



# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

OCTOBER 5, 2025 • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mother Mary, ask your Son  
to give us the grace that we need  
so that we may cherish  
and protect all life.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, October 5

#### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Gregory & Lillian Molinaro by Bonita Molinaro
- 10:00 am Carol Piccirilli by Joel & Gina Cipowski
- 12:00 pm Robert Waters by Carol & Jack Waters

### MONDAY, October 6—Saint Bruno

- 6:30 am Janice Lea Mogle by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Phillip Buck by Leona & Stanley Panek

### TUESDAY, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

- 6:30 am Joe & Corinne Dagnillo by Daughter, Donna Weidenfeller
- 8:30 am Amy Lynne Osmulski by Joseph & Carole Janusonis

### WEDNESDAY, October 8

- 6:30 am Arthur & Robert Rutkowski by Family
- 8:30 am Stella Ilickovich by Children

### THURSDAY, October 9—Saints Denis & Companions

- 6:30 am Intention of Ryan King by Frances Portone
- 8:30 am Thomas A. Magurany by Chester Wilk

### FRIDAY, October 10

- 6:30 am Esther Constantino by Dominique & Angelique Mercier
- 8:30 am Stephen & Elaine Caco by Sons Thomas & Bill

### SATURDAY, October 11—Saint John XXIII

- 8:30 am Joseph Corns (Anniv.) by Seniors of STM
- 5:30 pm Anna & Savach Arzimanian by Miskovich Family

### SUNDAY, October 12

#### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am Mildred & Joseph Doerr by Elaine Fechalos
- 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 10:00 am Elaine & John Benson Patrick by Mary Beth Benson
- 12:00 pm Julia Dillos by the Christiana Family

### 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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## THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

**“How much worse to have eyes and refuse to see.” ~ Helen Keller**

October is a dual month for observations. It is the month of the rosary, one of the two months each year dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also Respect Life month. I do not think it is a coincidence. I think the two go hand-in-hand.

Mary was a young maiden that prayed regularly for the deliverance of her people. They had been praying for hundreds of years for a promised Messiah. I imagine, for some, that the prayers must have become quite routine. After all, if one hopes for something for so long and it does not come about, the fervency of the prayer must wain until it becomes something that gets paid lip service.

Mary's prayer, however, was fervent and intense. When the Angel Gabriel came to her during prayer and asked her to become the mother of Jesus, she knew that she was being invited to enter a mystery that she would never be able to fathom. She said yes without reservation and brought Jesus into the world for us all. Her love of God gave us God Himself in the form of a tiny, helpless baby.

She and Joseph did everything that they could do to save their child from harm, even leaving their home and fleeing to Egypt when they were warned that Herod wanted to kill the child. I am sure that Mary's heart was hurt every time she heard about another plot against her Son's life. Ultimately, those plots would become a reality and she would stand at the foot of the cross upon which Jesus died.

She cherished the life that was entrusted to her just as all of us are called to do. All life is sacred and all life should be cherished and protected. That is the call of Respect Life Sunday. There are atrocities that take place against life each and every day.

Helen Keller's quote indicts many of us. We have eyes; but, we often refuse to see and that is a horrible tragedy. We refuse to see the poor and needy dying because they cannot receive the aid that they require in order to live. We see the sick dying because they cannot afford the medications they need to live. We see and consent to those put to death in capital punishment. We often concur with the right to die in euthanasia or doctor-assisted suicide. We stand by as atrocities against life are committed daily.

Mother Mary, ask your Son to give us the grace that we need so that we may cherish and protect all life, from the unborn to those who die a natural death.

**FAITH ACTION:** Gather as a family and pray the rosary together for all those people whose lives are in danger of being brought to an end.

*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:

- October 5: Rev. Edmund A. Ley (1963)
- October 8: Rev. Michael J. Kelner (1980)
- October 9: Msgr. Louis W. Michalski (1974)
- October 10: Rev. Ermengildo Senese (1964)
- October 11: Rev. Anthony M. Quinlisk (1973)



## OUR MINISTRY FAIR

Thank you to all who attended the Ministry Fair and took a look at all that we do at our parish and in our community. I hope you were inspired by what you saw and inspired to become a part of one or more of our many ministries. So many parishioners and people in our community benefit from what we do. Please consider becoming a part of what we do.

If you have questions, you can contact any of the ministry chairs or the parish office for more information.

## RCIA BEGINS THIS WEEK

The journey to Easter for those wishing to come into the Church or for those wishing to complete their sacraments begins Tuesday and continues each Tuesday until the Vigil Mass of Easter. If you were interested in the RCIA program but did not attend one of the two information sessions at the end of September, you still have a chance to join the process. Contact the parish office if interested.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The lesson in kindergarten religion class was about Noah's Ark and the teacher decided to get his young students involved by playing a game in which they identified animals.

"I'm going to describe something to you. Let's see if you can guess what it is. First, I'm furry with a bushy tail and I like to climb trees." The children looked at the teacher with blank stares.

"I also like to eat nuts, especially acorns." The teacher got no response and thought, "This isn't going over like I thought it would!"

Trying once more to elicit a response to an animal on the ark, the teacher said, "I'm usually brown or grey, but sometimes I can be black or red." Again, nothing.

Desperate, the teacher turned to a five-year-old who was usually good about coming up with the answers. "Susie, what do you think?"

Susie looked hesitantly at her classmates and replied, "Well, I know the answer has to be Jesus — but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"





## Sacramental Information

### Confessions

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

First Friday: Half hour  
before the 6:30 a.m. Mass

### Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing member  
of the parish at least six months before  
beginning the six month program.

### Communion Calls

#### Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

Call the Parish Office to schedule  
Sacraments for those in the hospital or  
homebound.

### Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately  
following the noon Mass. Parents  
must be registered parishioners &  
regularly attending at least six  
months before the Baptism.  
At least one of the godparents  
must be a practicing Catholic.

### Pre-Baptism Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the  
Parish Office to schedule class  
and/or Baptism.

## New Parishioner Registration

New parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex  
before or after Mass on weekends.

## St. Thomas More Religious Education

1st -8th Grade • Classes: Wednesday or Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### Religious Education Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Wed & Thurs 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Director: Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232 • ehackett@stm-church.com

Administrative Assistant: Cindy McMahon; Ext. 2311

## Pastoral Staff

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

Ext. 2312 • myadron@stm-church.com

**Senior Deacons:** David Kapala, KHS • Dr. Napoleon Tabion, OFS

**Deacon:** Joseph Stodola, KHS

### Director of Parish Mission

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nbickel@stm-church.com

### Director of Finance & Operations

Charles Schimpf, Ext. 2329

cschimpf@stm-church.com

### Director of Music

Angie Van Manen; Ext. 2338

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### Director of Parish Ministries & Communications

Krystal Quagliara, Ext. 2414

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### Director of Religious Education

Emily Hackett, Ext. 2232

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

## Parish Office Staff

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**Website:** [stm-church.com](http://stm-church.com)

**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. • Saturday 9:00 a.m.-Noon

### Parish Office Receptionist

Phyllis Krizmanic; Ext. 2300

pkrizmanic@stm-church.com

### Bulletin/Communications Director

Krystal Quagliara, Ext. 2414

bulletin@stm-church.com

### Building Maintenance

Contact the Parish Office or  
Charles Schimpf at Ext. 2329

### Custodial Supervisor

Kim Smith, Ext. 2331

ksmith@stm-church.com

## St. Thomas More School

**National Blue Ribbon School • Preschool to 8th Grade**

School Office: (219) 836-9151 • M-F: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • [stm-school.com](http://stm-school.com)

### Principal

Dr. Samantha Francis

Ext. 2258

### Admissions

Pam Pasyk

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ppasyk@stm-school.com

### Administrative

#### Assistant

Jennifer Gonzalez

Ext. 2200

### Reception/Office Associate

Nereida Harretos

Ext. 2201

### Business Manager

Maria Vega

Ext. 2339

## Gospel Meditation

Luke 17:5-10

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."



His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "**So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'**" In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

Father John Muir, ©LPi

## Readings Week of October 5

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

## Prayer to Respect Life

Dear Lord,

What a gift You have given in every human life.  
Inspire us to respect Your handiwork in every human we  
encounter. Embolden us to protect the dignity of the most  
vulnerable members of society.

Amen.

## 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/42tadryn>, 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 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  
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  
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Bernadine Nemeth  
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Dawn Niebling  
Don Noworyta  
Clare O'Brien  
Lucille Perz  
Ruth Ramirez  
Antonia Rodriguez  
Valetine Rudakas  
Paul Runick  
Karen Rutz  
Karen Sliwa  
Steven Sliwa  
Georgianne Suto  
Charles Svitko  
Michele Thomas  
Rosemary Thomas  
Russ Thomas  
David Trotman  
James Wachel  
Kathy Wachel  
David Wartman



*Deanne Marie Rymarowicz*



**Wedding Banns**

### Bann I

*Keith George Sliepcevic &  
Roxanne Marie Scully*



### Never miss a homily!

Did you know that Fr. Mike's homilies are available on our parish YouTube channel?

Scan the QR Code or visit the link below to catch up on the Sunday messages!

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTfEE1E1k2zfP5pUSPOYofTfYaX3YqtsZO>



## Celebrants

**Saturday, October 11**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

**Sunday, October 12**

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, October 11**

5:30 p.m. MC—Nick, AS—G. Knight, J. Dye and M. Moya

**Sunday, October 12**

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—B., E. & J. Rueth

10:00 a.m. MC—Sophia, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye & E. Valentino

12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—N. Correa, B. Reynolds & C. Schell-O'Connor



## Greeters Schedule for the Week

**Saturday, October 11**

**5:30 p.m. Mass**

Main: Carolyn Cenko

Chapel: Kimberly Eurlay

**Sunday, October 12**

**6:30 a.m. Mass**

Main: Julie Loza

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: —

Chapel: Sandra Steele

Choir: Michael Cardone

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

Main: —

Chapel: Yvette Radziewiecki

**12:00 p.m. Mass**

Main: Gladys Escobedo



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact  
**Lisa Mendoza**  
718mendoza@gmail.com

## Welcome New Parish Leaders

We are excited to welcome **Daniel Maul** as our new **Director of Discipleship**, based at the Weis Center. Daniel will focus on evangelization through Small Groups, welcoming new parishioners, leadership development and gift discernment.



We also celebrate **Krystal Quagliara** in her new role as **Director of Ministries and Communication**, where she will work with ministries and focus on leadership and strategic planning.

Please keep them both in your prayers as they begin these important roles!

## Weis Center Parish/Ministry Schedule

### Monday, October 6

- 11:30 am SL Deanery Meeting—Weis Center Main Hall
- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study—Weis Center Room 107
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
- 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting—Weis Center Main Hall

### Tuesday, October 7

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

### Wednesday, October 8

- 6:00 am Wellness Event—Weis Center Room 101
- 9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 107
- 1:00 pm Girl Scouts #15638—Weis Center Room 101

### Thursday, October 9

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

### Friday, October 10

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

### Saturday, October 11

- 9:00 am Live Christ, Share Christ—Weis Center Main Hall

### Sunday, October 12

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

## Religious Education October Schedule

- October 8/9 Class
- October 15/16 **Mass at 5:00 pm**  
**Confirmation Commitment at Mass**
- October 21st **First Confession/First Communion**  
**Parent Meeting - 7:00 pm**
- October 22/23 Class
- October 29/30 Class

## Nursery Update

Due to the construction in the church, the Sunday 10:00 am Nursery will re-open again in **November**.

*Thank you for your patience!*



## Automatic Offering *Make Life Easier with Automated Contributions to Our Parish*

Rather than weekly envelopes, you may find it easier to make your regular parish contributions via our online system.

Each time you donate, St. Thomas More Parish benefits from contributions to support our ministries, programs and facilities. Follow the instructions below if you, too, would like to utilize our online system.

### Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit

You may also scan the QR Code or Link Directly at  
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=TQTQJV2KT2UKS](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=TQTQJV2KT2UKS)

### Questions?

Contact Maria Vega, Business Manager:

(219) 836-8610, #2339 or  
[mvega@stm-church.com](mailto:mvega@stm-church.com)

*No matter how you give, your contributions to STM are appreciated*



## Sacrificial Offerings

**September 21, 2025**

Regular	\$15,232.00
Loose	\$2,911.00
Children	\$28.00
Automated	\$10,361.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,532.00</b>

*Please remember  
St. Thomas More in your  
Will and Estate Planning.  
Thank you for your  
generosity.*



## Bulletin Deadlines

Every effort is made to include pertinent information in the weekly bulletin.

It is very important to submit bulletin articles  
**at least 2 full weeks in advance**  
of when you would like your information to appear.

Email info to: [bulletin@stm-church.com](mailto:bulletin@stm-church.com) or  
Call 219-836-8610, Ext. 2414

Thank you for your help!



## Altar & Rosary's Pizza Bunco

Sunday, October 12th  
11:00 am in the Main Hall at the Weis Center

*The Front doors of the Weis Center will be open at 10:00 am for Volunteers to help set up.*

We will begin reciting the Rosary at 11:20 am and then enjoy our Pizza. Altar & Rosary will provide the Pizza's. Ladies attending are asked to bring **Desserts**.

***Please make your Reservation, along with \$5.00 per person, at the Church Office by October 9th.***

For information, please call Kaaren at 1-219-836-5079.



### Live Christ, Share Christ

*A lay response to the call to the New Evangelization*

**Saturday October 11th  
9:00 a.m.—Weis Ministry Center**

Speaker: Tim Jevyak  
Topic: *Praising Our Faith Journey*

According to the recent Disciple-Maker Index survey, 61% of participants feel only somewhat confident in sharing their Catholic faith with others. This is a great opportunity to build that skill with confidence!

**Children and Families are Welcome!**  
**Come and Enjoy Fellowship and Refreshments.**



## 80th Anniversary Brunch Celebration

**Sunday - November 16th**  
Immediately following the Noon Mass (1:00 - 4:00 pm)

*Center for Visual and Performing Arts  
1040 Ridge Road, Munster*

### Tickets:

Adult Champagne Mimosa Brunch - \$50.00

Child Brunch Ticket (Under age 11) - \$18.00

*Tables of 10 can be reserved*

Tickets available for  
Adults & Children.  
**Scan to Purchase ---->**  
Or purchase at the  
Parish Office.



[https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/  
st-thomas-more-80th-anniversary-celebration](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-thomas-more-80th-anniversary-celebration)

## Prayer Service for Healing

*Physical, Emotional, Spiritual and Mental Healing*

**Wednesday, October 8th  
7:00 p.m. in the STM Chapel**



Prayer service lead by Deacon Joe.

Please join the Circle of Prayer Ministry for Refreshments and Fellowship following the service.



# St. Thomas More School



## STEM Education at Work

The importance of integrating STEM components into every day education becomes more and more important with each passing year.

At St. Thomas More School, a visit to our Makers Space STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Lab as one of our students' regular "specials" classes.

The joy, laughter and discovery that transpires each week is amazing, as students work in teams to problem solve, collaborate and innovate with astounding results.

Thanks to the creative ingenuity of STEM teacher, Brian Olmetti, students are encouraged to continually try new things, learn from their mistakes and celebrate their successes.

A recent class assignment involved constructing a bridge, using cardboard and limited other classroom supplies. Students tested for bridge viability, strength and load bearing capabilities, all precursors to college level physics principals.

We are increasingly proud of our students' ability to think outside the box, decipher challenging problems, work in teams to support and test each others ideas, and use inventive tools to achieve a goal. And the best part is that they find tons of fun in this hands-on learning process.

Each year, thanks to donor support, we are able to add new equipment to our STEM lab, keeping our students scientifically current, learning and advancing.







# St. Thomas More Building Campaign Matching Gift Opportunity



give.dcgary.org

We are still \$150,000 short of our goal for funding the CSA rebate building project.

2 GENEROUS DONORS have offered to gift match 50% of all new paid pledges received by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Up to a maximum of \$20,000. Any and all amounts are encouraged. We need everyone to participate!



CATHOLIC  
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APPEAL  
Partners in Christ's Mission

*Thank you to everyone who has contributed already to the Catholic Services Appeal and St. Thomas More Building Campaign.  
We are confident that with your help, we can reach our goal!*



## St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs:

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!



## 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.**  
(unless noted otherwise).

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 our member, Sue!

Don't miss the next meeting—and bring a friend!

## MOVED TO WEIS CENTER

**Day of Reflection with Fr. Steven Caraher**

**Wednesday  
October 15th, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
WEIS CENTER**

*Lunch will follow a presentation from Fr. Steven*



*This event required advance reservations.*



**We're Hiring!**

**Part-Time  
Stewardship  
Coordinator**



## Stewardship Coordinator Part Time

Rooted in the belief that all we are and all we have is a gift from God, this position plays a vital role in cultivating a parish culture where stewardship is embraced as a way of life. This role provides vision, leadership and coordination for a comprehensive stewardship initiative focused on formation, education and engagement—encouraging parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure in response to God's generosity.

To apply: Please email your resume to [nbickel@stm-church.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-church.com) (Subject: **Stewardship Coordinator**)

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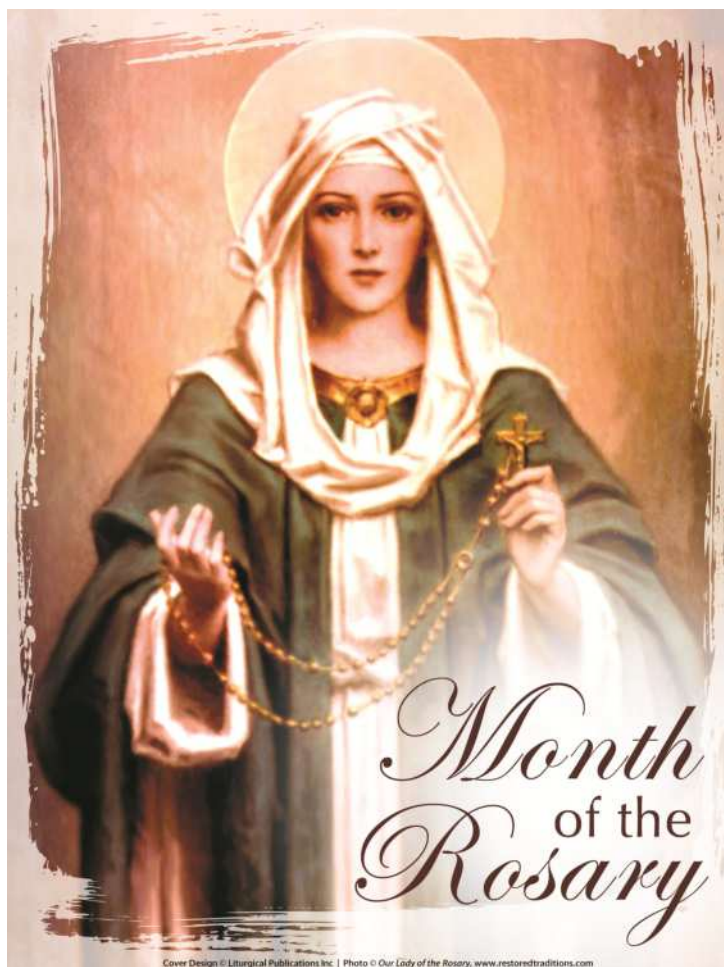


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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 17:5-10



## Diocese of Gary Pastoral Planning Process

We continue with our information on the Pastoral Planning Process for the Diocese of Gary. This week, we address a very real and sensitive question.

Is “pastoral planning” just a fancy way of saying that parishes are going to close?

While some parishes may close and merge with other nearby parishes, this is not the driving force behind pastoral planning. In order to maximize talents and resources, some church buildings may close or remain open as a worship site while the parish operations merge with another parish.

Other parishes may remain, grow in their operations or remain unchanged depending on the sacramental and pastoral needs of the local community.

The next General Session is on October 28, 2025.

**St. Thomas More Key Parish Leaders:**

Noreen Bickel, Tim Jevyak,  
Nick Shafer & Natalie Rebholz

## Parish Organizations

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

**Boy Scout Troop 542**  
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**Circle of Prayer**  
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**Cooking for the Homeless**  
Steve Resler: (219) 765-9228

**Cub Scout Pack 542**  
Kandace Mack: (708) 415-4133  
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**Finance**  
Barbara Shaver: (219) 838-9200

**Gabriel Project**  
Denise Jones: (219) 616-5413

**Gifts of Love & Warmth**  
Bernadine Nemeth: (219) 513-6544

**Girl Scouts**  
Cynthia Navarrete: (773) 726-2411

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