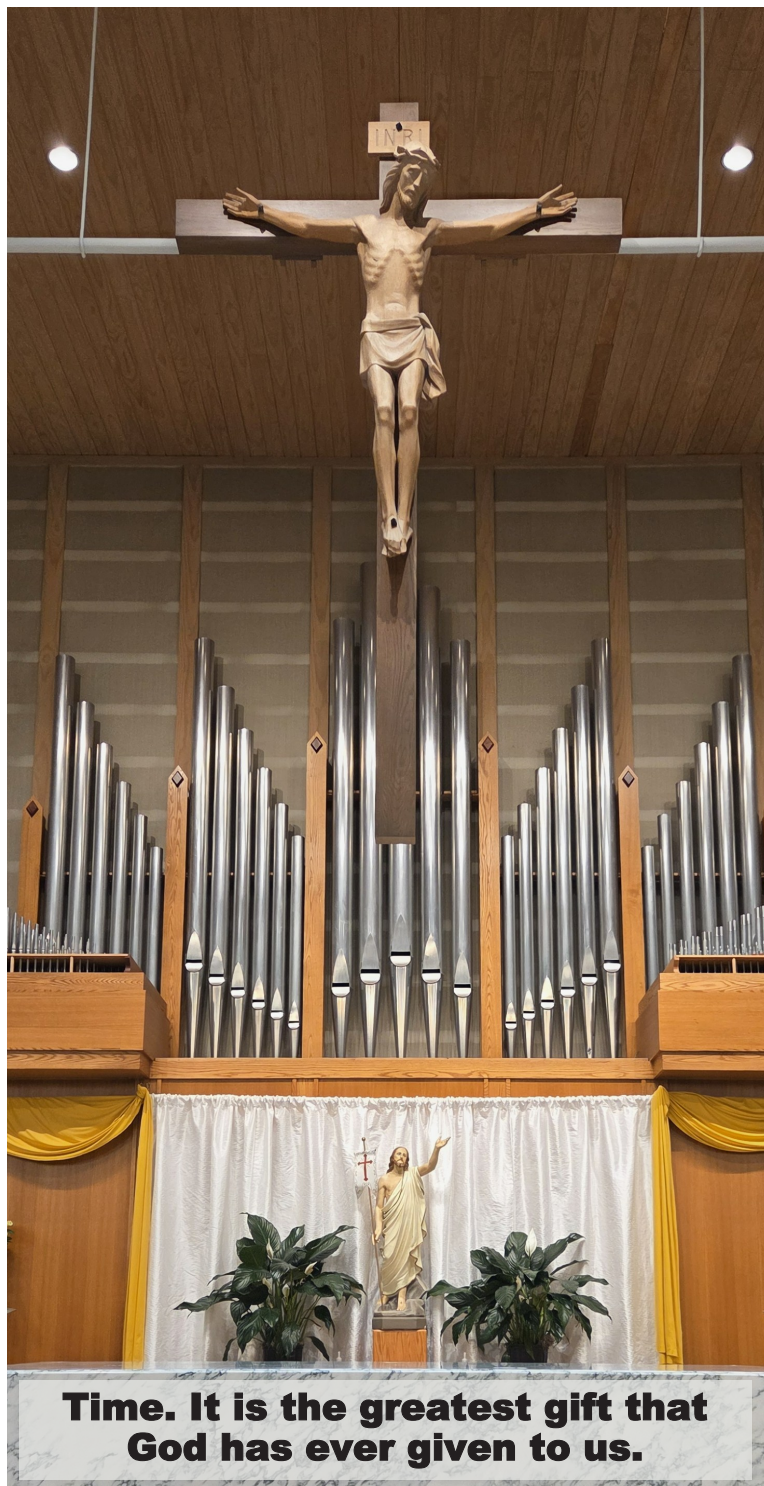




ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2026 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Time. It is the greatest gift that God has ever given to us.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Martin Nemeth by Family
- 10:00 am Aria Sefton by Sefton Family
- 12:00 pm Ma'May Grimm by the Suwardi Family

MONDAY, April 27

- 6:30 am Tom O'Connor by Wife, Donna
- 8:30 am Marcia Etter by Husband Timothy

TUESDAY, April 28

- 6:30 am William Kvasnicka, Sr. by Family
- 8:30 am Nancy Kaczka by Children

WEDNESDAY, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

- 6:30 am Joseph & Mildred Doerr by Elaine Fechalos
- 8:30 am Ted Oberc by Dan & Marie Karulski

THURSDAY, April 30

- 6:30 am Andrew Guadagno by Helen Guadagno
- 8:30 am Fr. Stanley Dominik by Irene Matz

FRIDAY, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

- 6:30 am Rose Trgovich by Trgovich Family
- 8:30 am Janice Mogle by Rich & Denise Gard and Family

SATURDAY, May 2—St. Athanasius

- 8:30 am Frederick Christiana by Christiana Family
- 5:30 pm David Wartman by Bloker Family

SUNDAY, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Edward Dernulc by Family
- 10:00 am Mary Ann Zimmerman by SVS 1963 Classmates
- 12:00 pm Josefina Bagadiong (Anniv.) by Aquino Family

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.—Noon

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.

St. Thomas More Church • 8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321 • (219) 836-8610 • www.stm-church.com

START THE DAY WITH GOD

“Keep close to Nature’s heart ... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.” ~ John Muir

John Muir must have been a kindred spirit to the first bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Andrew G. Grutka. Bishop Grutka, when acquiring the property that is now Camp Lawrence, posted the motto of the camp on a sign that is at the front entrance: Close to Nature, Close to God.

Muir stated that keeping close to Nature’s heart will help to wash your spirit clean. He was closer to the truth than he ever could have imagined because, if we believe that getting close to nature will help us get close to God, that closeness will, indeed, wash our spirits clean.

The trouble with that proposition — Close to Nature, Close to God — is time. We have to make time to get close to our God. If we were to tell the truth, we would have to admit that we are horrible when it comes to making time for such things. If you checked the calendars of most people, you would find all sorts of plans, plans that do not include any kind of worship.

Over the years, attendance has gone down at churches of all faiths. There is no real reason for it, though there are plenty of excuses. The person who states, “The weather was awful”, is the same person who made sure to pack up the family and leave the house early in order to get to a sport’s event, a concert, or some other recreational event. But the weather was “too bad” for church. When the weather is perfect, attendance drops even more because everybody is outside enjoying the temps and laying out on the beach, going to the park, or going for walks or drives.

Time.

It is the greatest gift that God has ever given to us. When we were born, we came with an “expiration date”. We have a predetermined number of days here on earth before God calls us back home. God gave us those days to use and to enjoy. However, those days should also include time spent with the One who gave them to us.

Start your day with a “Thank You” to God who gave it to you. Spend some time with God during the day asking Him for help or praising Him for something that went well. Before sleeping, thank God for the gift of the day and ask Him to be with you in your tomorrows.

FAITH ACTION: Spend some quality time with God today, thankful for His gift to you.

F. A. Mike



PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

- April 26: Rev. Luke Brickel (1976)
- April 27: Rev. John A. Costello (1972)
Rev. Aloysius J. Nondorf (2012)
- April 29: Msgr. Casimir Bickauskas (1957)
- April 30: Rev. Joseph E. Till (2005)
- May 2: Rev. Ladislaus S. Krause (1967)
Rev. Charles J. Seeberger (1969)



SAINTS’ TAKES ON THE EUCHARIST

“One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity.”

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

“If it is “daily bread,” why do you take it once a year? Take daily what is to profit you daily. Live in such a way that you may deserve to receive it daily. He who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year.”

~ St. Ambrose of Milan

“With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind.”

~ Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

More signs that don’t give the intended message

In the offices of a New Jersey loan company
“Ask about our plans for owning your home.”

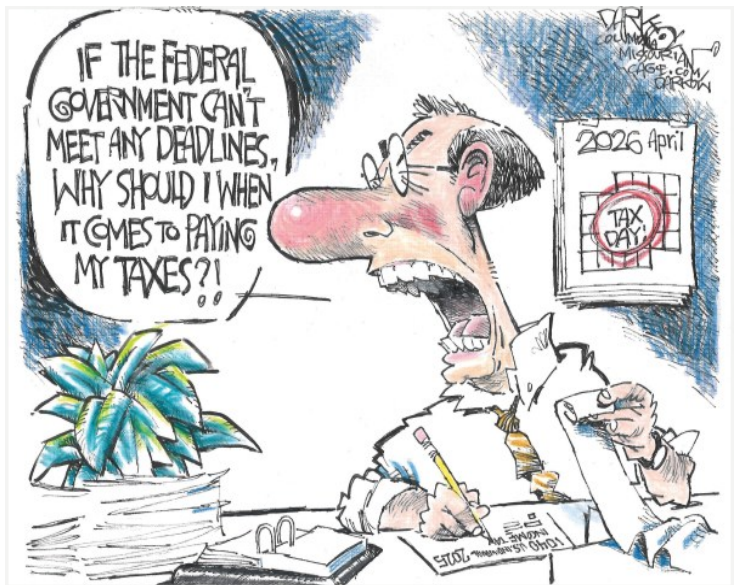
In the window of an Oregon general store
“Why go elsewhere to be cheated, when you can come here?”

In downtown Boston
“Callahan Tunnel - NO END”

On a poster on a telephone pole in Oregon
“Are you an adult that cannot read? If so, we can help.”

On a Tennessee highway
“Take notice: when this sign is under water, this road is impassable.”

On the grounds of a private school in Connecticut
“No trespassing without permission.”



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.



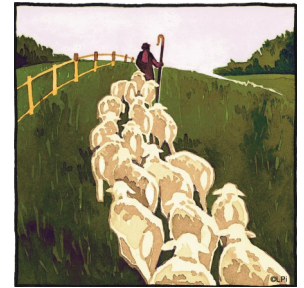
Nancy Almason
Antonio Belmonte
Diane Bochnowski
Linda Braun
Jack Brunetti
Diane Butler
Ursula Cichy
Kevin Clark
Loretta Clott
Charlotte Conn
Valerie Czapkovicz
Janice De Vries
David Dull
Gabriela Gallegos
Gary Gardner
Joan Glinski
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks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

Robert Heseck
Steve James
Barbara Jamrose
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Deacon David Kapala
Joseph D. Karulski
Dr. Greg Kelly
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
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
Paul Runick
Karen Rutz
Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Judith Zawada

Gospel Reflection 4th Sunday of Easter John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11



My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.**" (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "**He is out of his mind.**"

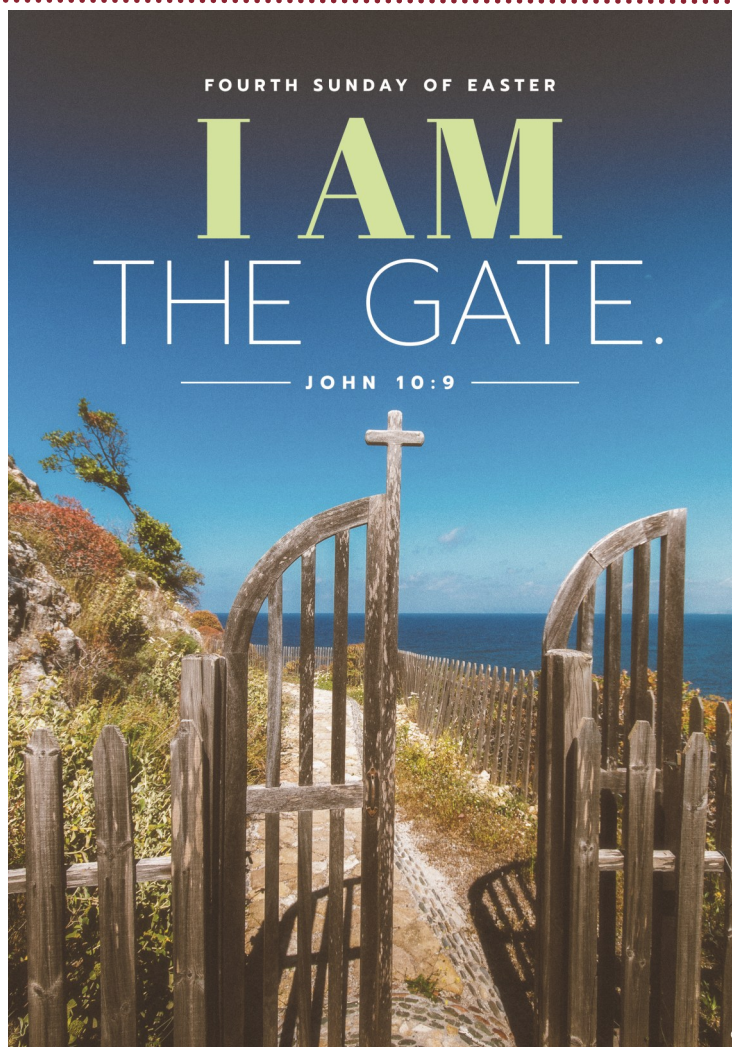
C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

Father John Muir

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Readings Week of April 26

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/
Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (2nd choice)
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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

Ministry Schedule

Monday, April 27

- 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, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

- 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2

- 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Secular Franciscan—Weis Center Room 101
- 9:30 am Spirituality & Worship Commission—Weis Center Room 107

Add these dates to your calendar:

Monday 4/27/2026

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

Friday 5/1/2026

9:00 a.m. - Noon Eucharistic Adoration—STM Chapel

Saturday 5/2/2026

10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion

Mondays 5/4/2026 & 5/11/2026

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

Saturday 5/16/2026

10:00 a.m. Confirmation

Saturday 6/20/2026—Sunday 6/21/2026

Farewell to Fr. Mike, Receptions after ALL MASSES—in the school Cafeteria

Sunday 6/28/2026

12:00 p.m. Fr. Mike's final Mass at St. Thomas More—
12 Noon Mass in the Church

1:30 p.m. Retirement Luncheon for Fr. Mike—
ticketed event held at the
Carmelite Banquet Hall in Munster.

Saturday 7/4/2026— Sunday 7/5/2026

Welcome Receptions after ALL
MASSES for the new pastor—
in the school cafeteria



Celebrants

Saturday, May 2

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, May 3

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, May 2



10:00 a.m.

First Communion:

MC—Lukas, AS—A. & L. Jara and C. Dagholor

Siblings and/or Volunteers—contact Kathy Tolnai
altarservers@stm-school.com

5:30 p.m.

MC—Nick, AS—X. Fonseca & M. Moya

Sunday, May 3

8:00 a.m.

MC—Derek, AS—A. & L. Jara and E. Smola

10:00 a.m.

MC—Gabi, AS—S. Santellano, A. Monroy & C. Dagholor

12:00 p.m.

MC—Lukas, AS—J. Dye

Stewardship REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” ACTS 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

EVERY STEP OF THE
WAY TO HEAVEN IS
HEAVEN.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



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CRUISING *Into Retirement*

CELEBRATING FR. MIKE YADRON

Please join us in celebrating the retirement of Fr. Mike Yadron

28
June

1:30 PM

Carmelite Monastery Banquet Hall

1628 Ridge Rd, Munster

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 14TH
[ZEFFY - LINK TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)
OR
PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PARISH OFFICE



Mother's Day & Father's Day

Listen to Mom

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th! This year, we want to share stories from our parish moms, grandmothers, and Godmothers. What is a lesson you learned from your mother, grandmother or Godmother? Or perhaps something you learned in your own experience?

Please email your short responses to Krystal by Fri. May 1st
kquagliara@stm-church.com
Subject: Listen to Mom

A Father's Wisdom

Father's Day is June 21st! In addition to celebrating and wishing Fr. Mike a fantastic retirement, we want to share stories from our parish dads, grandfathers and Godfathers. What is some wisdom that has been passed along to you from your father, grandfather or Godfather? Or perhaps something you learned in your own experience?

Please email your responses to Krystal by Wed. 6/10/26
kquagliara@stm-church.com
Subject: Father's Wisdom

**Thank you,
Fr. Mike!**

**WELCOME,
Fr. Wozniak &
Fr. Ross!**

SIGN UP TO SERVE!

Farewell Receptions
After All Weekend Masses **June 20-21**

Welcome Receptions
After All Weekend Masses **July 4-5**

Mark Your Calendars for these special celebrations!

Thank You and Farewell Reception for Fr. Mike

**Father's Day Weekend
Saturday, June 20th & Sunday, June 21st**

After all Masses in the School Cafeteria

Bring your memories and well-wishes to share with Fr. Mike on this special weekend.

Welcome Fr. Wozniak & Fr. Ross

**4th of July Weekend
Saturday, July 4th & Sunday, July 5th**

After all Masses in the School Cafeteria

**Want to show your appreciation by helping?
Sign up for a small task to help the weekend events run smoothly!**



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4AE2EA7FA7-63591069-frmikes>

From Maintenance to Mission. Huh?

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

The Church sometimes gets stuck using “buzz words” that can be unclear in meaning. The terms often seem to come out of nowhere and leave people wondering why we’re using them. Here are some of today’s Catholic “buzz words.”



Some come from our Tradition, and we’re just giving them renewed life and influence. For example, the words, *communion*, *discipleship*, *evangelization*, *mission*, and *spirituality*, are not new, but have received renewed emphasis. Some words are more professional-ministerial and feel jargony, including such terms as *accompaniment*, *incarnational ministry*, and *intentionality*. We have words that we’re trying to get all Catholics to use but sometimes feel like a bunch of “mumbo jumbo,” such as *missionary discipleship*, *synodality*, and *stewardship*. Finally, some seem straightforward, but often leave us wondering what the Church is calling for, like: *community*, *journeying*, *listening*, *participation*, *revival*, and *welcoming*.

Lately, I’ve heard how the Church needs to “move from a mode of *maintenance* to one of *mission*.” OK. But... what are we talking about? What does that mean or look like?

Let’s look at the word’s root. What does it mean to “maintain” something? It means doing what’s necessary to keep it going, sustain its existence, and extend its life, as it currently is. It doesn’t imply improving, challenging, or changing anything, none of which is required to maintain something. So, according to this definition, what does it mean for the Catholic Church to be in a maintenance mode? It seems that the Church in maintenance mode merely continues trying to get people to donate money to it. With money, our doors stay open, even with sanctuaries practically empty. Consider the churches of, for example, Germany or France: practically empty, but maintained, because of money from their governments. Their sanctuaries are essentially just civic monuments and museums.

The Church isn’t buildings and property to be possessed and maintained. The Church is a united people of Christian faith. Even if the Church had no property or money, it could still exist and would still have a mission. A diocesan CEO that I know has the email tagline, “No Margin, no Mission.” I get the point (and that of its originator, Sister Irene Kraus), but the line, as it is, isn’t true, for the Church.

Now, what does a “mission” mode look like? Mission implies that a group of people has a purpose, is about a certain work, and is trying to accomplish something. People on mission understand the assignment. They’re on board with the group’s aim. They’re ready, based on identity and beliefs, to take action. So, what are we, as Church, trying to accomplish? What is the work which we’re to be doing? What’s our purpose? Our Mission is simple: bring people to salvation (now and in the afterlife) through relationship with and discipleship of Jesus Christ.

So, do we understand the assignment? Are we on board with our purpose as disciples? Are we taking action to accomplish our Catholic goals? Let’s be people on mission for Christ.

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

*Would you consider becoming a member of the
St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?*

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM’s Discernment Process.

The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council. These discernment sessions are a requirement if you wish to be selected for the Pastoral Council.

Discernment Sessions will be held on the following
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

May 5, May 12 and May 19

**New Council members will be chosen on
Pentecost Sunday, May 24th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age. The nominees cannot be a full-time employee of the parish or school. Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination. Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

Nomination Deadline:

Sunday, April 26th - End of the Noon Mass

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the
Red Ballot Boxes located at each church entrance.*

Dedicated to Veterans & The Military

April 15 was not only tax day, but also the National Purple Up! Day, a day to honor the children of Veterans and active duty military personnel.

Purple Up! Day was originated in 2011 as a way of recognizing the dependents of those who bravely serve (or have served) our country.

St. Thomas More School, a State of Indiana Purple Heart School, has earned this designation for our continuing support of veterans and the military. We proudly boast nearly 30 current STMS students whose parents have served in the armed forces.

Our thanks to STMS teacher, Mrs. Julie Buksa, for coordinating this effort, to American Legion Post 16 of Munster who purchased shirts for our students and to all our Veteran parents.



Dining for Dollars

Join the entire St. Thomas More family for one of the most delicious fundraisers of the year at the next Dining for Dollars.

Little Italy

1155 Joliet Street • Dyer, IN • (219) 865-3040

Thursday, April 30

3:00-9:00 p.m.



March Eagle Awards

Each month, St. Thomas More School recognizes the above & beyond efforts of both students and staff.

A big shout-out to Keys to Literacy teacher, Mrs. Ellen Opat! Based on nominations by school parents, Mrs. Opat was honored this month for her helpfulness & cheerfulness, her faith-filled spirit, her energy and her ability to bring the joy of reading to her students. Thank you, Mrs. Opat, for all you do to help both students & staff!

We are grateful to STMS parents who take the time to acknowledge our awesomeness

staff...we truly have the best!

Students were selected randomly from nominations by teachers, staff and fellow students in a one of six areas of good character:

- E -- Empowering Others/Acts of Kindness
- A -- Aspiring Professional
- G -- Growing in Faith
- L -- Leadership/Positive Role Model
- E -- Excelling in Academics

Each month, hundreds of students are "caught being an Eagle" and nominated. We are extremely proud of all our STMS students who are consistently kind, respectful, faithful and hard working with award-winning attitudes...our students truly are exceptional!



A Great Investment

For the past 77 years, St. Thomas More School has been a beacon for those seeking an

outstanding, faith-based education.

Our students continually amaze and our graduates continue to stand out in high school, college and beyond, as leaders

in our community and communities all across America!

If you are looking for a great way to invest your hard-earned money, look no further than the students of STMS by donating to the 2025-2026

Legacy Fund!

Your investment will directly support student educational programs, foster faith-filled leadership and help fund important safety measures to continue St. Tom's legacy as the very best Catholic education in NWI for another 77 years.



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CATHOLIC SERVICES
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**Our 2026
Parish Goal:
\$350,000**

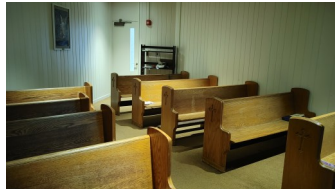
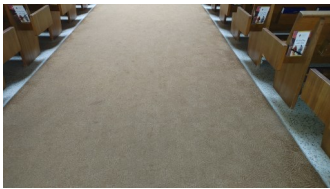
CSA 2026

For this year's CSA rebate, the parish plans to use funds to replace the carpeting throughout the church and begin renovations on the Narthex (main entrance of the church).

Diocesan Goal: \$141,676
Parish Rebate Goal: \$208,324
****Pledged to Date: 135,037**

Number of Donor 2025: **599**
Current Number of Donors 2026: **285**

"Thank You" to everyone who has donated to the 2026 CSA campaign. Let's work together to surpass our goal!



Scan the QR Code or Visit Give.dcgary.org to donate online to CSA.

You may also send or bring your donation to the Parish Office.

Thank you!!



ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
@ ST. THOMAS MORE | MUNSTER

FLORIST-QUALITY GERANIUMS IN A VARIETY OF SIZES AND COLORS, PATIO POTS, HEIRLOOM TOMATO PLANTS, HERBS, AND PEPPERS

DELIVERY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASES OVER \$100



Save the date for the Spring Plant sale—the Saturday AFTER Mother's Day!! Planting Possibilities will have florist-grade geraniums of all colors and sizes, patio planters, hanging baskets and heirloom herbs and vegetables.

Stop by, get your garden growing and learn about the organization & volunteer opportunities.
Thank you for all your support of Planting Possibilities!



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).

Our Spring Luncheon is coming up—note that advanced reservations were required. Don't miss our special gathering of fun & games later in May!

Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers
May 6th - 12:00 p.m.
Andora Restaurant/Banquets
Reservations were required by April 17th



Game Bonanza
Wednesday
May 20th - 1:00 p.m.
Weis Center



Join Bishop Robert J. McClory
for the annual

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Mass

Join others who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss in a day of remembrance.

MAY 3, 2026 | 3 P.M.
**St. John Bosco
Catholic Church**
7113 Columbia Ave
Hammond, IN 46324

To RSVP, Scan or
Visit: [dcgary.org/
2026Remembrance](http://dcgary.org/2026Remembrance)



RSVP before April 28 to:

- Include a child's name in the Litany of Remembrance
- Reserve a free candle for the candle-lighting ceremony



For more information contact:
(219) 769-9292
rkouris@dcgary.org

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

April Schedule

April 29/30 First Communion Practice—
ALL Wed & Thurs First Communion
students attend both nights

May Schedule

May 2 Saturday—10 a.m. First Communion
STM School and Religious Education

May 16 Confirmation

Registration is open for 2026-2027 Academic Year
<https://www.stm-church.com/events?id=110>

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:1-10



WORLD DAY OF Prayer for Vocations



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

THE WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER FOR
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The May Nursery Schedule



The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery

The Nursery is in the "Brides Room", located in
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May 3rd — Ann & Katie Harkenrider
May 10th—CLOSED! Happy Mother's Day!
May 17th—Kaaren Mashura & Giuliana Diaz
May 24th—Rachel & Amelia Perezchica
May 31st—Jennifer & Oliver Anderson

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
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Kathy Tolnai (708)212-7419

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Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

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Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

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Music Ministry

Angie VanManen (219)836-8610, 2338

Nursery

Ann Harkenrider (708)334-5228

Ushers

Al Gallagher (312)493-8457

GROW

Altar & Rosary

Kaaren Mashura (219)836-5079

Bible Study – Wed. AM

Cindy Keilman (219)923-8862

Bible Study – Thurs. PM

Louisa Jurich (219)742-0118
Ray Martinez (773)573-5636

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Katie Lopez (765)427-3332

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Mari Casas (219)801-0615

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Joe Dubczak (708)214-2991

Stewardship

Paul Liszewski (219)781-0494

Sacramental Information

Confessions

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

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

Marriage

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

Communion Calls

Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

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

Baptisms

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

Pre-Baptism Class

2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parents must call the
Parish Office to schedule class
and/or Baptism.

New Parishioner Registration

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

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

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

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