



ST. THOMAS MORE

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



**November is the month where,
more than ever, we remember
the faithful departed.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 9—

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Lorraine Rescan by the Witkus Family
- 10:00 am William W. Burke by Children
- 12:00 pm Wayne Rueckert by Kathie & Allen Shultz

MONDAY, November 10—Leo the Great

- 6:30 am Rita J. DeRolf by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Michael J. Riley by Ready Cousins:
Jane, Julie, Bob, Liz & Rose

TUESDAY, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

- 6:30 am Pam Rossi by Michael Mercier Family
- 8:30 am Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka

WEDNESDAY, November 12—St. Josaphat

- 6:30 am Ray Alan Wolak by Family
- 8:30 am The Madajczyk Family by Family

THURSDAY, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

- 6:30 am Tim A. Sannito by Family
- 8:30 am Jim Weidenfeller (Anniv.) by Wife, Donna

FRIDAY, November 14

- 6:30 am Margaret Buczkowski by Jackie Bevil
- 8:30 am Dr. James Greenwald by Mary Sejda

SATURDAY, November 15—St. Albert the Great

- 8:30 am Melody Gunning by Husband, Jeffrey Gunning
- 2:00 pm Nuptials: Michael Stock & Liliana Monteleone
- 5:30 pm Margaret Grober by Viktor & Ashleigh Turner

SUNDAY, November 16

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Claude Posilovich by Witkus Family
- 10:00 am Mark Neiner by Family
- 12:00 pm Lorraine Rescan by Alex & Barbara Zlady

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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ENDINGS ARE NEVER FINAL

“Ends are not bad things, they just mean that something else is about to begin. And there are many things that don’t really end, anyway, they just begin again in a new way. Ends are not bad and many ends aren’t really an ending; some things are never-ending.” ~ C. JoyBell C.

This coming Tuesday is the death anniversary of the first bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Bishop Andrew G. Grutka. When he passed away, the first part of our diocesan history was over. Many people took his loss to mean that all was over. But any loss is a new beginning.

When Bishop Grutka retired, the diocese was not finished, it continued with the assignment of Bishop Gaughan. When he retired, Bishop Melczek came to our diocese. When Bishop Melczek retired, Bishop Hying was assigned to us. After Bishop Hying was assigned to Madison, Wisconsin, we greeted our fifth shepherd, Bishop Robert McClory.

Endings are never final and are not really bad. Endings herald that something new is going to come about. Those new beginnings give us new promise and new hope. Each time we have been assigned a new bishop, we have looked to the future to see what we could accomplish together. Each time a bishop leaves, we will receive yet another opportunity to look ahead for the arrival of another.

The cycles of comings and goings, of looking back and looking ahead, are continuous. When we look back, we can learn from our history and change our future in positive ways. When we look to the future, we can find new hope and dream new dreams.

In the month of November, we look to the past, present, and future in an all-inclusive way as we consider our own mortality. November is the month where, more than ever, we remember the faithful departed. For non-believers, death is the ultimate thing that happens to us and, when we die, there is nothing more.

For the believer, on the other hand, we know that death is merely the entrance to eternal life. Even when we speak about our loved ones as dead, we really mean that they are removed from us on this earthly plane but we know that they are waiting for us at the end of our days.

We miss people who have gone before us but we know that we will all be reunited one day. That is the promise won for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

FAITH ACTION: As you pray for all the faithful departed this month, kindly remember the repose of the souls of Bishop Grutka, Bishop Gaughan, and Bishop Melczek. May they rest in peace. *Fr. 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:

- November 9: Rev. Joseph Kelchak (2018)
- November 10: Rev. Ben Domsich (1994)
- November 11: Rev. John B. Schaeffer (1975)
Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, D.D. (1993)
- November 13: Rev. Mark Pesch, OFM (1985)
- November 14: Rev. Frank D. Torres (2022)

COMING SOON!

This month, we have some very special occasions coming up and I encourage you to mark your calendars and, if appropriate, to make reservations.

On **Sunday, November 16th**, we will celebrate our 80th Anniversary at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Immediately after Mass, there will be a special lunch at the Center for Performing Arts. Reservations for lunch must be made beforehand. You can call the parish office for more details.



Our annual school musical will be **November 20-23** in the school gym. This year's performance is Disney's *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* It is sure to be a wonderful treat. The show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 20-22, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 23rd's show time is at 2:00 p.m. Doors open approximately a half hour before the show begins.

On **Sunday, November 23 through Tuesday, November 25**, we will host our Annual Forty Hours. The Eucharist will be exposed on the altar after the last Masses each morning and remain exposed until the end of the evening's talk and devotion at 7:00 p.m. This year, our presenter for Forty Hours is Fr. Brian Chadwick, the pastor of Our Lady of Grace in Highland. He was here several years ago and people really enjoyed his talks so I asked him to make a return appearance. I hope that you are able to attend the evening talks and devotions as well as to make some time during each day to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament upon the altar.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One frustrated minister was speaking with another minister. He said, "Sometimes I just want to give up. When you prepare your sermons on paper, they say that you are just reading off the paper and not hearing from God. But when you don't have paper, they say that you were not prepared!"



Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, November 9

5:00 pm T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry—Weis Center Main Hall

Monday, November 10

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
7:00 pm Peace & Social Justice Meeting—Weis Center Room 105

Tuesday, November 11

6:30 pm Parish Life Meeting—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, November 12

9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
1:00 pm Girl Scouts—Weis Center Room 101
5:30 pm Cub Scouts—Weis Center Main Hall

Thursday, November 13

8:30 am Big Shoulders—Weis Center Room 101
5:00 pm Girl Scouts—Weis Center Main Hall
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study—Weis Center Room 101

Friday, November 14

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

Add these dates to your calendar:

Tuesday, 11/11

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

Saturday 11/15

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

Sunday 11/16

12 Noon Special 80th Anniversary Mass in the Church

Friday 11/21

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

Sunday 11/23, Monday 11/24, Tuesday 11/25

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

Monday 12/2

6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight—Weis Ministry Center

Sunday 12/7

6:00 p.m. Munster HS Chorale Concert—STM Church

Sunday 12/14

6:00 p.m. Taize Prayer Service—STM Church

Tuesday 12/16

7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service—STM Church

Sunday 12/21

6:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols—STM Church

Celebrants

Saturday, November 15

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, November 16

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 15

5:30 p.m. MC—Alex, AS—X. Fonseca, P. Werner & X. Mendoza

Sunday, November 16

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and H. Jorsch
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—S. Santellano, E. Valentino & K. Orozco
12:00 Noon MC—Lukas/Nina, AS—C. Aguilar & O. Mack



Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, November 15

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Judy M. and Cathy D.
Chapel: Sergio & Lisa Mendoza
Choir: —

Sunday, November 16

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Zig & Toni Jed
Choir: —

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: —
Choir: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 p.m. Mass

Main: —



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

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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.



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
Paul A. Martin
Carolyn McGill
Sandi Merlo
Gino Michels
Madeline Mikolanis
Thomas Mordaunt
Bernadine Nemeth
Margaret Nickrent
Dawn Niebling

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

Readings Week of November 9

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray...

*That we reflect to others that we are
temples of the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel Reflection John 2:13-22



When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"** (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir
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Wedding Banns

Bann III

Michael Stock & Liliana Monteleone

Stewardship REFLECTION

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?"

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.



All Souls Day

Remembrance



On Sunday November 2nd, we lovingly remembered these recently deceased members of the St. Thomas More parish. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Joseph B. Corns

Jean A. Sidor

Daniel P. Lowry

Claudio Musto

William J. Krajcik

David M. Jakubowski

Felicia Ann Makowski

Katheen Marie Kennedy

David Dalessandro

Stephen J. Caco

Leoncio B. Vasquez, Jr.

Bryan "Ron" Pajor

Denise A. Smith

Richard F. Saunders

Amy Lynne Osmulski

Gust "Gus" Georgelas

William T. Beneventi

Thomas Magurany

Helen M. Lewandowski

Nancy C. Gustaitis

Olyntho E. Ramirez

Ruth Marquardt

Maria Torres

David Bender

Vincent Badali

Edwina Poludniak

Nancy M. Kaczka

Robert L. Kocur

James D. Laskarin

Frederick Rybicki

Leon Anthony Kozłowski

Zora Sajn

Michael J. Riley

James Miskovich

Thomas H. Ryan

Glenn Martin Hannigan

Catherine E. Wilkinson

Janice Lea Mogle

Ann Schmid

Phyllis Uram

William Edward Carlson, Sr.

Thomas Joseph Keilman

Frank Henry Courson

Rita J. DeRolf

Yvonne Della Rocco

Patricia Alice Coppolillo

David J. Piniak

Edward S. Smiley

Katica Kirincic

Merle Henry Distel

Theresa S. Flynn

Kristen Faso

Karl P. Dytrych

Dr. Joseph Michael Autry, PhD

Sally Joy Hollingshead

Deanne Marie Rymarowicz

Della D. Klobuchar

Mary M. Silvasi

Henrietta Kaminski

Lorraine Marie Kobus

Frank Nackman

John Gryn

Charles A. Svitko

John T. Kennedy

Edward Kozy



St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs:

Millions of Americans struggle with food insecurity. Whether it is a lapse in their food assistance benefits, unexpected expenses for health problems, the loss of employment, this is an urgent issue facing people in our community.

Please consider purchasing some of these items during your next shopping trip and bring them to Mass with you next week.

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!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS SAVE THE DATE



Pick up **Gift Tags** the weekend of **Nov. 22—23** at the Main Entrance after Masses.

Gift Drop Offs:
Nov. 29-30 & Dec. 6-7

The Self-inflicted Pain of a Disciple

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship



The most painful thing that disciples of Christ experience is realizing that we will inevitably sin again, despite our desire not to. Even after true repentance, contrition, Confession, sincere apologies, and the firm intention to do better and behave differently, we know that we will, in fact, hurt those we love, again. We know that we will be back – full of tears – asking Christ and others to forgive us. And we know that Christ and those who love us will forgive us, and it will feel too easy, like we're taking advantage of them. For this, we will feel terrible guilt and, hopefully not, intense shame.

But God doesn't want us to hate ourselves, only our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. God wants us to love ourselves. And we have to believe that, because we believe God.

However, the Enemy, the Prince of Lies, wants us to take one of two courses of action, in response to our personal sins. He wants us either to believe that, since we cannot stop sinning, we are not true Christians and, therefore, should give up on trying to live the Christian life – stop being Christians, because we feel like liars and hypocrites. However, Christians who *acknowledge* their sins, and *admit* how we've not lived up to our God-given identities, are NOT hypocrites. We are sinners who persevere, trying daily to resist sin and "fight the good fight." If the first temptation doesn't work, The Accuser, our adversary, will want us, then, to give up on ourselves and, ultimately, like Judas, either become spiritually dead on the inside or actually kill ourselves – commit suicide.

When we do this, we don't allow Christ to "wash us clean" and give us hope, like He wants to and we need Him to.



When we approach Jesus Christ, we have to lead with our sins. He came to take and conquer our sins, because we can't do it ourselves. Cry out, each and every time, "Help me, Lord! I can't stop sinning. Have mercy on me, Jesus, for I am a sinner." When we humble ourselves to the Lord, trust Him, and rely on his redemption and atonement for us, He will wash us clean and make us holy. Yet, despite being made anew, we know we, living in the flesh, will sin again, and, therefore, we see, down the road, the pain of our own cross coming again, and we shudder in fear and trembling. But we can never give up on God and His mercy, nor on ourselves and the goodness in which God made us. Friends, hang in there!



November 9, 2025



St. Thomas More School

Support St. Thomas More School
in the Most Delicious Way!

Order Double Good Popcorn Now!

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Sale Ends

Tuesday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m.

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Use the link above or QR to order online.

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All Veterans Invited



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

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

Tuesday, November 11 at 9:15 a.m.
(after the 8:30 Mass)

Inside the Church due to anticipated cold temperatures.

Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest

Each year, Munster students
in grades K through 12 grade
participate in a Red Ribbon
Poster Contest, sponsored by the
Munster Choice Community
Council and facilitated by Police
Sgt. James Ghrist of the Munster
Police Department.

Red Ribbon Week, an annual
nation-wide campaign to bring
awareness to the harms of
alcohol, tobacco & drug use and a focus on violence prevention, helps students make
healthy and wise choices throughout their lives.

We are extremely proud to announce this year's STMS grade level winners and our very
own overall Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest Winner for the entire Town of Munster.
You can find the winning poster on display along Calumet Avenue in front of the school.



The Musical is Coming

Everyone
is invited to the upcoming STMS production of

Disney Alice in Wonderland Jr.

Over 90 talented STMS involved. Tickets at the door.

November 20-22 at 7:00 p.m.

November 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Save Your Receipts

Help our school obtain great educational items every
time you shop through the Apples for Students program.

Please send your Strack & Van Til receipts
in a marked envelope to us via the Sunday collection



Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday - December 2nd,

6:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Thomas More Weis Center
(8635 Calumet Avenue, Munster)

Reservations Requested by Nov. 25th

A complimentary light
dinner will be served.

Program to follow with prayer, songs
and guest speaker.

Goodwill offerings are welcome.

Please use this QR Code or register with
the parish office (219)-836-8610



"Waiting & Praying in Joyful Hope"
with Cynthia Keilman



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 19th, 2025

1:00 PM—Weis Center

Fun & Games Social Meeting—Bring a Friend!

Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 9th from 11am—3pm



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

Center for Visual & Performing
Arts, Munster
Cost: \$30

Deadline to Register —>

Nov. 13!!

(sign up at meetings or in
the parish office)



Veterans Day

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Millions of Monicas

Grow in holiness, humility and community.

Join with other mothers in praying for
their adult children and loved ones to
return to the Catholic Church.

St. Monica prayed unceasingly for her son,
St. Augustine's conversion.

They are both now great saints of our faith.

2nd Thursdays of Every Month

STM Chapel

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Begins Thursday, November 13th

St. Monica, pray for us!

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

November Schedule

November 12/13 Class
November 19/20 Class
November 26/27 NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

December Schedule

December 3/4 Class
December 10/11 Class
December 17/18 Class
December 24/25 No Class—Merry Christmas!
Dec. 31/Jan. 1 No Class—Happy New Year!

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica • John 2:13-22



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

PASSOVER
TEMPLE
CATTLE

SHEEP
DOVES
MONEY

WHIP
DESTROY
RAISE

J N E T S T U O S T W
H U W H I P E C A J E
A T E F M A I A U N O
N H D U C S O T R T S
M D O V E S L T I E N
G E C L A O H L P M T
A S N S D V S E O P H
E T M H A E W P H L I
U R T E O R A I S E F
M O N E Y C D O H R C
A Y T P R E T Y M E N



MISSION

After Jesus rose from the dead, God promised to live inside of us. Love and respect God by taking good care of your body, just like your body was God's temple.



BECAUSE VIBRANT
CHURCHES MATTER

The Nursery is Open!

The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery will be open on November 16th. Thank you for your patience!

The Nursery is located in the "Brides Room" in the Narthex, at the back main entrance of the Church.

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 a Virtus Certificate.

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

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Kathy Tolnai

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Mona Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers
James Kaspar

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Lisa Mendoza

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Joann Hajduch

Nursery
Ann Harkenrider

Ushers
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Formation/Education
Tim Jevyak

Parish Life
Debra Harker

Peace & Social Justice
Mari Casas

Spirituality Worship
Joe Dubczak

Stewardship
Paul Liszewski

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
2nd 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.

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