



# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 • OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*Our King, Jesus Christ, is eternal  
and will ever be at our side.*

# LORD



# OF LORDS

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, November 23—

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Edward C. Dernulc by Leslie Dernulc
- 10:00 am Edward J. Solczak by Family
- 12:00 pm John L. Ostrowski by Wife Michalene Ostrowski

### MONDAY, November 24—

#### Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

- 6:30 am Janina Palosz by Family
- 8:30 am Helen Yadron by Family

### TUESDAY, November 25

- 6:30 am Mona Powers by Patti Stofko
- 8:30 am Lawrence Banach by Joan & Jim Plonsey

### WEDNESDAY, November 26

- 6:30 am John Holda (Anniv.) by Family
- 8:30 am Stella Ilickovich by Children

### THURSDAY, November 27—Thanksgiving Day

- 8:30 am Domingo Ong by Len Ong

### FRIDAY, November 28

- 6:30 am Patricia Alice Coppolillo by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Sharon Jurkash (Anniv.) by Jurkash Family

### SATURDAY, November 29

- 8:30 am Phillip Buck by Leona & Stanley Panek
- 5:30 pm Jack Palmer by Family

### SUNDAY, November 30—First Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am George Danculovich by Leslie
- 10:00 am Doreen Jurkash (Anniv.) by Jurkash Family
- 12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Urbanski Family by Bloker

### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Parish Office Will Be Closed: November 27—29**

### 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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## LONG LIVE THE KING!

**"A teardrop on earth summons the King of heaven."** ~ Charles R. Swindoll

In many cultures, when a king died and a new king was crowned, the crowd would cheer, "The king is dead. Long live the king!" In my eyes, this was always a not-so-subtle proof at how quickly humans change their allegiance. One person is a king. That person is gone. Another one steps in. We cheer the new person and forget the old.

It seems that we are always looking for a "king" in our lives. We are ruled by different things. Some are ruled by passions such as greed, envy, or lust. Others are ruled by intellect. Still others are ruled by humanitarian concerns. We allow the things that rule us to color our decisions. At times, we go through life quite blind to others.

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. There is no mistaking His kingship and His rule. He rules with ultimate love and ultimate justice. Jesus is the King who will never be replaced for He will never die.

Jesus' rule is, indeed, a rule of love. "A teardrop on earth summons the King of heaven." Jesus cared for His people with such a depth of love that He shouldered the cross and died on it so that we could live forever. His Kingship was proven in what He said and what He did.

Jesus, our King, asks us to follow in His footsteps. He asks us to love as He loves and to forgive as He forgives. He asks us to go the distance, taking up our own crosses, in following Him. If we are willing to do so, He will be with us every step of the way. He is not reluctant to walk with His subjects. He does so willingly and with a great amount of love for us.

We begin our annual Forty Hours celebration today. Can you find some time to spend with your Lord, your King?

Today is also the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. When we return to church next week, we begin the Season of Advent, a new year in the liturgical life of the Church. The season calls us to prepare for the coming of the King when He returns in all of His glory. This weekend, we are providing reflection books for you to use throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. I hope you find that they help you to draw closer to the Lord.

Other Kings have come and gone and still others will come and go. Our King, Jesus Christ, is eternal and will ever be at our side. That is the reason we celebrate. That is what gives us our ultimate hope. Give glory to the King of kings who, even on the cross, promised the repentant thief that the thief would be with Jesus that day in paradise.

**FAITH ACTION:** Ask the Lord for the courage and grace that you need to embrace His will and to live for Him so you may live with Him in paradise.

*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 26: Msgr. Stanley F. Zjawinski (1968)  
November 27: Rev. Joseph H. Hammes (1991)  
Rev. William E. Vogt (2004)



## FORTY HOURS BEGINS TODAY

Today, **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.

Please consider coming to the church sometime during the day each day to visit the Eucharist Lord. The Eucharist should never be left alone. Plan, as well, to attend each evening's closing service at 7:00 p.m. The service includes scripture, song, a presentation by our speaker, and Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. On Tuesday, we will also have a Eucharistic Procession around the church.

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

## THE EUCHARIST

"Our Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration acknowledges Christ as the spiritual center of our community." ~ St. Pope Paul VI

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." ~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

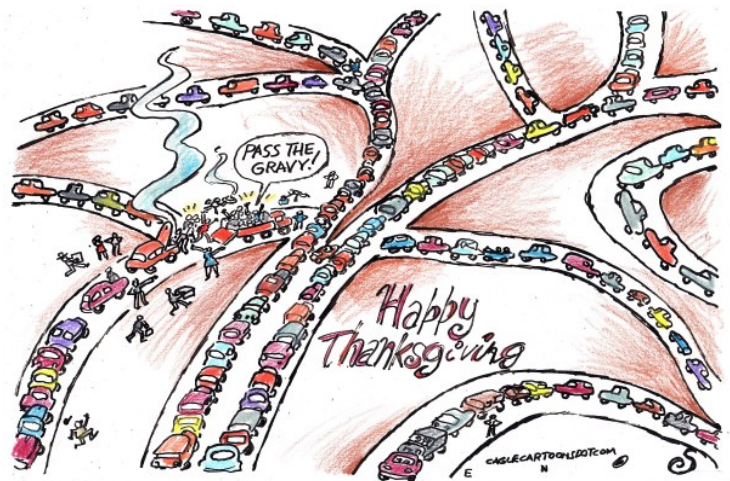


## THANKSGIVING MASS

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, November 27th. There is only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day. That Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- Q. What key can't open doors?  
A. A Turkey
- Q. What do you call a running turkey?  
A. Fast food
- Q. What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving?  
A. Lucky





## Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

### Ministry Schedule

#### Monday, November 24

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, November 25

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

#### Wednesday, November 26

9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101  
4:30 pm GS Brownie Troop 15625—Weis Center Main Hall

### Add these dates to your calendar:

#### Saturday 11/22

7:00 p.m. Alice In Wonderland School Play—STM Gym

#### Sunday 11/23

2:00 p.m. Alice in Wonderland School Play—STM Gym

#### Sunday 11/23

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

#### Monday 11/24

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

#### 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

11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary's Christmas Potluck—Weis Center  
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 29

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

#### Sunday, November 30

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

#### Thursday, November 27

9:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—H. Jorsch, G. Knight & E. Valentino

#### Saturday, November 29

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

#### Sunday, November 30

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—A. & L. Jara and G. Knight  
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—S. Santellano, C. Dagholor & E. Valentino  
12:00 Noon MC—Lukas/Nina, AS—C. Aguilar & O. Mack

### Greeters Schedule for the Week

#### Saturday, November 29

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck

Chapel: Carolyn Cenko

Choir: —

#### Sunday, November 30

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Maria Rodriguez

Chapel: Mike Cardone

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholor

Chapel: Magdalena Arteaga

Choir: Michelle Walker

12:00 p.m. Mass

Main: —



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

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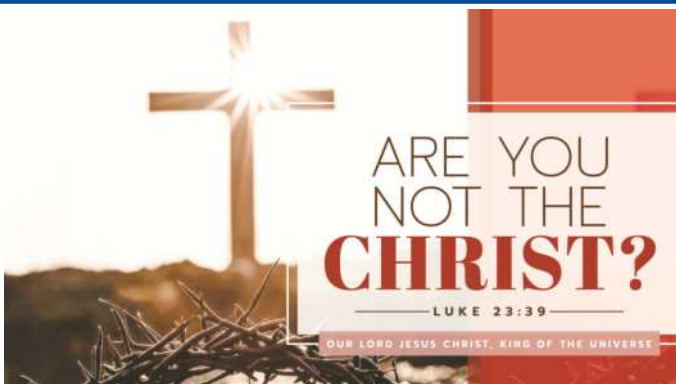
### Stewardship REFLECTION

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."*

COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!



## 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  
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  
Valette 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

## Gospel Reflection

### Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her.

You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It

was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.



I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir  
©LPi



## Rest In Peace



*Richard Joseph Gaskey*

*Linda Long-Jarosik*

*Juanita "Louise" Younkens*



## Baptisms

### Cash

Son of Daniel Clegg and Victoria Lynn Faulkner

### Miles Joseph

Son of Daniel Clegg and Victoria Lynn Faulkner

### Zoe

Daughter of Daniel Clegg and Victoria Lynn Faulkner

### Ian Richard

Son of David Richard and Kelly Alyse Meyers

## Readings Week of November 23

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43  
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/  
Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We pray...*

*That we may serve Jesus, Our King, with love and gratitude,  
generously offering our gifts to help build up the  
kingdom of God here on earth.*



# Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

Friday: November 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



## Christmas Trees

Fraser Fir Tree	6 to 8 Feet	\$65- \$85
Fraser Fir Premium	8 to 9 Feet	\$120
Fraser Fir Premium 1	10 to 12 Feet	Available
Blue Spruce	6 to 7 Feet	\$60

## Wreaths & Garlands

Wreath w/Bow	Small (28")	\$25
Wreath w/Bow	Large (30")	\$30
Wreath—Noble w/Bow	Small (28")	\$35
Wreath—Noble w/Bow	Large (30")	\$40
Wreath—Bow Only	44"	\$80
Wreath —Decorated	44"	\$90
Wreath — Bow Only	56"	\$95
Wreath —Decorated	56"	\$110
Fraser Garland Sold in 5' increments	Per Foot	\$2

**Wreath Stands - \$10**  
**Tree Bags - \$2**

**Cash or Check Only**

*Please make checks payable to:*  
Msgr. Weis Council #10596 Co.

**Join the Knights:** <https://kofc10596.com/>



## CSA UPDATE—Match Goal Met

Thank You to everyone who participated in our CSA Matching Opportunity—we **did it!**  
Your generosity helped us take a big step forward.

We are now at **\$434,245** toward our  
**\$500,000** parish goal!

Your continued support makes all the difference. If you have not contributed yet, please consider helping us reach the finish line. **Together, we can meet our goal!** Thank you for your faith, your commitment and your generosity.



Give at <https://give.dcgary.org>  
Or mail or bring your contribution  
to the parish office.

## Rejecting Toxic Positivity - Embracing Hope

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship



Let's just admit it; we walk in the valley of darkness. In this life, we encounter and struggle with and against evil. We do. Let's not pretend that this life is (as my daughter says) "all rainbows and sunshine." It's not. Sometimes it hurts. Sometimes it hurts so badly that we feel like giving up. Here, we encounter people who are against us or, at least, *seem* to be. Do people actually want us to fail, or do they, maybe, just not care if we do? God only knows, but it sure seems like it. We appear to have enemies, foes. This is our real, human experience, and we don't need to try to deny it. For, we are called to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors. So, we must actually have them. And, guess what? Sometimes we even *are* them.

You are probably already aware, but there is this thing called "toxic positivity." The phrase implies that there is a kind of "positivity" that is actually a negative or bad thing. Well, what kind is that? It's the kind of positivity that refuses to look at and deal with the dark, difficult, and destructive aspects of life. It's the kind of positivity that refuses to mourn, refuses to cry, or refuses to see that people truly suffer, even those who have faith in God. If one cannot hurt, even though people suffer in poverty, thirst, hunger, loneliness, abandonment, rejection, addiction, war, homelessness, persecution, and even their own sins, such a person cannot possibly have any compassion – meaning to "suffer with" – as we should.

Yes, we have to hold on to hope. We believe that the Lord *can* provide us with what we truly want. We believe that God *can* – in this life – give us peace, even in "the storm." God *can* lead us to rest and *can* refresh our souls. God *can* guide us, remove our fears, and give us courage. We just have to have the faith to believe that God is at our side, always. Our cups *can* overflow. We *can* have life to the fullest, only if we turn to the Lord and trust in Him. Then, despite the pains and struggles and sufferings of this life, we can bravely and compassionately look into the darkness, look into bleakness, and remain hopeful and accurately – not falsely – positive.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit, working in, through, and out of us, for the sake of the world. And we believe that we are promised, after this life, an eternal life, with God, in paradise. Keep hope alive.



## Altar & Rosary's Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

December 14 at 11 a.m. in the  
Main Hall at the Weis Center.

Doors will be Open at 10:00 am for  
Volunteers to help Set Up.

We will begin reciting the Rosary at 11:15 am and then enjoy our Luncheon. Women are asked to bring a Main Dish, Salad or Dessert. **We will be collecting New Children's Winter Hats, Scarves and Gloves.**

Our Guest Speaker is Parishioner Jennifer Anderson. Jennifer's presentation is on **Winter Wellness, Sit and Stretch**, which we will be able to participate in. So wear comfortable clothing. Jennifer is a Certified Instructor and teaches classes at Fitness Point, the Cancer Research Center and the Shanti Wellness Center.

Please make your Reservation at the Church Office  
at 1-219-836-8610 by December 11th. Question?  
Call Kaaren at 1-219-836-5079





November 23, 2025

# St. Thomas More School



## Last Performances This Weekend

Everyone is invited to join us for the final performances of the St. Thomas More School Production of Disney

### Alice in Wonderland, Jr.

Come and enjoy the many talents of over 90 amazing STMS students! From on-stage singing, acting & dancing to running the lights & sound boards, to making sure all is ready backstage, our amazing St. Tom's students do it all!

Remaining Performances:

**Saturday, November 22 — 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 23 — 2:00 p.m.**

Doors open half hour prior to each show.

Adults: \$10 • Students: \$5 • Tickets at the Door



## Supporting Those Who Serve

Each year, St. Thomas More School honors its commitment to the men & women of our nation's Armed Forces. Named a Purple Star School by the IN Department of Education, STMS continues to support Veterans, active duty Military & their families. Our annual Veterans Day Celebration hosted 35+ area Veterans with a flag ceremony by Munster American Legion Post 16, prayer service, Student Council comments & patriotic songs by the STMS Band & Choir.



Another recent STMS event supporting our military is "Operation Candy Crush". Each year, students collect and donate leftover Halloween candy to be sent to our U.S. troops across the globe. Last year, 600 lbs. was collected. This year, nearly a ton (just under 2,000 lbs.) will be shipped to our service men & women serving around the world. Thanks to all!



## Class of 2025

Members of the STMS Class of 2025 can pick up their Yearbook after the 10:00 a.m. Mass Today!

**Sunday, November 23**

in the Narthex of the Church. Stop by, get your yearbook & say hello!

## Legacy Fund Drive is Underway

St. Thomas More School appreciates the generous support of our parishioners, friends and families to help us improve school facilities and programs that require funding above and beyond what school tuition affords.

Funds collected this year will allow us to:

- Install a new security door between the church and school to improve student safety
- Add new equipment to our Makers Space tech lab to keep STMS students technologically current

An envelope has been provided in your parish packet or use the QR code to donate.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity & dedication to our students.



## Save Strack's Receipts

Help our school obtain great educational items every time you shop at Strack & Van Til through their

Apples for Students Program. Please send your Strack & Van Til receipts, in a marked envelope, to the school via the Sunday collection basket, or drop at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your help! Each year our school earns valuable learning devices, gym equipment and more.





YOU ARE INVITED TO

# FORTY HOURS



**SUNDAY - TUESDAY**  
NOVEMBER 23 - 25



**START AT**  
7:00 PM



**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

**SPECIAL GUEST**  
**FR. BRIAN CHADWICK**



For More Information  
**stm-church.com**



## ANGEL TREE GIFTS Next Weekend!

Pick up **Gift Tags** this Weekend, Nov. 22-23 at the Main Entrance after all Masses.



### Gift Drop Offs:

At the Church Nov. 29-30 and December 6-7  
Weis Center Drop-Off Saturday, Dec. 6th, 9am-Noon



This is a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and help those less fortunate in our community.

Gifts are given to families, elderly and homeless. Oftentimes people who have no means for buying their own gifts or may not even have family to celebrate with during the holidays.



## Advent & Christmas Booklet 2025-2026

### Pick Up Your Advent Booklet

~ This weekend ~  
**Nov. 22-23 after all Masses**



A Collection of Reflections  
to Be Used Throughout the  
*Advent & Christmas Season 2025-2026*  
by Fr. Mike Yadron

Our pastor, Fr. Mike writes an inspired reflection for each day in Advent and Christmas.

These daily readings are a great match for the start or end of your day or when you are looking to add more prayer to your week.

Be sure to pick one up, and grab an extra for a friend or loved one.

*Enjoy this special gift from Fr. Mike and the St. Thomas More Stewardship Commission.*

## 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 Cindy Keilman



## 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 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.



Christ the King • Luke 23:35-43



## THANK YOU!

Parishioners, the Msgr. Weis Council Knights of Columbus offers a heartfelt Thank You for supporting our annual fall raffle and pork chop dinner. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Congrats to the fall raffle winners:

**Dennis Starzak \$600**

**PJ Caraher \$200**

**Betty Joseph \$100**

**Tom Murray \$100**

A special thanks for our fellow parishioners Kish Funeral Home and ByWay Brewing Co. for their generous support these activities!



The **Box of Joy** gift collection was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated this year!



### *St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs:*

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!

# Parish Information

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

## 2025-2026 Pastoral Council

**Chairperson:** Michael Popovich

Vita Ayala • Mike Englert • Deborah Gena • Elaine Herrmann  
Christi Kordeck • Bill McCullough • Lisa Mendoza • Claudia Pernal  
Patty Queroz • Michael Sajin • Cindy Thompson

## Parish Organizations

**Altar & Rosary Society**  
Cindy Keilman: (219) 923-9862

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**Gabriel Project**  
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**Gifts of Love & Warmth**  
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## Sacramental Information

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

**First Friday:** Half hour  
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**Marriage**  
Must be a registered, practicing member of the parish at least six months before beginning the six month program.

**Communion Calls**  
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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.  
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## 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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