



# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our work, these past couple of weeks, has been hastening us to that day, the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord.



## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Edward C. Dernulc by Leslie
- 10:00 am John Jurkash by Jurkash Family
- 12:00 pm June Brennan by Mary Kay Rozmanich

### MONDAY, December 15

- 6:30 am Intention of Deacon Joseph & Joyce Stodola, III by St. Thomas More Family
- 8:30 am Anthony Dominiak by the Hajduch Family

### TUESDAY, December 16

- 6:30 am Intention of the Issa Barakat Family by STM Family
- 8:30 am Margaret Buczkowski by Linda & Jerry Bevil

### WEDNESDAY, December 17

- 6:30 am Alvina R. Huttie by Jane Huttie
- 8:30 am Vincent Gryn by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

### THURSDAY, December 18

- 6:30 am Alice Dillon by Eleanor
- 8:30 am Margaret Grober by Viktor & Ashleigh Turner

### FRIDAY, December 19

- 6:30 am Intention of Charlene Soy by Family
- 8:30 am James Laskarin by Wife & Daughter

### SATURDAY, December 20

- 8:30 am Bryan Pajor by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak
- 5:30 pm Mary Ann Kaiser Nahabedian by Miskovich Family

### SUNDAY, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Lorraine Rescan by Alex & Barbara Zlady
- 10:00 am Wayne Rueckert by Family
- 12:00 pm Margaret Waters by Carol & Jack Waters

### 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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## IS CHRISTMAS IN YOUR HEART?

**"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." ~ Roy L. Smit**

It seems inconceivable to me that Christmas Eve is a week and a half away and, yet, that is the truth. Our work, these past couple of weeks, has been hastening us to that day, the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We have been preparing for the coming of Christmas in several ways. One of the first, and most common, of course, is our secular preparation for Christmas: buy and wrap presents, clean the house, bake cookies, address and send Christmas cards, and the like. Another way we have been preparing is spiritual: the use of an Advent wreath, a Jesse Tree, spiritual reading, reading the Bible, et cetera.

Still another way to prepare is in song. Last week at our parish, we heard the Munster Chorale present a seasonal concert. They gave us much to think about as they sang such beautiful tunes. Next Sunday, our Schola Cantorum will present Lessons & Carols, a scripture service interspersed with Advent and Christmas hymns.

We do the things that we do to prepare for Christmas so that we can engage our hearts in our pursuit of the celebration of the day. Unless our heart is in the day, Christmas might as well be another date in the calendar. Christmas is mystery. Christmas is love. Christmas is joy. Christmas is peace. Christmas is much more than a date and it needs to be treated as such.

Children understand Christmas. They know that the day itself will arrive and, with it, presents and food and drink and family and all the trappings that Christmas brings. But they know that Christmas Day is merely one day in the midst of several in which they get to do wonderful things. They get to serve others, they get to sing wondrous songs, they get to decorate the home.

In short, they know that Christmas Day is supposed to last for longer than a day.

We knew that at one point in our lives. Sadly, as we age, we begin to forget those things. We begin to see Christmas as a nuisance. We cannot wait for it to come and go so that we can take down the decorations and get back to our lives. My friends, Christmas IS our life. Let us live that today.

**FAITH ACTION:** In the midst of your preparations for the celebration of Christmas Day, reflect upon its true meaning and try to live that meaning to the fullest.

*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:

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|--------------|----------------------------------|
| December 14: | Msgr. Michael Abraham (1960)     |
|              | Deacon Robert Fisher (1989)      |
|              | Msgr. Casimir E. Senderak (1996) |
| December 17: | Deacon James Keough (2016)       |
|              | Rev. Lawrence Kew (2019)         |
| December 18: | Rev. Andrew C. Topor (1993)      |
| December 19: | Msgr. Alfred Reinig (1963)       |

## THIS EVENING



A Taizé prayer service will take place in the church this evening, Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. This service of quiet song, a scripture reading, and prayer is a sure-fire method of calming the soul.

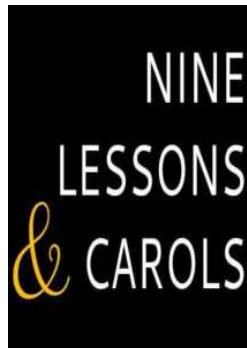
## THIS COMING TUESDAY

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 this coming Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. as part of your Christmas preparation. Several priests will be available.



## NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m., you are invited to a special service, Lessons & Carols. 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

Billy and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When Billy received his plate, he started eating right away. "Billy!" his mother exclaimed, "Please wait until we say our prayer."

"I don't need to," Billy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother said. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Billy replied, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"





## Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

### Ministry Schedule

#### Sunday, December 14

9:30 am Altar & Rosary Society—Weis Center Main Hall  
5:00 pm T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Monday, December 15

5:30 pm Parent Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101  
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101

#### Tuesday, December 16

5:30 pm Cub Scouts ALL—Weis Center Main Hall  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #542—Weis Center Room 101

#### Wednesday, December 17

9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101  
5:30 pm Cub Scouts—Weis Center Main Hall  
7:00 pm Abraham Lincoln Assembly #235—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Thursday, December 18

5:00 pm Girl Scouts 15650—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Friday, December 19

5:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Main Hall

#### Saturday, December 20

9:00 am Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Main Hall



## Celebrants

### Saturday, December 20

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

### Sunday, December 21

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 20

5:30 p.m. MC—Hunter, AS—X. Mendoza & M. Moya

### Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—A. & L. Jara and H. Jorsch  
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—K. Orozco, S. Santellano and A. Sudac  
12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—J. Dye

### Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

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

### Thursday, December 25—Christmas

12/24 - 11 p.m.—Midnight Mass Practice

MC—ALL

Midnight Mass MC—ALL

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and K. Karl  
10:00 a.m. MC—Reyna, AS—E. Valentino, E. Smola & J. Adebite  
12:00 Noon MC—Lukas/Nina, AS—O. Mack & J. Dye

## Add these dates to your calendar:

#### 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

#### Wednesday 12/31

5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Vigil Mass—STM Church

#### Thursday 1/1/2026

6:30 a.m. Mass—STM Church  
8:00 a.m. Mass—STM Church  
10:00 a.m. Mass—STM Church  
12 Noon Mass—STM Church

## Greeters Schedule for the Week

### Saturday, December 20

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Carolyn Cenko  
Chapel: Sergio & Lisa Mendoza  
Choir: Kimberly Eurlay

### Sunday, December 21

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez  
Chapel: Magdalena Arteaga

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski  
Chapel: Toni & Zig Jedrzejczak  
Choir: Kathy Tolnai

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Juliet Ogunyoye  
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevayk  
Choir: Michelle Walker

### Wednesday, December 24

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Miles Sepiol & Jo Ann Karr  
Chapel: Kimberly Eurlay  
Choir: Bill & Chris Retsick

### Thursday, December 25

Midnight Mass

Main: Paula Serrano

If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact  
Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com



6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Victor & Wendy Villarreal

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Terry Laciak  
Chapel: Sandra Steele  
Choir: Donna Weidenfeller

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Kate Dagholer  
Chapel: Diann Adley  
Choir: Louisa Jurich

## 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  
Kevin Clark  
Loretta Clott  
Charlotte Conn  
Valerie Czapkiewicz  
Janice Devries  
David Dull  
Antonia Espitia  
Gabriela Gallegos  
Gary Gardner  
Joan Gliniski  
Howard Gralewski  
Margaret Gray  
Christine Greenberg  
Mary Ellen Gullicks  
Jeffrey Gunning  
Katie Kardes Hargett

Dick Hemingway  
Elaine Herrmann  
Robert Heseck  
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



## Baptisms

**Liliana Eve**

Daughter of Ryan & Edith Gonzalez Willoughby

**Reagan Grace**

Daughter of Kevin & Mackenzie O'Brien

# BEHOLD



"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

MATTHEW 11:10

## Gospel Reflection Matthew 11:2-11



When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind.

I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real. This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

- Father John Muir

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## Readings Week of December 14

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/  
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/  
Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25  
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We pray...*

*That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.*



# 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:*  
Msg. Weis Council #10596 Co.

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



# Lessons & CAROLS

**Sunday, December 21st  
6:00 p.m.—STM Church**

An evening of beautiful music and scripture that is sure to place your mind and heart in the right place to welcome our Lord Jesus. You won't want to miss this event presented by Angie VanManen and the STM Schola Cantorum.

This is a FREE event and welcome to the whole family!



## Holy Name Society

**Monday, December 22nd  
7:00 p.m.—Weis Center (Room 107)**

The STM Holy Name Society is excited to welcome St. Thomas More Seminarian for the Diocese of Gary, Patrick Cullars!



Come and support Patrick, learn about his experience in the seminary and share in some fellowship before Christmas.

## Your heart is broken. *Did you know that?*

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship



Everybody hurts. Everybody. This fact is the essential teaching and root meaning of Original Sin. We *all* enter into this life messed up, and we *remain* messed up for the rest of it. To a certain extent, we're all "damaged goods." Even when we don't sin, we still have problems, for we all want and are tempted to sin. We are all proud and, to a certain extent, self-centered. The root of sin is pride and self-centeredness. I tease my son and call him, "Mr. What-About-Me?!?!!" (He knows it's a joke.) But, I can't give my daughter a compliment, without him needing one, too. I can't attend to someone else's needs, without him needing some attending-to, too. I'm happy to provide him with it, though.

So, what problems tempt *you* to sin? Because, like *all* of us, you've got problems, and you're tempted to sin. Don't deny it. That's the worst thing you could do with this fact. So, are you tempted by greed? Envy? Anger? Lust? Gluttony? Sloth? We all are tricked and think that sinning will soothe our broken hearts. It won't. It will just make matters worse. We think that sinning will help us handle our problems. We all feel (at times, at least, or we have felt, in the past) that no one *really* cares about us and that we, therefore, have to take care of ourselves, in order to find peace and happiness. Boy, is *that* false! You want to find peace and happiness? Take care of other people. You want to feel loved? Choose to believe that people love you. You won't even be able to feel the love of God, if you don't choose to believe that God actually loves you.

The only thing that can sooth your broken heart and help you with your problems is the love of God. And the only way to receive it is by giving God your time and attention, and that is done in *silence*.

But, we've got another problem. WE. HATE. SILENCE. We're afraid of silence, and here's why. We think that if we sit in silence, we will be overwhelmed by the thoughts of our problems. We're afraid that if we let ourselves think of our problems, we'll spiral downward and won't be able to get back up. We're afraid that we'll start crying and never stop. God will bring you back up. God will stop your tears. Trust in the Lord. Enter into silence and open yourself up to the Holy Spirit. Be not afraid. God "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). Choose to believe it, for it is true.

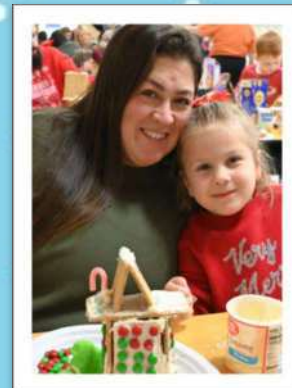




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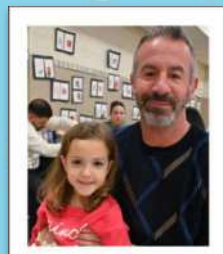
# St. Thomas More School



## Gingerbread House Day

The annual Pre-K Gingerbread Day brought students and a special guest together for a morning of Christmas cheer and gingerbread house building.

The event included lots of big smiles, sticky fingers and the best part, the consumption of some of the delicious





## 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**



ADVENT  
*Taize*  
PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, December 14th

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

*Taize 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



THE GOOD NEWS  
PROCLAIMED  
**TO THEM.**

MATTHEW 11:5

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## A Time for Peace and Stillness



On the first Tuesday of Advent, parishioners from St. Thomas More and other churches in the Gary Diocese gathered together to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Elaine Herrmann started the event seven years ago to help herself and others prepare for the season of Advent. In our secular world, the

focus moves straight from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and we might find ourselves struggling to find peace amidst the busyness of the holidays.

This year, Advent by Candlelight invited Cindy Keilman to speak at the event. Cindy is an integral part of the RCIA program and runs the Wednesday Morning Bible Study at our parish. She shared from her own personal memories and provided great insight into how to prepare our minds and hearts for Christmas



Thank you to all who attended the event and especially to those who helped create a welcoming and tranquil environment for those who needed it that cold December evening.

*Photo Credit: Rob Mangus*

## Knights of Columbus

***"Thank You!"***

This year, the STM Knights shipped 22 boxes filled with 379 Boxes of Joy!

For the past four years, St. Thomas More has been recognized as the #1 parish in the State of Indiana for the BOJ collection!





## 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 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**

January 21/22 Class

January 28/29 Class



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • Matthew 11:2-11



**Sunday, December 14th**

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Weis Center**

**Snacks and Beverages Provided**

All high school teens are invited to the monthly TGIF gathering. Tonight we will be discussing the 2016 film "Arrival" (PG13) based on the 1998 short story, "Story of Your Life" by Ted Chiang, focusing on the connection between the movie and God's love for us.



## The December Nursery Schedule

**The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery**

**Dec. 14, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28**

*The Nursery is in the "Brides Room", located in the Church Main Entrance*



### **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](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 Sajn • Cindy Thompson

### Parish Ministries & Organizations

#### WORSHIP

##### Altar Servers

Kathy Tolnai (708)212-7419

##### Environment & Art

Helen Jaworski (219)836-1833  
Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

##### Eucharistic Adoration

Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

##### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

James Kaspar (219)836-2343

##### Greeters

Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

##### Lectors

Richard Gard (219)614-7322

##### Livestream Ministry

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##### Music Ministry

Angie VanManen (219)836-8610, 2338

##### Nursery

Ann Harkenrider (708)567-5655

##### Ushers

Al Gallagher (312)493-8457

#### GROW

##### Altar & Rosary

Kaaren Mashura (219)836-5079

##### Bible Study – Wed. AM

Cindy Keilman (219)923-9862

##### Bible Study – Thurs. PM

Denise Gard (219)201-4103

##### Bible Study – Parents

Natalie Rebholz (262)349-0572  
Katie Lopez (765)427-3332

##### Grateful Hearts Widows Ministry

Elaine Herrmann (219)902-0702

##### Holy Name Society

PJ Caraher (219)680-6775

##### Live Christ Share Christ

Deacon Tabion (219)836-8610, 2318

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Deacon Joe Stodola (219)680-6775

##### Seniors of STM

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Daniel Maul (219)836-8610, Ext. 2415

##### T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry

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##### Millions of Monicas

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Steve Resler (219)765-9228

##### Gabriel Project

Denise Jones (219)616-5413

##### Garden Ministry

Bob Thomas (303)363-7978

##### Gifts of Love & Warmth

Bernadine Nemeth (219)513-6544

##### Knights of Columbus

Daniel Straka (219)427-6563

##### Mental Health Ministry

Julius Ballanco (219)689-1699

##### Pastoral Care of the Sick

James Kaspar (219)836-2343

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Leslie Kaim (219)741-3739

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Cub: Kandace Mack (708)415-4133

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Joy McCullough  
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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  
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#### Communion Calls

##### Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

Call the Parish Office to schedule  
Sacraments for those in the hospital or  
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#### Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately  
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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.

Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions:  
219-836-8610, Ext. 2415, [dmaul@stm-church.com](mailto:dmaul@stm-church.com)

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