



ST. THOMAS MORE

JANUARY 11, 2026 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



Our public life in the Church
began at our own baptisms.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 11—The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am	Rose Krizmanic (Anniv.) by Family
8:00 am	Joann Zurek by Leslie Dernulc
10:00 am	Steve Caco and departed STM Ushers by St. Thomas More Ushers
12:00 pm	For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

MONDAY, January 12

6:30 am	Kristen Faso by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am	Michael Mercier by Kathy & Gene Garcia

TUESDAY, January 13—St. Hilary

6:30 am	David Dalessandro by Jennifer & Frank Dalessandro
8:30 am	Phyllis Uram by Joyce Trelinski & Family

WEDNESDAY, January 14

6:30 am	Souls in Purgatory by Irene Fonseca
8:30 am	Sr. Ruth Ksycki OSB by Denise Gard

THURSDAY, January 15

6:30 am	Intention of Dennis & Lucy Perz by Greg & Vickie
8:30 am	Diana Pasquinelli by John & Andrea Mudro

FRIDAY, January 16

6:30 am	Mary M. Silvasi by Bubala-Mier Families
8:30 am	Fr. Stanley Dominik by Irene Matz

SATURDAY, January 17—St. Anthony

8:30 am	Jane Kieltyka (Anniv.) by Family
5:30 pm	Margaret & Robert McMeramin by Martha & Michael Smith

SUNDAY, January 18—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am	For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am	Michael Dernulc by Leslie Dernulc
10:00 am	Barbara Stiglitz by Maureen Campbell
12:00 pm	Valerie Goginsky by Mary Jo Jez

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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OUR BAPTISM HAS CRITICAL IMPLICATIONS

“As we were baptized, so we profess our belief. As we profess our belief, so also we offer praise. As then baptism has been given us by the Savior, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, so, in accordance with our baptism, we make the confession of the creed, and our doxology in accordance with our creed.” ~ Saint Basil

St. Basil does not pull any punches. Neither does the Church. We are baptized for a critical reason. It is not to join an elite club. It is not to garner prizes. It is not for any kind of human recognition. It is so that we could become a son or daughter of God, immerse ourselves in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and live the profession of our faith to its fullest.

When Jesus submitted Himself to baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, He desired to fulfill the prophecies regarding Him. John the Baptist knew that Jesus did not need to be baptized, that Jesus was, indeed, the giver of baptism. However, John acquiesced to Jesus’ instructions and baptized Him. Thus began Jesus’ public ministry.

Our public life in the Church began at our own baptisms. At that moment, the stain of original sin was washed clean of our souls so that we would have the opportunity one day to return to God after our mortal death here on earth. Our baptism also gave us great responsibility. We are charged with proclaiming the Good News of the Lord so that we can win over as many as possible in our day.

The waters of baptism are given freely for all people. Not all people want them, however. Nor do all people know about them. That is why we have to become just as public in our faith as Jesus was in His. We need to make sure that all people have, at least, the chance to hear about Jesus’ life-saving love so that they can have the choice to turn their lives over to Him.

We were baptized in the faith. Our parents and godparents accepted the responsibility of raising us in the faith. Most of us took the initiative to embrace the demands of the faith on our own when we were confirmed. Now, we need to do more than talk about it. We need to live it.

The profession of the creed is more than words. It is a reminder of how we are to live our lives each day.

FAITH ACTION: Reflect upon the words of the Creed today and accept the responsibility to live life to its fullest in the name of Jesus Christ.

F. 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:

- January 11: Rev. Ambrose E. Switzer (1967)
Rev. George A. Masley (1969)
- January 12: Rev. Henry J. Ameling (1970)
Rev. Joseph A. Buczyna (1976)
- January 14: Rev. George J. Naudzus (1963)
Msgr. Alvin J. Jasinski (1969)
Msgr. John F. Morales (2020)
- January 16: Deacon Joseph Kwitko (2004)

AT THE END OF THE MONTH



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

In two weeks, we will begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The theme of Catholic Schools Week is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community”.

We celebrate our Catholic Schools by highlighting the vital role of Catholic schools in forming students in faith, knowledge, and service, uniting students, families, and the wider community.

We will have a pancake breakfast, an open house, and all sorts of daily activities throughout the school week to give our students a chance to celebrate our heritage.

As always, thank you for your support of our parish school. We could not have done it all of these years without your help. I hope that you are proud of the work that our school has accomplished and I ask you to pray for all of our future endeavors.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

A: To reach the high notes.

Q: How do you get straight A's?

A: By using a ruler!

Q: What did the pen say to the pencil?

A: So, what's your point!

Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?

A: Stop going in circles and get to the point!

Q: Why did the clock in the cafeteria run slow?

A: It always went back four seconds.

Q: What did you learn in school today?

A: Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow!

A NEIGHBOR IS ALWAYS MAKING NOISE IN HIS LAWN



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/42tadtn>, use the QR code or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

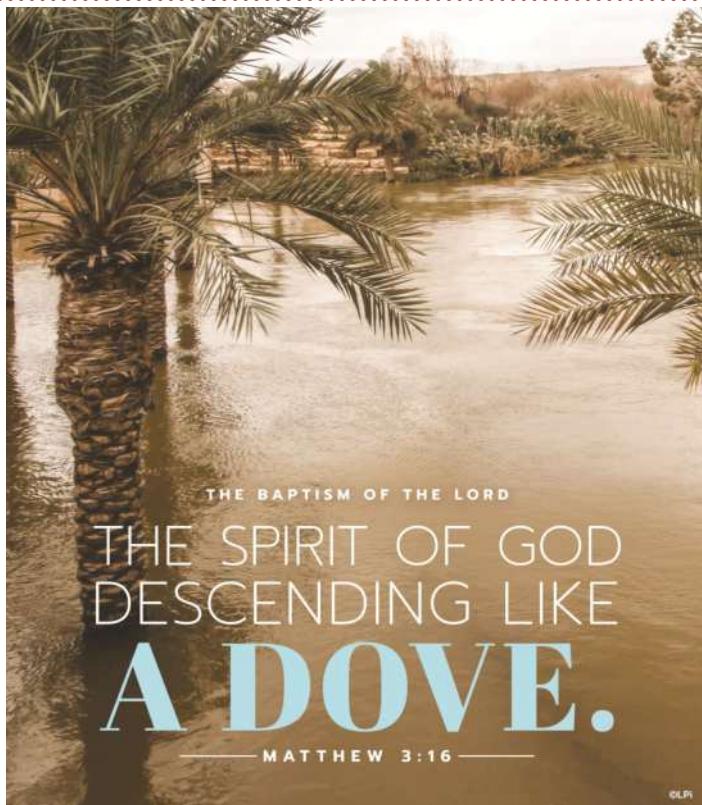


Nancy Almason
Antonio Belmonte
Diane Bochnowski
Linda Braun
Jack Brunetti
Diane Butler
Ursula Cichy
Kevin Clark
Loretta Clott
Charlotte Conn
Valerie Czapkowicz
Janice De Vries
David Dull
Antonia Espitia
Gabriela Gallegos
Gary Gardner
Joan Glinski
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Jeffrey Gunning

Katie Kardes Hargett
Dick Hemingway
Elaine Herrmann
Robert Hesek
Steve James
Barbara Jamrose
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Joseph D. Karulski
Dr. Greg Kelly
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
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
Valentine Rudakas
Paul Runick
Karen Rutz
Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel

Rest In Peace

Thomas J. Figler
Irene F. Renwald



Gospel Reflection Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?



Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

Father John Muir
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Readings Week of January 11

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God, and answer His call to holiness.

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 11

5:00 pm T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry - Weis Center Main Hall

Monday, January 12

5:30 pm Parents Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Room 102

Tuesday, January 13

6:30 pm Parish Life Meeting—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, January 14

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
1:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15638—Weis Center Room 101

Thursday, January 15

1:00 pm Grateful Hearts Widows Ministry—Weis Center Main Hall
6:30 pm Evening Scripture Study—Weis Center Rooms 101 & 107

Friday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am Cub Scouts (ALL) - Weis Center Main Hall

Add these dates to your calendar:

Monday 1/12/2026

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

PLEASED



A voice came from the
heavens, saying, "This is my
beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Celebrants

Saturday, January 17

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

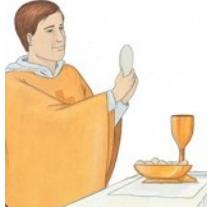
Sunday, January 18

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, January 17

5:30 p.m. MC—Hunter, AS—G. Knight & X. Mendoza

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—A. & L. Jara and K. Karl

10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye and S. Santellano

12:00 Noon MC—Lukas, AS—J. Dye

Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, January 17

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Deb Harker

Chapel: Kimberly Eurley

Choir: Ari Gregolunas

If you would like to be a

Greeter, please contact

Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com

Sunday, January 18

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski

Chapel: Toni & Zig Jedrzejczak

Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

Choir: Ivy Nguyen

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: —

**Greeters needed for the 12 Noon
Mass! Please consider signing up!**



Stewardship REFLECTION

The Baptism of the Lord

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" MATTHEW 3:14

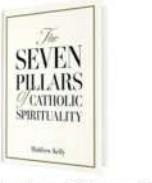
The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Lenten Study and Share Small Group Sessions

Accompanying the Reading of:

The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality

by Matthew Kelly



Wednesday Evening Sessions 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Feb. 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25

Thursday Morning Sessions 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26

Sessions will be held at the Weis Ministry Center and will include time for fellowship and faith sharing.

Register Here —→

Or go to:

<https://www.stm-church.com/events?id=99>



Please call Daniel Maul with questions at 219-836-8610, Ext. 2415 or email dmaul@stm-church.com



Help Feed Our Neighbors In Need

*St. Vincent
de Paul Society*

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	Shampoo
(Chicken, Beef Stew, Spam & Tuna)	Toothpaste
Canned Fruit	Dish Soap
Instant Mashed Potatoes	

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!

Shhhh! Wait. What?

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship



A person is always welcome to pray, personally, in a church. However, since a church is fundamentally a communal place, it doesn't make much sense to expect people to be silent, there, so that a person can pray privately. Yes, people are expected to be *reverent* in church. But, reverence does not require silence.

Reverence is *respect* for holy things and places. We can communicate with others and still be respectful of a holy space. How one speaks is what matters.

Jesus tells us how to pray: “go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you” (Matthew 6:6).

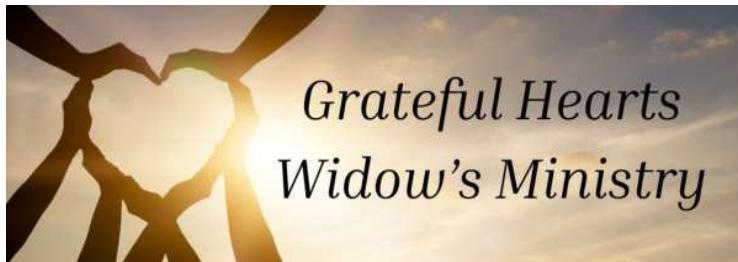
But, perhaps one wants to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. OK. That's totally understandable. Therefore, maybe the small, Eucharistic chapel is the best place for one to pray privately and personally in the presence of the Eucharist.

However, despite our belief in the enduring and True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, we still have to remember two very important Christian tenets. One, Catholics believe in God's immanence. Well, what does that mean? It means that we believe that, though God is transcendent (beyond and “above” all of His creation), God is present in all of His works – here and now. He's everywhere, especially in YOU, wherever you go. Therefore, you need not be in a sanctuary, in order to have God with you.

Secondly, Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament, is not lying like a dead corpse, at a funeral. We do not have to be somber and stoic, when in the presence of the Eucharist. We can be joyfully expressive and communicative.

In Christianity, we are expected to love both God and neighbor. Therefore, we do not come to church solely to show our love and thanks for God. We also come to church to show our love and thanks for one another.

Whenever we give a “dirty” look (and we *all* do it), even at someone who’s behavior is wrong, we’re never in the right. It’s unkind. It’s impatient. It’s judgmental. It’s divisive. And it should be avoided. The best thing to do, when we believe that someone is behaving inappropriately in church, is to approach them calmly, with a genuine smile, and say something like, “Would you mind not doing that? I’m finding it disruptive. I’m sorry to have to ask you this, but I’d really appreciate it.” We can expect certain behavior from one another, but we always have to be kind, whenever we are trying to correct it and request different actions. So, let’s not make people feel bad, for communicating in church.



Grateful Hearts Widow's Ministry

Grateful Hearts Widow's Ministry

A gathering for hope, comfort and support.

**Thursday, January 15th
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center**



Millions of Monicas

Grow in holiness, humility and community.

Join with other mothers in praying for their adult children and loved ones to return to the Catholic Church. St. Monica prayed unceasingly for her son, St. Augustine's conversion.

**2nd Thursdays of Every Month
STM Chapel, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

St. Monica, pray for us!

Oops!

**Forgot to take your Directory Photo?
Or maybe you missed your appt?**

Submit a Photo/Family Photo to
kquagliara@stm-church.com

jpeg or png format

If you would like a copy of the directory mailed to you, please specify that in your email or call (219)836-8610, Ext. 2414



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).**

Mark your calendars for upcoming events at the start of 2026!

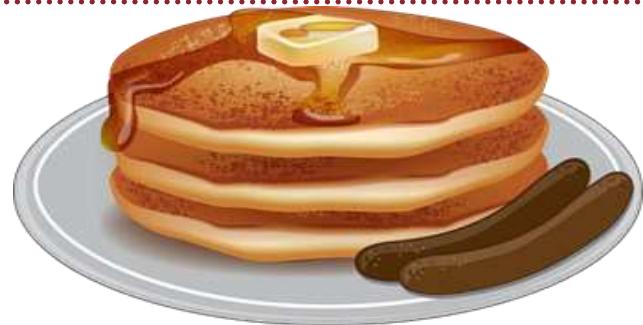
**Wednesday, January 21st
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center Main Hall**

Everyone of "senior status" is welcome to join us!

**February 4th—Pizza Party!
12:00 p.m. —Weis Center Main Hall**
Advance reservations required by 1/21/26

**Wednesday, February 18th
1:00 p.m. Weis Center**

Speaker: Todd Nolder (Powers Health)
Topic: Sleep Disorders



Join Us for Pancakes!

It's time for the Annual Ushers'

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 25

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
St. Thomas More Gym

Cost: Free Will Donation

Visit the school during their annual Open House & stop by the Gym for delicious pancakes with fellow parishioners!

Thank you from Al Gallagher, Jim Marmalejo, Joe Stefanich & Thomas Murray (co-chairs)

P.S.—There is a need for additional Ushers at all Sunday Masses. You can sign up at the breakfast!



January 11, 2026



St. Thomas More School



St. Thomas More School Open House

Sunday, January 25
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Spread the Word!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in the phenomenal Catholic education offered at our nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School, plan to attend our annual

Open House

Sunday, January 25 • 9:00 am- Noon

Meet students, teachers, administrators & parents, tour our building and find out why our

St. Thomas More School students are so successful!

Application Portal for the 2026-2027 opens the morning of January 25, too!

The following documents are required to apply:
Birth Certificate • Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)

Students in Grades 1-7 also need:

Report Cards & Standardized Test Scores for current school year + 2 years prior (if applicable)

For more information, please contact Pam Pasyk at ppasyk@stm-school.com or visit our website <https://www.stm-school.com/how-to-apply>

December Eagle Awards

Each month, students are nominated for the St. Thomas More School "Eagle Board" for exhibiting exemplary characteristics and/or behavior in one of six different categories: Empowering Others, Professionalism, Growing in Faith, Leading and Academic Excellence.

One student from each category is randomly selected from the nominees at the end of each month.

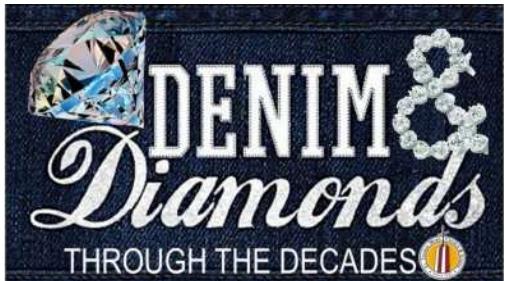
We love seeing the nominees grow each month and are so proud of our students!

Likewise, one of our outstanding educators is also selected each month, based on nominations from parents. We are thrilled to recognize Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Mollie Patton!

Mrs. Patton's cheerful disposition, can-do attitude, her creative approach to her class and her willingness to consistently go

above & beyond for all her students is remarkable and admirable. We are thrilled that she's part of our St. Tom's teaching team and thankful for all she does for STMS and our students!

If you would like to nominate an STMS staff member, please email: sfrancis@stm-school.com.



Received a Gift You Can't Use?

If you received a Christmas gift that you don't need or can't use, please consider donating it to STMS for our upcoming auction as part of our

Denim & Diamonds Event.

Item must be new in original package.

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Be sure to include your name, address, email and phone so that we know who to thank.

A Great Investment

If you are looking for a great way to invest your hard earned money, look no further than the students of STMS by donating through the **Legacy Fund!**



Your investment will directly support student programs and safety measures to continue St. Tom's legacy as the very best Catholic education in NWI.

The Beauty of Christmas

(Photos by Rob Mangus)



Our Environment & Art members do an excellent job to prepare the sanctuary and entrances for a beautiful celebration at Christmas.



MAJOR SEMINARY VISIT

COME AND YOU WILL SEE. - JOHN 1:39

JANUARY
29TH - 31ST
2026

SACRED HEART
MAJOR
SEMINARY
Detroit, Michigan

Men ages 21 and older
All expenses paid
Transportation provided

 **Vocations**
Diocese of Gary
To RSVP:
Contact Jo Anne Rosenow
✉ jrosenow@dcgary.org

EMBRACE!

Retreat for married and engaged couples

FEATURING:

Chris and Linda
Padgett

Cost: \$120 per couple



 **Saturday, Feb. 14**
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 **St. Paul Catholic Church**
1855 Harrison Blvd,
Valparaiso, IN, 46385

Bring your bible, your journal, and get ready for some fun!

Retreat includes:

- Interactive talks
- Personal time for couples' reflection and discussion
- Continental breakfast and catered lunch
- Adoration with a special blessing for the couples



Diocese of Gary
dcgary.org

Learn more and register:
[dcgary.org/
couples-retreat](http://dcgary.org/couples-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

January Schedule

January 14/15 Class

January 16th—CONFIRMATION RETREAT

January 21/22 Class

January 28/29 Class

February Schedule

February 4/5 Class

February 11/12 Class

February 18/19 NO CLASS—ASH WEDNESDAY

February 25/26 Class

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 3:13-17 • Baptism of the Lord

The December Nursery Schedule

The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery

The Nursery is in the “Brides Room”, located in the Church Main Entrance

Jan. 4—Kaaren Mashura & Giuliana Diaz

Jan. 11—Rachel & Amelia Perezchica & Giuliana Diaz

Jan. 18—Susie, Finn and Kian Kinsella

Jan. 25—Michelle, Eleanor & Tommy Wendlinger

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 completed the Virtus training.

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There are limited copies available at church entrances and in the parish office. Be sure to pass the magazine to someone else after you have read it!



Magazines will also be shared through the diocesan prison ministry and affiliation with local hospital ministries.

For more information contact faith@dgcgary.org

Parish Information

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2025-2026 Pastoral Council

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Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

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Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

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Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

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Richard Gard (219)614-7322

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Joann Hajduch (219)836-9151, 2245

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Angie VanManen (219)836-8610, 2338

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Ann Harkenrider (708)334-5228

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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

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Sacramental Information

Confessions

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

First Friday: Half hour
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Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing member
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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
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At least one of the godparents
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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
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