger
- 10:00 am Dennis Trelinski, Sr. by Joyce Trelinski & Family
- 12:00 pm Dorothy Jurkash (Anniv.) by Jurkash Family

### MONDAY, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross

- 6:30 am William Kvasnica by Family
- 8:30 am Bridget Hennel by Bickel Family

### TUESDAY, October 21

- 6:30 am Barbara Prahovich by Family
- 8:30 am William C. Gerlach by Wife Dona & Family

### WEDNESDAY, October 22—St. John Paul II

- 6:30 am Mona & Jack Powers by Patti Stofko
- 8:30 am Michael D. Ramirez by Ruth Ramirez & Family

### THURSDAY, October 23—St. John of Capistrano

- 6:30 am Jim Miskovich by Miskovich Family
- 8:30 am Don Woszczyński by Family

### FRIDAY, October 24—St. Anthony Mary Claret

- 6:30 am Michael G. Stodola by Family
- 8:30 am Intention of Jim Miskovich by Family

### SATURDAY, October 25

- 8:30 am Emily Conway (Anniv.) by Corrine Nosich
- 2:00 pm Nuptials: Sliepcevic/Scully
- 5:30 pm Class of 1971 St. Joseph College by James Kaspar

### SUNDAY, October 26—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Lorraine Rescan by Witkus Family
- 10:00 am Larry Zemkewicz (Anniv.) by Kosakowski Family
- 12:00 pm David Rozmanich (Anniv.) by Family

### 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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## DON'T TRY TO PLEASE THE WORLD

**“Confidence is not ‘they will like me’. Confidence is ‘I’ll be fine if they don’t’.” ~ Unknown**

Too many people, it seems, are not very confident when it comes to matters of living out the faith. Perhaps it is because we depend too much upon the positive feedback of those around us. If we try to live the faith and our family, friends, or coworkers tease, ridicule, or reject us for doing so, there is a good chance that we will quit doing or saying whatever it was we were doing or saying.

Doing so does not reflect much confidence in the Lord. It was the Lord who reminded us, more than once, that if we embraced His words and His way of life, we would be separated from some people in this world, perhaps even people for whom we truly care. “Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” (Lk 12:53)

When we embrace God, we immediately become counter-cultural. We go against all that the world teaches: greed, avarice, lust, sensuality, envy, and a whole host of other ills that the world proclaims as positive and normative.

Christians, on the other hand, proclaim as positive and normative love, mercy, compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. There are those in the world who would try to use those against us because they are not in touch with the Lord. If we live our lives according to the commandments of God, we will be all right and we can live with confidence.

If we live our lives as we ought, we might make some enemies. There might be those who do not like us or who reject us. But there will be others whose lives we will be able to touch in such a way as to open them up to the great love of God. They will be able to find their own way to the Lord through our example. That is what our lives are supposed to be all about.

In the final analysis, we should not be concerned about pleasing the world. We need to be concerned about serving our God. There are too many who allow the world to sway them and pull them away from their commitment to the Lord. By our own witness, we have the opportunity to bring them back to the Lord and show the world that there is a better way.

Do all that you can to keep the world from influencing you and causing you to sway from your commitment to the Lord. Instead, be the counter-cultural person that all Christians are called to be and see how many people in the world you might be able to win over by your words and deeds today.

**FAITH ACTION:** Ask God to give you the courage that you need to set a good example for those who have given themselves over to the world.

*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:

October 21: Rev. Leonard Kronkowski (2012)



## THE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

† “Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often!”

~ St. John Bosco

† “Even a quarter of an hour’s prayer in front of the Eucharist perhaps gains more graces than all the other spiritual exercises of the day (outside of Mass).”

~ St. Alphonsus Ligouri

† 45. “The worship paid to the Eucharist strongly impels the soul to cultivate a “social” love, by which the common good is given preference over the good of the individual.”

~ St. Pope Paul VI

† 42. “Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him in Adoration.”

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

† “Eucharistic Adoration will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

“George is so forgetful,” the sales manager complained to his secretary. “It’s a wonder he can sell anything. I asked him to pick me up some sandwiches on his way back from lunch, and I’m not sure he’ll even remember to come back.”

Just then the door flew open, and in bounced George carrying some documents. “You’ll never guess what happened!” he shouted. “While I was at lunch, I met Old Man Brown, who hasn’t bought anything from us for five years. Well, we got to talking and he gave me this half-million dollar order!”

“See,” sighed the sales manager to his secretary. “I told you he’d forget the sandwiches.”





## 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 immediately  
following the noon Mass. 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

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Charles Schimpf, Ext. 2329  
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### Director of Religious Education

Emily Hackett, Ext. 2232  
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### Director of Music

Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338  
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St. Thomas More Parish Website: [www.stm-church.com](http://www.stm-church.com)

## Parish Office Staff

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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

### Building Maintenance

Contact the Parish Office or  
Charles Schimpf at Ext. 2329

### Bulletin/Communications Director

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

### 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

### Administrative

Assistant  
Jennifer Gonzalez  
Ext. 2200

### Business Manager

Maria Vega  
Ext. 2339

### Admissions

Pam Pasyk  
Ext. 2309  
ppasyk@stm-school.com

### Reception/Office

Associate  
Nereida Harretos  
Ext. 2201

## Gospel Meditation

### Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son  
who has rejected his faith. She prays for  
him every day. She lights candles, says  
rosaries, and asks God again and again to  
bring him back. But nothing changes. Is  
God listening? Is He delaying? She told me  
once that she feels like the widow in Jesus'  
strange parable — crying out for justice, but  
hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she  
is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already*  
answering. I just can't see it yet."



She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week  
in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt  
judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's  
about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't  
just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when  
Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" —  
He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in  
gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.  
Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice.  
At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the  
ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did  
not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that  
justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of  
the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world —  
suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt  
power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.  
This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or  
will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that  
justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already  
struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

Father John Muir ©LPi

## Readings Week of October 19

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/  
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8  
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/  
Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We pray...*

*That we may kneel before God every day, humbly  
recognizing that everything we have is a gift and asking  
God to guide us in the ways we use and  
share His many gifts.*

## 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  
Ursula Cichy  
Kevin Clark  
Loretta Clott  
Charlotte Conn  
Valerie Czapkowitz  
Janice Devries  
David Dull  
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  
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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  
Charles Svitko  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
David Trotman  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
David Wartman



## Rest In Peace



*John Gryn*



## Wedding Banns

### Bann III

*Keith George Sliepcevic &  
Roxanne Marie Scully*



## Celebrants

### Saturday, October 25

5:30 p.m. Carmelite Father

### Sunday, October 26

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father

8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father

12:00 Noon Carmelite Father



## Altar Servers



### Saturday, October 25

5:30 p.m. MC—Alex, AS—X. Fonseca, G. Knight & M. Moya

### Sunday, October 26

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and H. Jorsch

10:00 a.m. MC—Reyna, AS—E. Smola, J. Adebite & A. Monroy

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

## Greeters Schedule for the Week

### Saturday, October 25

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

Chapel: Kimberly Eurlay

Choir: Michelle Strimel

### Sunday, October 26

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: —

Chapel: Terry Laciak

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholer

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

Choir: Claudia Mazon

12:00 p.m. Mass

Main: —



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

## Stewardship REFLECTION

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..."

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!



## Weis Center Parish/Ministry Schedule

### Monday, October 20

- 2:00 pm Photo Directory Makeup Date—Weis Center Main Hall
- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts 542 Lions—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Holy Name Society—Weis Center Room 102
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101

### Tuesday, October 21

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

### Wednesday, October 22

- 9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting—Weis Center Room 107
- 4:30 pm GS Brownie Troop 15625—Weis Center Main Hall

### Thursday, October 23

- 5:00 pm GS Daisy Troop 15650—Weis Center Main Hall

### Friday, October 24

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

### Saturday, October 25

- 9:30 am Spirituality & Worship Commission—  
Weis Center Main Hall
- 10:00 am STM Kids Book Club—Weis Center Room 101

## Religious Education

### October Schedule

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

### October 22/23 NO CLASSES

- October 29/30 Class

### November Schedule

- November 5/6 Class
- November 12/13 Class



## 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

### October 5, 2025

Regular	\$17,725.00
Loose	\$1,922.00
Children	\$5.00
Automated	\$6,790.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,442.99</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!

We missed our  
directory photos?!!

**Makeup Date:**  
**Mon. Oct. 20th**  
**2:00-8:30 pm**  
**Weis Center**  
**Main Hall**



Please schedule here:  
<https://schedule.ucdir.com>  
Parish Code: IN2015  
Password: photos



## Holy Name Society

Monthly Meeting

**Monday, October 20th**  
**7:00 p.m. in the Weis Center**

Join the men of our parish for fellowship, prayer and gain a deeper understanding of our faith.

## All Souls Remembrance

Each year on All Souls Day, we help those who have lost a loved one during the past year with their grieving process by providing

**Liturgy of Remembrance**  
**Sunday, November 2, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m. at the Weis Ministry Center**



Please join us to pray for a loved one, honor those souls we have lost and help find healing and support. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved one to display (optional) and invite as many family members and friends as you would like.

There will be a light reception and fellowship in the Weis Center following the service.



## 80th Anniversary Brunch Celebration



**Sunday - November 16th**  
Immediately following the Noon Mass (1:00 - 4:00 pm)

Center for Visual and Performing Arts  
1040 Ridge Road, Munster

**Tickets: (Purchase Next Weekend After Mass!)**

Adult Champagne Mimosa Brunch - \$50.00  
Child Brunch Ticket (Under age 11) - \$18.00  
*Tables of 10 can be reserved*

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](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-thomas-more-80th-anniversary-celebration)

*You're invited to a*

**Portillo's**  
**FUNDRAISER**



Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:

**St. Thomas More Church-Altar and Rosary**

When:

**October 20, 2025**

**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

at the Portillo's located at:

**1403 US 41**

**Schererville, IN**

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October 19, 2025



# St. Thomas More School

## Career Opportunity

Join the dedicated, friendly STMS staff now!

### Development Director Needed

Responsible for planning, coordinating, directing, and reconciling activities to attract support needed to provide resources for the school to achieve its mission.

Ideal candidate is experienced with skills to raise funds, work with committees and build a network of supporters by implementing the school's Development Plan & fundraising campaigns. Will report to the Principal.

Part-time to start (28 hours/week). Bachelor's Degree in marketing, public relations, fundraising or comparable with minimum 3 years experience in fundraising or related field. Must be Catholic, Microsoft Office proficient & experienced in maintaining a donor database system. Send resume & cover letter: [sfrancis@stm-school.com](mailto:sfrancis@stm-school.com)



**Tuesday,  
October 21**

**11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

Carryout or Delivery

To Order: (219) 318-2500 or  
<https://order.loumalnatis.com/find/carryout>

**Promo Code: GiveBack25**  
Mention STMS when ordering!

STMS  
Dining for Dollars



## A Day in the Pumpkin Patch



Each year, the STMS Preschool & Pre-K enjoy a fall day filled with fun & games, lots of activities, picking a pumpkin from our "patch" and spend time with some special guests.

A big thanks to our teachers, our many parent volunteers and Open Hearts Therapeutic--Riding and Painted Picture Stables for sharing horses, Walter & Alice, with our students.







## St. Thomas More Building Campaign Matching Gift Opportunity

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!**

We are still **\$150,000** short of our goal for funding the CSA rebate building project.

2 GENEROUS DONORS have offered to match 50% of **all new paid pledges received by October 31<sup>st</sup>** up to a maximum of \$20,000.

*Any and all amounts are encouraged.*

We need **everyone** to participate!



give.dcgary.org

Scan to give online,  
or  
send your payment  
to the parish office  
by October 31, 2025.



CATHOLIC  
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## 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.**

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

**COMING UP in NOV!**

**Wednesday - November 5th, 2025  
1:00 PM—Weis Center Hall**

**Speaker:** Amy Nowaczyk

Attorney with O'Drobinak & Nowaczyk

**Topic:** Wills, Trusts and Elder Care

*Refreshments and Fellowship to Follow*

**Reservations Open for the Seniors Christmas Party!**

**Tues. December 9th from 11am—3pm**

Center for Visual & Performing Arts, Munster

Cost: \$30

**Deadline to Register —> Nov. 13!!**  
(sign up at meetings or in the parish office)



## Knights of Columbus

Monsignor Weis Council 10596

**October 18-19th**

(After Masses)

**Boxes of Joy & Membership Drive**



## SAINT THOMAS MORE FALL CELEBRATION

Hosted By The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Weis Council 10596



Food prepared by



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 25 5:00 PM-  
8:00 PM**

**Saint Thomas More Gym  
8435 Calumet Avenue  
Munster**

Advance \$18.00	Door \$20.00	<b>PORK CHOP DINNER</b> 1-1/4" pork chop, charcoal grilled to order with potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw
\$11.00	\$13.00	<b>PULLED PORK DINNER</b> Slow-roasted pulled pork sandwich You can choose 2 sides: potato salad, cole slaw or baked beans
\$4.00	\$5.00	<b>KIDS GRILLED HOT DOG AND CHIPS</b> Expertly charcoal grilled hot dog with choice of chips

Pop, Water and Beer available

Advance tickets may be  
purchased using the QR code.



Come out and enjoy great food, drink and fellowship.

-NCAA football on the big screen

Winners will be drawn for our Annual Raffle!

\*Tickets available at the door\*

-Fun activities for the children are planned

Proceeds from this event will help support  
the Knights of Columbus charitable works.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus,  
please visit our council website at [kofc10596.com](http://kofc10596.com)



## Caramel Apple Sale



**Saturday-Sunday  
October 25-26**

**After all Masses**

Please kindly bring  
cash for purchases.

*The Boy Scouts THANK YOU!*

**GROWING**   
WITH THE *Gospel*  
CYCLE C



**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 18:1-8

For More Information Visit  
[www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)



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Our Children

**2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAYS  
9-10 AM**

**ST. THOMAS MORE  
BEGINNING: NOVEMBER, 13, 2025**

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility  
and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church

## Diocese of Gary Pastoral Planning Process

We continue with our information on the Pastoral  
Planning Process for the Diocese of Gary.

**Will I have the opportunity to voice my thoughts & concerns?**

Inclusion and transparency are key to a faithful and  
effective process.

The recent Disciple Maker Index Survey was one way to solicit  
parishioners input on attitudes, beliefs, satisfaction and  
participation.

General Parish Meetings are another important opportunity for  
members of the community to understand the considerations for  
pastoral planning and share any concerns they have that may not  
have been considered.

Please direct your thoughts, insights and questions to one of the  
following individuals:

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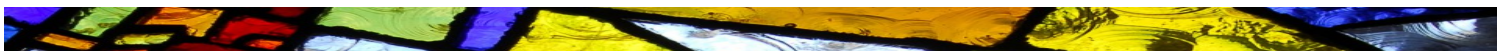
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