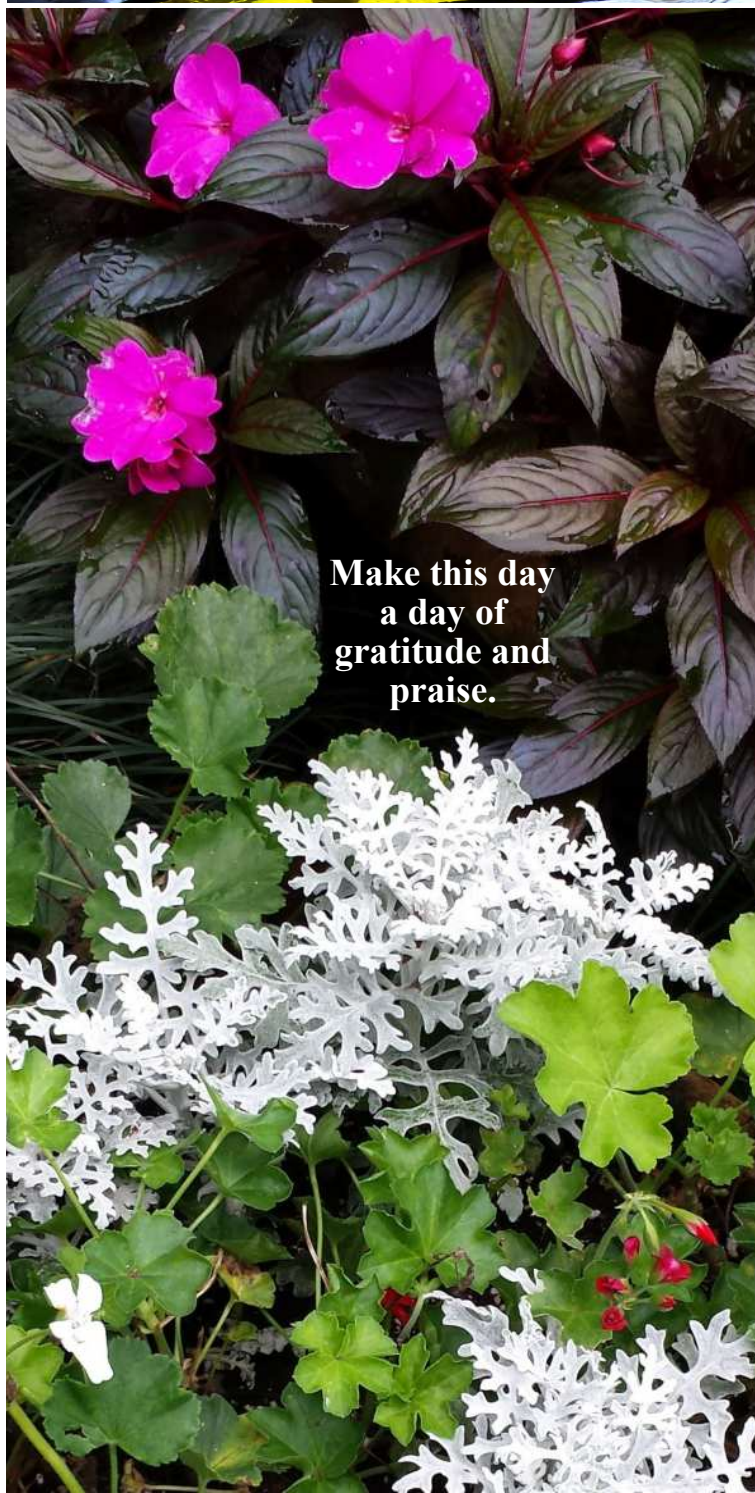




# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 2025 • THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Make this day  
a day of  
gratitude and  
praise.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, October 27

- 6:30 am Phyllis Uram by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Cecilia Dusek by Jim & Joan Plonsey

### TUESDAY, October 28—Saints Simon & Jude

- 6:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory by Karina Bravo
- 8:30 am Michael J. Riley by Ready Cousins;  
Jane, Julie, Bob, Liz and Rose

### WEDNESDAY, October 29

- 6:30 am Alain Adam by Mother
- 8:30 am Robert Nowak (Anniv.) by Ann Nowak & Family

### THURSDAY, October 30

- 6:30 am Maggie Santos by her Daughter Josette Serrano
- 8:30 am Cyril Moran (Anniv.) by Wife and Daughters

### FRIDAY, October 31

- 6:30 am Onorina Sicilia by Frances Portone
- 8:30 am Ann Marie Panek by Marilyn Bean

### SATURDAY, November 1 — Solemnity of All Saints

- 8:30 am Tabion & Alikbala deceased Family Members  
by the Tabion Family
- 5:30 pm Giovanni (John) Sessa by Lucia & Anthony Marchese

### SUNDAY, November 2 — Commemoration of All Souls

- 6:30 am Stella Mary O'Donnell (Anniv.) by Family
- 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 10:00 am Marie Martincic by Ann Nowak & Family
- 12:00 pm Jennie & Gustavo Robledo by 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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## DID YOU THANK GOD TODAY?

**"We forget that waking up each day is the first thing we should be grateful for."** ~ Unknown

Yesterday may have been the best day of your life thus far. It may have been a so-so kind of day. It may have been one of your worst days. However, we often forget the fact that, no matter what kind of day we are having, we are alive. That is the very first gift given to us each day. When we wake up alive, we have been given another day by God to use as we see fit and, hopefully, to use for God's greater honor and glory.

We will not be able to do so unless we recognize the fact that the new day given to us is a gift. Some of us wake up in the morning and immediately begin to dread. We do not look forward to what we have to do that day. We do not look forward to what might happen to us. We do not like to think about our responsibilities of the day.

We would have none of those responsibilities, chores, celebrations, or joys if we had not awakened that morning. Do we take time to give God His due? Do we thank Him for that great gift of life?

How we wake up, our first thoughts, often shape the remainder of our day. If we wake up with thankfulness and praise in our hearts, the day will go in a much more positive direction and the people we encounter will be blessed because we cannot help but share that positivity and joy with them.

If, on the other hand, we wake up far from thankful, if we dread our day, that, too, will color our thoughts and actions. God help the person that gets in our way that day. God help the person who needs some cheer and comfort. That person would most likely not find that in us.

A thankful person is a joy to be around. A thankful person inspires others to do their best. A thankful person gives hope to someone who has lost their own hope. A thankful person is a great gift to others. God has blessed us so that we can be just that: a gift to others.

The choice really does come down to each and every one of us. We can choose to live lives of praise and gratitude or we can rue the day and fret about everything that is to come. Make this day a day of gratitude and praise. Let your joy and your attitude be contagious so that others might find hope and comfort.

If you are having trouble justifying feeling hopeful and joyful, think about Jesus. If anyone had a reason to rue the day, it would have been Him. Yet, each day was a day of gratitude to His Father and each act was an act of devotion to God. Each day that we live, we can be thankful for His life, death, and resurrection.

**FAITH ACTION:** Make sure to thank God for your life today before doing anything else. *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 26: Rev. Joseph Klinker (1964)  
Rev. James A. Stapleton (1981)  
October 28: Rev. James W. Meade (2020)  
October 29: Rev. Walter S. Pawlicki (1980)  
Rev. Leo J. Armbruster (1994)

## WHEN IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION?

This coming Saturday, November 1st, is All Saints Day. We are used to All Saints Day being a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when it, and a few other feasts, falls on a Saturday or a Monday, it loses its obligatory status.

Hence, Saturday is still All Saints Day. But it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The only Mass for All Saints Day is at 8:30 a.m.

## THE REAL PRESENCE

- "I ask everyone to intensify in ... love and devotion to the Eucharistic Jesus.

~ Pope Benedict "XVI"

- "The future belongs to those who worship God in silence."

~ St. Pope John Paul II

- "The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



## PLEASE WATCH OUT

There will be a lot of ghosts, ghouls, goblins, superheroes, and other creatures and personalities on the sidewalks and crossing the streets this week for Trick or Treat. As you drive, please watch out for them.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- Q. Why did the skeleton quit his job?  
A. His heart wasn't in it.
- Q. Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner?  
A. He was already stuffed.
- Q. Why don't vampires play baseball?  
A. Their bats keep flying away.
- Q. Why did the ghost need first aid?  
A. He had a boo-boo.
- Q. How do ghosts predict the future?  
A. They check their horror-scopes.



## 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](mailto:ehackett@stm-church.com)

Administrative Assistant: Cindy McMahon; Ext. 2311

## Pastoral Staff

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

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**Deacon:** Joseph Stodola, KHS

### Director of Parish Mission

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## 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  
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### Building Maintenance

Contact the Parish Office or  
Charles Schimpf at Ext. 2329

### Bulletin/Communications Director

Krystal Quagliara, Ext. 2414  
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### Custodial Supervisor

Kim Smith, Ext. 2331  
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## 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

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Ext. 2309  
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### Reception/Office

**Associate**  
Nereida Harretos  
Ext. 2201

## Gospel Meditation

Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?



In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

*Father John Muir*

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## Readings Week of October 26

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14  
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16  
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/  
Mt 5:1-12a  
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or  
Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

## 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 Czapkiewicz  
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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Gino Michels  
Madeline Mikolanis  
Thomas Mordaunt  
Bernadine Nemeth  
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Dawn Niebling  
Don Noworyta  
Clare O'Brien  
Dennis Perz  
Lucille Perz  
Ruth Ramirez  
Antonia Rodriguez  
Valetine Rudakas  
Paul Runick  
Karen Rutz  
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Steven Sliwa  
Georgianne Suto  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
David Trotman  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
David Wartman



## Rest In Peace



*Charles A. Svitko*

*John T. Kennedy*



## Wedding Banns

### Bann I

*Michael Stock & Liliana Monteleone*



## Celebrants

### Saturday, November 1

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

### Sunday, November 2

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, November 1

5:30 p.m. MC—Nick, AS—P. Werner, J. Dye & X. Mendoza

### Sunday, November 2

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

10:00 a.m. MC—Sophia, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye and C. Dagholor

12:00 Noon MC—Lukas/Nina, AS—C. Aguilar & O. Mack



## Greeters Schedule for the Week

### Saturday, November 1

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

Main: Miles Sepiol & Jo Ann Karr

Chapel: Sergio & Lisa Mendoza

Choir: Victor & Wendy Villareal

### Sunday, November 2

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

Main: Krystal Quagliara

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

Main: Knight Family

Chapel: Ivy Nguyen

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

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

Main: Juliet Ogunyoye

Chapel: Diann Adley

Choir: Louisa Jurich

#### 12:00 p.m. Mass

Main: —



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com

## Stewardship REFLECTION

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

## Weis Center Parish/Ministry Schedule

### Monday, October 27

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

### Tuesday, October 28

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall  
7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Meetings—Weis Center Room 101

### Wednesday, October 29

9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101

### Thursday, October 30

6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study—Weis Center Room 101

### Friday, October 31

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

### Saturday, November 1

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

### Sunday, November 2

6:00 pm All Souls Day of Remembrance—Weis Center Main Hall

## Religious Education

### October Schedule

October 29/30 Class

### November Schedule

November 5/6 Class

November 12/13 Class

November 19/20 Class

**November 26/27 NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING**



## 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 12, 2025

Regular	\$16,554.00
Loose	\$1,650.00
Children	\$13.00
Automated	\$6,791.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,008.91</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!



## Mental Health Ministry

**Ministry Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 28th  
7:00 p.m.—Weis Center

### *Upcoming Events for Our Ministry:*



## Before the Bell

**Join Us the First Sunday of  
Every Month at 9:15 am**

In the Chapel

(Before 10:00 am Mass, We End at  
9:45 am, Before the Bell)

Lively Discussion with Your Fellow Parishioners

Monthly Topic for Friendly Conversation

**Sunday – November 2, 2025**



## 80th Anniversary Brunch Celebration



**Sunday - November 16th, 2025**

**Join us for a Celebratory Mass at 12 noon**  
with Brunch to follow(1:00 - 4:00 pm)

Center for Visual and Performing Arts  
1040 Ridge Road, Munster

### **PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE OCT. 30TH!!!**

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)

## 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.

## Nursery Reopening!

**The 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery will open again on  
Sunday, November 2nd**

Nov. 2nd, Nov. 16th, Nov. 23rd & Nov. 30th

*Thank you for your patience!*



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 a Virtus Certificate



October 26, 2025



# St. Thomas More School

## Veterans Invited

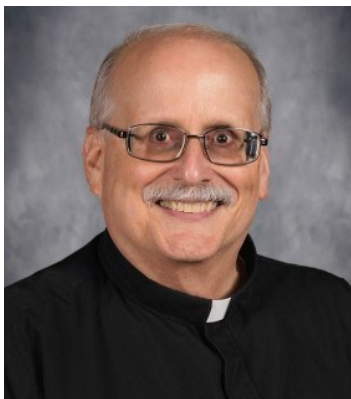
St. Thomas More School invites  
**Veterans & Active Duty  
Military Personnel**

to join us for a flag ceremony, patriotic songs  
and a service honoring those who protect us.

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

**9:15 a.m.** (after the 8:30 Mass)

Outdoors in the North Parking Lot of the Church



## Thanks Fr. Mike!

In appreciation of all that Fr. Mike does for  
our school, the staff honored him on

**Pastor Appreciation Day**

with a delicious potluck luncheon, cards  
and a gift from the students and staff.

## Field Trip to BNI

Thanks to an invitation from Bishop Noll, six  
busses of STMS students headed north for Noll's  
recent theater

performance of  
"You're a Good Man,  
Charlie Brown"  
starring our very own  
Class of 2025  
alumnus, Lucas  
Patton, as the lead.



## Our Thanks to the Munster Fire Department

### *October is Fire Prevention Month*

The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure your home and family are protected.

Each year, the Munster Fire Department visits St. Thomas More School to educate our students about fire safety, how students can help and

what they should do in case of a fire, and best of  
all, they make this very serious subject  
fun for our students.

From seeing what the firemen where to enter  
a burning building, to learning about the  
equipment included on a fire truck, our  
students love every visit and walk away with  
a better understanding of what these brave  
men and women do to keep us safe.

Our thanks to the Munster Fire Department  
for helping our school family & community!



## Cancer Support Day at St. Thomas More School

Sadly, nearly every family has been touched in some way by cancer. In support of our friends, family and neighbors still battling the disease,

St. Thomas More School held an out of uniform day to raise important funds to help.

Students donned a color representing the type of cancer they wished to fund and donated accordingly. Collectively, the school raised nearly \$2,000  
to be donated to help those fighting cancer. We have an amazing and generous school family and we thank all those who contributed.







## 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.



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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!

**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*

**Wednesday - November 19th, 2025  
1:00 PM—Weis Center**

*Fun & Games Social Meeting—Bring a Friend!*

**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)

JOIN US FOR

**FREE 40th Annual**

For All Persons in Need of Food And Or Clothing

**SPAGHETTI DINNER November 8th, 2025**

Dinner, Food & Clothing Giveaway 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

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Trick or Treat in Munster is  
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30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 18:9-14

## Add these dates to your calendar:

### Monday, 10/27 and 11/3

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

### Tuesday, 10/28

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pastoral Planning General Session #2  
Our Lady of Consolation (8303 W Taft St, Merrillville)

### Sunday, 11/2

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens at the 10 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. All Souls Day of Remembrance—Weis Center

### Friday, 11/7

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

### Tuesday, 11/1

9:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Event—STM Church Parking Lot  
Immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

### Saturday 11/15

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Lion's Club Munster Book Fair Fundraiser  
Barnes & Noble

### Friday 11/21

5:45 - 9:00 p.m. Catholic Charities Sip & Savor Event  
St. Maria Goretti, 500 Northgate Drive, Dyer

### Sunday 11/23

7:00 p.m. Forty Hours with Fr. Brian Chadwick—STM Church

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## Diocese of Gary Pastoral Planning Process

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

### When is the next General Session that I can attend?

General Parish sessions are open to all parishioners in the  
specific planning area. Southlake meetings are to be held:

**The next General Session is on October 28, 2025**

Our Lady of Consolation Parish  
8303 West Taft Street  
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Please direct your thoughts, insights and questions to one of the  
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drjnanos@stm-church.com

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**Pastoral Care Coordinator**  
Jim Kaspar, Ext. 2310

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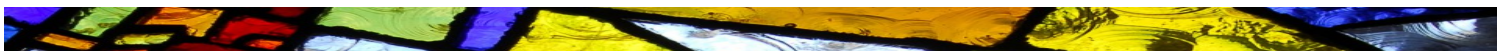
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