



# ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 • THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus dared to share His dream with us.  
Let us not disappoint Him. Live the  
dream of Christ by loving all the people  
you encounter today.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, November 16

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### MONDAY, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 6:30 am Larry Monak by Family
- 8:30 am Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka

### TUESDAY, November 18—

#### Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

- 6:30 am Graziano Orlandi by Wife Judith Orlandi
- 8:30 am Jean Hreha (Anniv.) by Children

### WEDNESDAY, November 19

- 6:30 am Yvonne Della Rocco by Altar & Rosary
- 8:30 am Michael J. Riley by Ready Cousins:  
Jane, Julie, Bob, Liz and Rose

### THURSDAY, November 20

- 6:30 am James Wojcikiewicz by Diane Smosna & Family
- 8:30 am Ann Schmid by Joyce Trelinski & Family

### FRIDAY, November 21—

#### Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 am Rolando Bravo by Corrina Bravo
- 8:30 am Dorothy Smitley by Smitley Family

### SATURDAY, November 22—St. Cecilia

- 8:30 am Susan Majcher Kovacevic by Tom & Kathy Bassetto
- 5:30 pm Stephen & Mary Maicher by Family

### 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

### 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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## LIVE THE DREAM OF CHRIST

**"I dream my painting and I paint my dream."** ~ Vincent Willem van Gogh

Dying in 1890, Vincent Willem van Gogh was a Dutch post-impressionist painter. He is considered one of the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. In just over a decade he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings, most of which date from the last two years of his life.

He had a troubled life as well. He suffered from psychotic episodes and did not take care of himself very often. His illness and his eccentricities showed forth in his passion for his art. He truly did dream his paintings and then brought his dreams into reality.

We are called to do just the same. Would that Jesus Christ would be a dream in all of our minds and hearts. If that were the case, we could bring our dreams to reality and the world would become a much better place.

There are some who have paved the way for us. We call them saints. Many of the great saints dreamed of a world that was just and charitable. They went a step further, though, and made their dreams real. They created great institutions to care for the poor and the needy. They built schools and orphanages. They built up great centers of learning. They did all of this in order to bring Christ into the world.

We talk about the Lord from time to time. We talk to the Lord from time to time as well when we go to Him in prayer. But how often do we really live our faith as brilliantly as it could be lived? How often do we go the extra mile for a person in need? How often are we willing to help someone who comes to us? How often are we willing to forgive the one who has hurt us or harmed us? These are all hallmarks of the person who is living the dream.

Jesus had a dream. He dreamed that we would live as one people united in the love of the Father. He dreamed that we would care for one another and not let division destroy us. He dreamed that all would be treated with dignity, respect, and love.

He did His part to live out the dream, going so far as to die on the cross and rise from the dead. When He ascended to the Father, He left His dream to us. He invites each and every one of us to step into His dream, make it our own, and bring it to reality in our world.

Van Gogh dared to put his dreams on canvas and brought us a richness in art that, in many ways, cannot be duplicated. Jesus dared to share His dream with us. Let us not disappoint Him.

**FAITH ACTION:** Live the dream of Christ by loving all the people you encounter today. *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 18: Rev. Donald E. Benwitz, CSB (1983)  
November 19: Rev. John S. Woods (1966)  
November 20: Deacon John Townsend (1987)  
November 22: Rev. Matthew Kish (2012)

## COMING SOON!

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



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



### JESUS: BODY, BLOOD, SOUL & DIVINITY

"A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is the best way to grow spiritually (outside of Mass)."

~ St. Pope Paul VI

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

~ St. Alphonsus Ligouri



### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

#### Yogi Berra Quotes

- ◆ "The towels were so thick there I could hardly close my suitcase."
- ◆ "You should always go to other people's funerals, otherwise, they won't come to yours."
- ◆ "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

**Hint: Go to YouTube and search for WKRP Turkey Drop.**



## Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

### Ministry Schedule

#### Monday, November 17

- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study—Weis Center Room 107  
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101  
7:00 pm Holy Name Society—Weis Center Room 102

#### Tuesday, November 18

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall  
7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Meeting—Weis Center Room 101

#### Wednesday, November 19

- 9:30 am Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101  
1:00 pm Seniors of STM—Weis Center Main Hall  
6:30 pm Gabriel Project Meeting—Weis Center Room 101

#### Thursday, November 20

- 5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15650—Weis Center Main Hall  
5:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting—Weis Center Room 107  
5:00 pm Cub Scouts 542 Wolf Meeting—Weis Center Room 101

#### Friday, November 21

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

### Add these dates to your calendar:

#### Friday 11/21 & 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

- 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 22

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

#### Sunday, November 23

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, November 22

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

#### Sunday, November 23

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—B., E. & J. Rueth  
10:00 a.m. MC—Sophia, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye & A. Monroy  
12:00 Noon MC—Jack—AS—N. Correa, B. Reynolds & C. Schell-O'Connor



### Greeters Schedule for the Week

#### Saturday, November 22

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Deb Harker

Chapel: Michelle Strimel

Choir: —

#### Sunday, November 23

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Sue & Dick Wilson

Chapel: Sandra Steele

Choir: Kathy Tolnai

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Juliet Ogunyoye

Chapel: Diann Adley

Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 p.m. Mass

Main: —



If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com

### Stewardship REFLECTION

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

## 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/42tadtyn>, 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 Czapkowicz  
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

## Gospel Reflection

Luke 21:5-19



When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.



The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir  
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## Rest In Peace



*Susan M. Abbott*  
*Elizabeth Ann Slazyk*



## Baptisms

**Cameron Nicholas**  
Son of Nicholas Joseph & Samantha Rae Schneider



## Readings Week of November 16

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We pray...*

*That the joy and peace we have in our lives may encourage others to grow in their faith.*

# 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/>

# Holy Name Society

Spreading Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus  
Yesterday, Today, Forever

**Monday, November 17th**  
**7:00 p.m.—Weis Center**



All men of all ages the parish, are invited to attend meetings of the Holy Name Society. This group is welcoming and supportive, engaging in meaningful discussions and fellowship, along with prayer and hearing from guest speakers on relevant topics facing Catholic men today.



## St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs:

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

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

Peanut Butter	Or Hash Browns, etc.
Jelly	Rice
Pasta Sauce	Hamburger Helper
Canned Pasta	Pork & Beans
Canned Vegetables	Frosting
Canned Meats	
(Chicken, Beef Stew, Spam & Tuna)	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Toothpaste
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Dish Soap

We appreciate your contributions to help us carry out our mission.

Note: Parishioners wishing to make a monetary donation should use their "green envelope" (make checks payable to: St. Thomas More/SVDP)

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need. God bless you!

## What Do You Want?

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship



Did you know that *love, joy, peace,* and *patience* – that which we need most in life – come only from God, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, within us? They are four of the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" – the spiritual and attitudinal characteristics that we can "produce" (enjoy and share) only by relying upon, submitting ourselves to, and following Jesus Christ. We live in Christ, when we open ourselves to the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit (God within us).

So often we are tricked, by the Prince of Lies, that these realities – *love, joy, peace,* and *patience* – which we desperately need, really come from the things and corporeal experiences of the world: social power, professional success, money, attention, physical pleasure, recreation, possessions, and commodities (purchases). That, my friends, is a lie. One can achieve all of these things and yet be miserable: filled with disgust, gloominess, unrest, and contrariness. Let us not be fooled; trust in the Lord and in His Holy Word.

Did you know that, according to our Lord, the "Ruler of this World" is Satan (John 12:31)? We are also taught by Sacred Scripture (the Holy Bible) that "the whole world is under the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19). Therefore, when we want and give so much of our efforts to seeking the things of this world (identified above), we actually want and seek the things of the devil, not that which is of God. When we pursue worldly success and evaluate ourselves and our achievements according to earthly standards, we place ourselves under the authority of the Adversary. Of course, God is more powerful than the devil and has conquered his dominance. But, God has also given us free will, and the choice is ours: set your sights on earthly things or heavenly ones. And though we are certainly free, God loves us and, therefore, offers us guidance, to avoid suffering: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... but store up treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Let the Lord give your heart the *love, joy, peace,* and *patience* that He alone can provide. That's what we really want, in this life.

Therefore, our ideals, opinions, goals, and views have to be submitted to the Lord and His teachings, in obedience, and not founded solely upon the philosophies, education, and commerce of this world (though our Catholic faith is certainly not against history, science, and human wisdom). For, when we take on the mind of Christ, we find the life that we really want.



November 16, 2025



# St. Thomas More School



## The Musical is Coming

Everyone is invited to the upcoming St. Thomas More School Production of Disney

### Alice in Wonderland, Jr.

Come and enjoy the many talents of over 90 amazing STMS students! Performances:

Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Doors open half hour prior to each show.

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

## Save Strack's Receipts

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



## Attention Class of 2025

Your St. Thomas More School Yearbooks are ready for pick-up and will be available after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Sunday, November 23**

in the Narthex of the Church. Stop by and say hello!

## Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Service and helping others are part of a St. Thomas More School education and this year, our neighbors need a little more help. With programs cut or minimized and food insecurity on the rise, St. Thomas More School families answered the call to do more. Each month, STMS holds a Spirit Wear Day, offering students a chance to be out of their normal school uniform in exchange for a non-perishable donation to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, our students and their families went above and beyond with their donations, offering seven full-to-the-brim grocery carts of food. We are forever grateful for our amazing and generous school family and appreciate the opportunity to work closely with our SVDP Society to help others.



## 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 church to school security door for extra safety & add equipment to our Makers Space tech lab.



## Principal for the Day

We had a guest in the Principal's Office last week.

The winning bid at this summer's Golf Classic Auction made it possible for this bubbly, friendly, energetic third grader to take over the reigns of the school as the Principal of the Day.

Her day was a busy one as she greeted students at arrival, visited teachers and classrooms throughout the school building, observed lunchtime in the cafeteria, took care of morning and afternoon prayers and announcements, oversaw a fire drill, dined in the staff lounge (with a yummy Dairy Queen lunch) and bid students farewell at the end of the day.

She did a fabulous job! Well done!



## Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday - December 2nd,

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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

### Reservations Requested by Nov. 25th

A complimentary light  
dinner will be served.

Program to follow with prayer, songs  
and guest speaker.

Goodwill offerings are welcome.

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



*"Waiting & Praying in Joyful Hope"*  
with Cynthia Keilman

## ANGEL TREE GIFTS Next Weekend!

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

### Gift Drop Offs:

Between Nov. 29th & Dec. 7th  
More Details to follow



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

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

## Help Wanted!

If you would like to help before or after  
Mass or at the gift drop off, contact

Denise Jones (219)616-5413

Or

Noreen Bickel (219)789-0378



## Seniors of STM

Join our fun group of active Seniors!  
You **do not** need to be a St. Thomas More  
parishioner ...everyone 55+ is welcome!

**All Meetings are at the  
Weis Center at 1:00 p.m.**

The Seniors had a great kickoff meeting at the beginning of  
the month. We learned about different insurances available  
for seniors and danced to chair yoga led by Sue!  
Don't miss the next meeting—and bring a friend!

**Wednesday - November 19th, 2025**

1:00 PM—Weis Center

*Fun & Games Social Meeting—Bring a Friend!*



**Christmas Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, December 9th from**  
**11am—3pm**

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

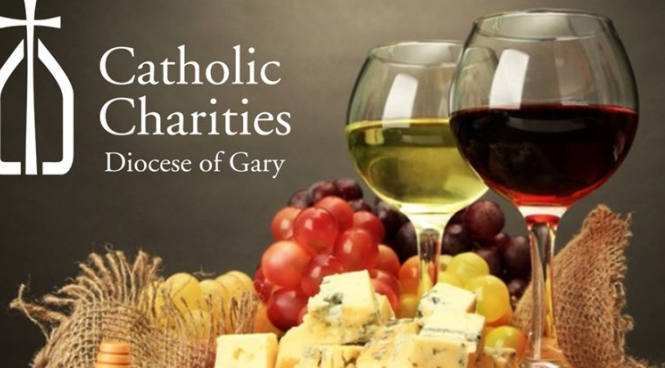
Center for Visual & Performing Arts,  
Munster  
Cost: \$30

## Sip Savor Support

Annual Wine & Food Pairing Experience



Catholic  
Charities  
Diocese of Gary



**Friday, November 21st**

5:45—9:00 p.m.

St. Maria Goretti Parish Hall, Dyer

Featuring Cuisine from Gamba Ristorante,  
perfectly paired with imported wines.  
Expand your wine knowledge with Sommelier Patrick Collars

**Purchase Your Tickets Today or  
Participate in the Online Auction:**

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/KoO/>

## 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 19/20 Class

November 26/27 NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

### December Schedule

December 3/4 Class

December 10/11 Class

December 17/18 Class

December 24/25 **No Class—Merry Christmas!**

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 **No Class—Happy New Year!**

## GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 21:5-19



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

temple  
stones  
attack

starve  
trial  
faith

wisdom  
betrayed  
saved

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## MISSION

Write down three things that scare you.  
Tell God about them. Ask God to help you.



BECAUSE VIBRANT  
CHURCHES MATTER

## The Nursery is Open!

**The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery is open!**

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

### We Need Your Help!



Volunteers are needed in our Sunday Morning Nursery, including 8th Grade Students and High School Students that need Service Hours.

**Please call Ann Harkenrider at 1-708-334-5228.**  
All volunteers 18 and over must have a Virtus Certificate

# Parish Information

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

Kaaren Mashura (219) 836-5079

### Boy Scout Troop 542

Dustin Anderson: (219) 712-8752  
[dustincoryanderson@gmail.com](mailto:dustincoryanderson@gmail.com)

### Circle of Prayer

Carolyn Cenko: (219) 741-2509  
[carolynrealfor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynrealfor@sbcglobal.net)

### Cooking for the Homeless

Steve Resler: (219) 765-9228

### Cub Scout Pack 542

Kandace Mack: (708) 415-4133  
[kandacemmack@gmail.com](mailto:kandacemmack@gmail.com)

### Finance

Barbara Shaver: (219) 838-9200

### Gabriel Project

Denise Jones: (219) 616-5413

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Tim Jevyak

### Peace & Social Justice

Mari Casas

### Spirituality Worship

Joe Dubczak

### Parish Life

Debra Harker

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Paul Liszewski

## Sacramental Information

### Confessions

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

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

### Marriage

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

### Communion Calls

#### Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

Call the Parish Office to schedule  
Sacraments for those in the hospital or  
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### 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  
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### Pre-Baptism Class

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

## Pastoral & Parish Staff

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

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

Deacon: Joseph Stodola, KHS

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

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### Parish Office Receptionist

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### Building Maintenance

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### Bulletin Editor

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### Principal

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Ext. 2258

### Administrative Assistant

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(219) 836-8610, #2339 or

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