



ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin our new
liturgical year with the
First Sunday of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, December 1

- 6:30 am Sophie Jez (Anniv.) by Children
- 8:30 am Celia Garcia by Family

TUESDAY, December 2

- 6:30 am Rev. Chester P. Zurawiec by Family
- 8:30 am Bob "Rudy" Welsh by John & Andrea Mudro

WEDNESDAY, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

- 6:30 am Anthony Di Paolo by Maria Di Paolo
- 8:30 am Alfred Bustamante by Garcia Family

THURSDAY, December 4

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

FRIDAY, December 5

- 6:30 am Jean Blozak by Daughter
- 8:30 am Ralph McGrath (Anniv.) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

SATURDAY, December 6

- 8:30 am Mary Coman by Friends
- 5:30 pm Steve & Katherine Mardjetko by Family

SUNDAY, December 7—Second Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am James Rossi by Antoinette Mercier Family
- 10:00 am Helen Pullen by Family
- 12:00 pm Lorraine Rescan by Peggy Holinga-Katona

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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OPEN YOUR EYES AND EARS

"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes." ~ G.K. Chesterton

There are always opportunities given to us to begin anew. They happen to us in the classroom, in the workplace, in our families, in our society, and in our Church.

When beginning anew, it is wise to look back and see what we have accomplished as well as what we have failed to accomplish, what we have said as well as what we have failed to say. Only then can we make a plan for our new beginnings.

Why all this talk of a new year since it is only the end of November? Well, it is because today is New Year's Day, at least in the liturgical life of the Church. Today, we begin our new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent.

Where are we at the present moment in our own faith lives? Where do we need to go? What do we need to do to get there? Those are all questions that we should be asking ourselves as we embark upon this New Year.

What areas need improvement in your life? Do you need to pray daily? Do you need to set aside more time each day to pray? Do you need to put your faith into action, becoming a volunteer at a local soup kitchen or shelter? Do you need to spend time with the poor and needy? Do you need to visit the sick and shut-ins?

There are a myriad of ways that we could all improve. It is up to us to reflect upon our lives, with total honesty, and to discern what we need to do to grow spiritually.

Once we do that, we need to make a plan and stick to it. Our spiritual resolutions should be something that we can complete or else we will give up trying to accomplish them. Do not make them too difficult or make too many resolutions at once. That is, after all, how we usually fail in keeping our annual New Year's resolutions.

A New Year dawns and, with it, new promise and new hope. Throw away the cares and concerns of the past year. Dismiss the mistakes that you may have made. Do not tie yourself to the past; but, use the past to help yourself grow into the future. My prayer for you is that you have a blessed year, filled with rich graces from our loving God.

FAITH ACTION: Eyes wide open, let us go into our new liturgical year looking for all the possibilities of God in our lives.

F.A. 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:

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| December 1: | Rev. Wilfred P. Mannion (1959)
Rev. Francis M. Lazar (2007)
Deacon Edwin Gatons (2018) |
| December 3: | Msgr. Leo P. Hildebrandt (1979)
Rev. Chester P. Zurawiec (1993) |
| December 4: | Rev. Anthony J. Suelzer (1995)
Msgr. Ralph Hoffman (2000) |

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Advent is a busy time of the year for most people. Baking, cooking, shopping, cleaning the house, and sending Christmas cards are all some of the things that need to get done sooner rather than later. We often feel overwhelmed as Christmas gets closer.

Take some time, as it becomes available to you, to set aside the frenetic activities in order to focus on the spiritual nature of the Advent season.

To that end, there are some upcoming events that might help you to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas:

Sunday, December 7 - 6:00 p.m.

The Munster High School Chorale will be in the church once again to present their Holiday Concert. This has been well-received through the past years and I imagine that it will be a wonderful experience yet again. We hope that you might be able to attend.

Sunday, December 14 - 6:00 p.m.

A Taizé prayer service will take place in the church. This service of quiet song, a scripture reading, and prayer is a sure-fire method of calming the soul.

Tuesday, December 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Sometimes the "house" that needs to be cleaned for Christmas is not our residence but our soul. Avail yourself of the opportunity to go to confession as part of your Christmas preparation. There will be several priests available.

Sunday, December 21 - 6:00 p.m.

Lessons & Carols is a wonderful song, scripture, and prayer service to prepare for Christmas. It traces and celebrates God's love for us by sending us a savior. This service is slightly over an hour but, in my opinion and the opinion of many who attend each year, every minute spent listening, singing, and praying is well worth it!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Funny quotes

- All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. ~ Charles M. Schulz
- I remember it like it was yesterday. Of course, I don't really remember yesterday all that well. ~ Dory, "Finding Dory"
- Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. ~ Isaac Asimov



Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 1

- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
- 5:30 pm Ministry Leaders Retreat—Weis Center Main Hall
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101

Tuesday, December 2

- 4:30 pm Advent by Candlelight—Weis Center Main Hall
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542—Weis Center Room 101

Wednesday, December 3

- 8:00 am Coffee with the Principal—Weis Center Main Hall
- 9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Board Meeting—Weis Center Room 101
- 6:00 pm St. Vincent dePaul Meeting—Weis Center Room 101

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

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

Add these dates to your calendar:

Monday 12/1

- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—St. Thomas More Chapel

Friday 12/5

- 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration—St. Thomas More Chapel

Sunday 12/7

- 9:15 a.m. Before the Bell—St. Thomas More Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Munster HS Chorale Concert—STM Church

Thursday 12/11

- 9:00 a.m. Millions of Monicas—St. Thomas More Chapel

Saturday 12/13

- 9:00 a.m. Live Christ, Share Christ—Weis Center

Sunday 12/14

- 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary's Christmas Potluck—Weis Center
- 5:00 p.m. T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry—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

Wednesday 12/24

- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—STM Church

Thursday 12/25

- 12 Midnight Christmas Eve Midnight Mass—STM Church
- 6:30 a.m. Christmas Mass—STM Church
- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass—STM Church
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass—STM Church
- 12 Noon Christmas Mass—STM Church

Celebrants

Saturday, December 6

- 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, December 7

- 6:30 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
- 10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
- 12:00 Noon Carmelite Father



Altar Servers

Saturday, December 6

- 5:30 p.m. MC—Alex, AS—M. Moya & P. Werner

Sunday, December 7

- 8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—B., E. & J. Rueth
- 10:00 a.m. MC—Reyna, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye and E. Smola
- 12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—J. Dye



Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, December 6

5:30 p.m. Mass

- Main: Cathy Delgado
- Chapel: Kimbely Eurley
- Choir: Victor & Wendy Villarreal

Sunday, December 7

6:30 a.m. Mass

- Main: Tanya Vasquez

8:00 a.m. Mass

- Main: Knight Family
- Chapel: Sandra Steele
- Choir: Maria Rodriguez

10:00 a.m. Mass

- Main: —
- Chapel: Ivy Nguyen

12:00 p.m. Mass

- Main: —



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact
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Stewardship REFLECTION

First Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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
Linda Braun
Jack Brunetti
Diane Butler
Ursula Cichy
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Loretta Clott
Charlotte Conn
Valerie Czapkowicz
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

Steve James
Barbara Jamrose
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Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Skip Lind
Paul A. Martin
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Antonia Rodriguez
Valetine Rudakas
Paul Runick
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Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
David Wartman

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 24:37-44



A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickings'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Readings Week of November 30

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
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray...

That we don't take each day for granted, but see the little miracles that occur in our daily lives each and every day.

PREPARE

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"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
MATTHEW 24:44

"También ustedes estén preparados, porque a la hora que menos lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre".
MATEO 24, 44

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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/>

A Celebration to Remember

A huge Thank You to everyone who came to celebrate at the Mass and the brunch for our 80th Anniversary. The committee worked very hard and it paid off with a fantastic feast and fellowship at the Center for Performing Arts in Munster. Thank you to 1040 Catering for their care and attention to our party.



We were so honored to have Bishop McClory give the blessing and opening remarks. Fr. Mike shared his heartfelt gratitude for our parish family.



Parish Historian, Claudia Pernal, gave an excellent presentation on our history! Dr. Samantha Francis, Noreen Bickel and P.J. Caraher shared memories and a vision for an inspired future.



Several Carmelite fathers, prior parish priests and our deacons celebrated Mass with Fr. Mike at 12 noon.

(Photos from Rob Mangus)

It was a packed room at the hall. Truly a testament to how much St. Thomas More means to our parish family.



Altar & Rosary's Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

December 14th 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

Fifth week—Nov. 30

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship



I remember watching the sitcom, *Gimme A Break!*, when I was a kid, and there was this one episode in which one of the teenage daughters told her father to "Get a life!" He was just giving her guidance and some necessary punishment, for her bad decisions. She wanted him to get off her back and mind his own business. Well, God tells us the very opposite: lose your life. However, despite the opposite message, I think we usually have the same reaction to God, as the teenage character had to her father. We want God to get off our backs and, kind of, mind His own business, though, of course, EVERYTHING is God's business, especially the lives of His children – us.

We all want a life. We want meaningful activity, fulfilling work, accolades – especially for our hard work – rewarding relationships, appreciation, healthy attention, care, progress, fun, and renewing relaxation. Is anything wrong with that? I wouldn't think so, unless we put all of that before God (remember the first Commandment?) and neglect what He wants us to do with our lives. So, what on Earth does Jesus mean, when he says, "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it" (Luke 17:33)? What could it mean to "preserve his life"? What does that actually look like? And, how can we lose our lives, in order to save them? In actual behavior, what does *that* look like? Of course, these are metaphors. We don't have to become literal martyrs, in order to be faithful Christians. We don't have actually to die for Christ (or another person), though we probably should be willing to, if necessary.

We preserve our lives, when we protect and maintain them, at all costs, and act as though these are the only lives that we get (YOLO!) and we must not risk losing them, not even for a great cause and certainly not for other people. We want nice, neat, comfortable, and prosperous middle-class lives. What does that have to do with Christianity? We're going to leave these lives; we have to remember.

Yes, we have work to do, here on Earth. We are to build the peaceable kingdom. We're to alleviate the sufferings of people. Yet, we have to remember that this life is fleeting and will come to an end.

We lose our lives when – because we trust God and try to discern the promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit – we don't have life goals of our very own – when we don't have a "five-year plan" that we have personally crafted. Hand your very life over to God, and He will save it.



November 30, 2025

St. Thomas More School



Celebrating Fr. Mike

This past week St. Thomas More School celebrated our Pastor by hosting a special "Dress Like Fr. Mike" out-of-uniform day, in which all students and staff were invited to have a little fun to honor our fabulous pastor for a donation to the school's ongoing Legacy Fund. Our students definitely know him well! The building was filled with students (and staff) dressed as priests, in cruise wear with all the accessories and like Disney characters. Each Saint House earned participation points and a generous \$1,200 was added to our Legacy Fund. Thank you all!



If you are looking for a great return on your investment, look no further than

contributing to the St. Thomas More School Legacy Fund and capitalizing on the bright, values-driven leaders of tomorrow:

Our St. Thomas More School Students!



GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Funds from this year's Legacy Fund Drive will be used wisely to benefit students:

- Installation of a Security Door between the church & school for added students safety
- Additional equipment for our Maker's Space Tech Lab & more



8th Grade Friendsgiving

Breaking bread in thanksgiving for loving families, good health, a great education and classmates to share our days with were just a few of the things our 8th grade students expressed during their



Friendsgiving Lunch. Thanks to parent volunteers, students enjoyed several Thanksgiving-related activities, games and a delicious meal with plenty of food for seconds.

We are abundantly thankful for our students, their families, our parishioners and all in our community who care for, protect and support our school! God bless our STMS family. Happy Thanksgiving!

"Pope Leo" Visits Students

Each week, St. Thomas More School students in Preschool to 8th meet together in their "House".

Recently, students learned about the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and the role the Pope plays in Church structure.

In honor of Pope Leo the Great's Feast Day, students dove into the history of the very first Pope Leo and all the Pope Leos who have followed, including our present day Pope, Pope Leo XIV.

As a special surprise, and to everyone's delight, our very own STMS baby "Pope Leo" made the rounds to all the classrooms, visiting students and staff in his little Pope Mobile.



Lessons & CAROLS

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOLA CANTORUM



SUNDAY - DEC. 21ST @ 6 PM

A CELTIC CELEBRATION

MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS
HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Church

Join the Munster High School Choirs for a special evening of Christmas Spirit and Cheer.

ADVENT Taizé PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, December 14th

**St. Thomas More Church
6:00 p.m.**

Taizé is a French tradition of repetitive hymns, songs, scripture and silent reflection. It is a beautiful and quiet way to reclaim some peace during the holidays.

All are welcome to this free community event



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

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Gift Drop Offs:

At the Church

Nov. 29-30 and December 6-7

Weis Center Drop-Off Saturday

Dec. 6th, 9am-Noon



Pause & Prepare

BEAUTY BORN IN THE BROKEN

Advent Retreat

Hosted by the Catholic Churches of Crown Point

Saturday, December 13, 2025

The Carmelite Shrine, Munster

10am registration 4:30pm Vigil Mass
\$50/person includes lunch

With reflections from:

Fr. Steven Caraher

Sr. Moana Grace

**Call St. Matthias Church to Register
219-663-2201**

Or Register Online at :

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/pause-and-prepare-advent-retreat>

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

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!**

January Schedule

January 7/8 Class
 January 14/15 Class
January 16th— CONFIRMATION RETREAT

GROWING Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Advent • Matthew 24:37-44

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

**Help SVDP,
 Help Others!**



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

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Chairperson: Michael Popovich

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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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