



ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

JUNE 21, 2026 • TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Being a parent is an awesome task
as well as a wonderful blessing.



MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Roland Kwasny by Jacqueline Rench
- 10:00 am Living & Deceased Fathers
- 12:00 pm Don Woszczyński by Family

MONDAY, June 22—St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More

- 6:30 am Intention of Terezia Ronciak by Katarina Sibova
- 8:30 am Ann Schmid (Anniv.) by Kathy Pagorek

TUESDAY, June 23

- 6:30 am Stella Illickovich by Children
- 8:30 am Joseph Dillos (Anniv.) by Christina Family

WEDNESDAY, June 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 6:30 am Johnny Villegas by Josette
- 8:30 am Ann Schmid by Husband

THURSDAY, June 25

- 6:30 am Marjorie & Rudy Skorupa by Barb Skorupa-Buono
- 8:30 am Thomas Keilman (Anniv.) by Joan Keilman

FRIDAY, June 26

- 6:30 am Leon Holda (Anniv.) by Family
- 8:30 am Adam and Sophie Jez by Children

SATURDAY, June 27—St. Cyril of Alexandria

- 8:30 am Phyllis Uram (Anniv.) by William & Joy McCullough
- 5:30 pm Conrad & Josephine Boniecki by Family

SUNDAY, June 28—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Frank Courson (Anniv.) by Susan Strain
- 10:00 am Mary B. Solczak (Anniv.) by Family
- 12:00 pm Clara Reibel by 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.

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A FATHER'S ROLE

"When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back." ~ Linda Poindexter

Last month, we celebrated some very important people in our lives, our mothers. Today, we turn to the "other half" as we celebrate our fathers.

Being a parent is an awesome task as well as a wonderful blessing. If done correctly, being a parent can take several years off of a person's life because of all the worry and anxiety that goes into raising children and helping to provide for the family.

A father's role is critical on many levels. The father not only has to guide his child, he also has to support and love unconditionally. Fathers who do their job well make it much easier for a child to have and hold on to the faith. Fathers who may have failed in one way or another often make it harder to hold on to the faith. Why? Quite frankly, because we call God, "Father".

When a person has experienced abuse or neglect by his or her father, it becomes much harder to think about a God who loves us. So often, as we were growing up, our teachers would talk to us about God's love. They would say things like, "Your heavenly Father loves you and cares for you just like your earthly father, only millions of times more." For some, that is a frightening thought.

As we celebrate Father's Day, then, I share the same thoughts as I did on Mother's Day. We pray for all our fathers who "got it right", who are incredibly supportive of their children, who love unconditionally, and who are wonderful role models for their children.

We pray, as well, for our fathers who might be found lacking. For those who are absent or who are not particularly supportive and loving, we ask God to come into their lives and give them the grace that they need to change so that they may reflect God's love to their families.

Being a father is not a "natural" thing, no matter what anyone might say. It is something that takes trial and error. It is something that takes incredible energy and dedication. It is something that takes a lot of trust and love. Not all people are cut out for that role and we need to understand them and love them even if they may not be able to do the same for us.

FAITH ACTION: Pray for all fathers — biological, adoptive, foster, step-fathers and godfathers — that they may have the grace needed from God to perform the role that God has given to them. Forgive those fathers who may need forgiveness.

In. Mike

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM



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

June 23: Rev. Louis Madejczyk (1998)
June 24: Rev. Antoniu Dunca (1981)
June 25: Rev. Clarence F. Danforth (2003)
June 26: Rev. George B. Kashmer (2019)
June 27: Rev. Julian I. Jercha (1987)

FATHERHOOD

Fatherhood is not a matter of station or wealth. It is a matter of desire, diligence and determination to see one's family exalted in the celestial kingdom. If that prize is lost, nothing else really matters.

~ Ezra Taft Benson

We all grow up. Hopefully, we get wiser. Age brings wisdom, and fatherhood changes one's life completely.

~ Frank Abagnale

Fatherhood made everything more straightforward. I was relieved that no longer did I have to agonize over what meaning I had in my life.

~ Bill Bailey

Fatherhood has changed me - it has to change you. It makes you much more aware of the minutiae of life, it's not about your needs any more, its about everyone else's.

~ Peter Kay

Fatherhood, parenthood, is something that completely overwhelms you and absorbs you, and you just have to be the best dad that you can be.

~ Douglas Henshall

Of course, fatherhood fundamentally changes a lot of your life, but it enriches you, too.

~ Richard Ashcroft

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Things we'll never hear a father say

- "I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that."
- "Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!!!"
- "Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies—ya know—that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks."
- "Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party."
- "Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions."
- "Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend."



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/42tadyn>, 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
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David Dull
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Dawn Niebling
Clare O'Brien
Dennis Perz
Lucille Perz
Ruth Ramirez
Antonia Rodriguez
Paul Runick
Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Judith Zawada

Gospel Reflection

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?



It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: **“Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.”** (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— Father John Muir
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Rest In Peace

George G. Kelly
Florence H. Stevens
Kennedi E. Lany

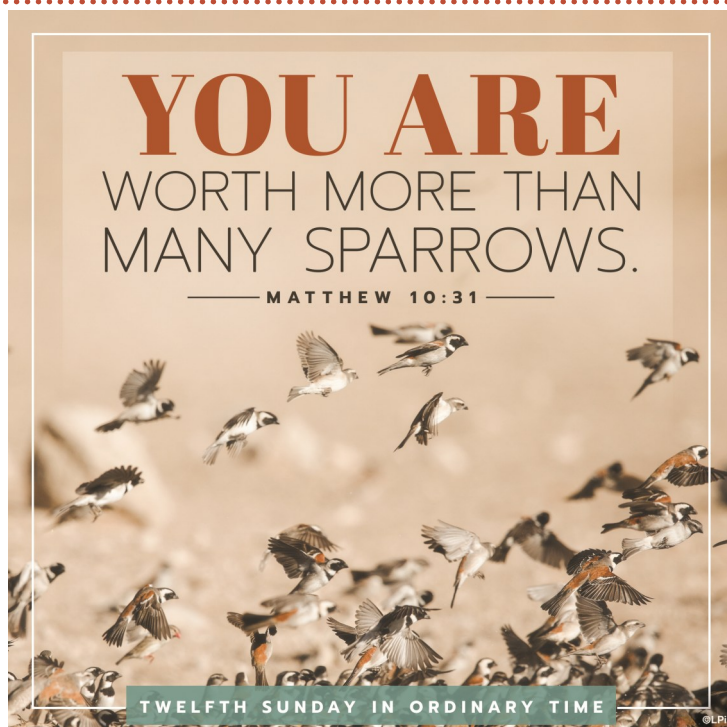
Readings Week of June 21

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab,
3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and
17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/
Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances.



Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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Ministry Schedule

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

6:30 pm Ministry Brainstorming Group Gathering—Weis Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 pm Abraham Lincoln Assembly #235—Weis Main Hall

Friday, June 19

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

Mondays 6/22 and 6/29/2026

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

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 Noon Fr. Mike celebrates 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 Fr. Wozniak and
Fr. Ross — in the school cafeteria



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Celebrants

Saturday, June 27

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, June 28

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron



Altar Servers



Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—B., E. and J. Rueth
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—A. Monroy, K. Orozco &
S. Santellano
12:00 p.m. MC—ALL, AS—ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, June 27

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck
Chapel: Michelle Strimel

Sunday, June 28

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Krystal Quagliara

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dick & Sue Wilson
Chapel: Toni & Zig Jedrzejczak

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: —
Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: John Queroz
Chapel: Lisa Mendoza

If you would like to be a
Greeter, please contact
Lisa Mendoza
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The Greeter Ministry is a
great way to get to know the
parish community and a
simple way to serve!
Please consider signing up!

Stewardship REFLECTION

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will
acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

**Thank you,
Fr. Mike!**

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

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SIGN UP TO SERVE!
Farewell Receptions
After All Weekend Masses **June 20-21**

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

TODAY!!!

**Thank You and Farewell
Reception for Fr. Mike**

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>

Honor Fr. Mike's Legacy Help Us Finish Strong!



50% Matching Grant!

All new donations received through June 30th will
be matched by 50%, up to \$33,000

Your gift will help:

- Install new carpet in the church
- Fund accessibility improvements to the church, parish office and rectory



Scan to give or visit <https://give.dcgary.org>

You may also drop your pledge card in the collection basket at Mass
or bring it to the Parish Office.

Thank you for all your support!



Get The Heck Out of Dodge

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

I love travel. Though I have my faults, I'm not a materialistic or consumeristic person. I try to live simply, and I don't spend much money on material possessions. However (and that's a BIG *however*), I do spend plenty of money on travel. I like to say that I'll wear old clothes, drive an old car, and live in an old house, so long as I can travel. We all selfishly spend money (let's not fool ourselves), it just depends on what.



I've been to forty-five U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Europe, South America, and Central America, in addition to the other countries of North America. I'm certainly not bragging; I'm just showing how much money I've spent on *travel*.

Probably the only redeeming quality of my travels (other than perhaps contributing money to rather poor countries and eagerly encountering people of other cultures) is that I try to turn the trips into kinds of self-designed pilgrimages. I always pray at many churches. I see the beautiful creation of God. And I try to spread a little joy (it's easy for me to find, on vacation!), among the People of God.

Later this month, my family and I (including my parents) will be traveling to Quebec City, by minivan. This will be my third time there, my wife's second, and my children's and parents' first. I like to say that Quebec City is the most European of all North American cities. If you can't make it to Europe, but you'd like to experience something similar, get to Quebec City.

On our trip, we will visit, at least, the following religious places: Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal, Saint Joseph's Oratory, Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, Notre-Dame de Quebec Basilica-Cathedral, Notre-Dame-des-Victoires Church, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre Shrine, an Augustinian Monastery, the Ursuline Monastery Museum, and Saint-Roch de Quebec Church. I don't do it to "be good" or to redeem my travels. It's what I'm interested in and where I want to go. My wife and children are so accommodating. I told my children that, while in Quebec, we can go to all the restaurants, candy stores, and ice-cream shops that they want, but we're mainly going to be going to religious sites. In response, and with smiles, my son said, "Naturally," and my daughter said, "As always." They know me, and they accept me. I think they kind of enjoy it, too. I hope so.

If you plan to take a trip this summer, I suggest turning it into a self-designed pilgrimage. Whenever I've done this, it's made for a most beautiful, inspiring, and memorable experience. Sometimes, we just have to trust God and His calling out to us. What we *think* will be most fulfilling is often actually what leaves us most empty, and what we think will be painfully boring is often that which we most need to do, for peace and joy. Seek God, even when you're out of town, and you will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13).



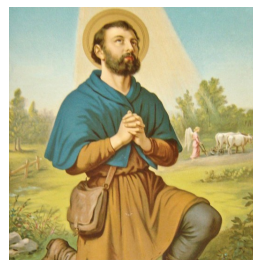
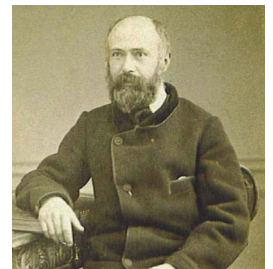
Catholic Saints Who Are Also Fathers

Saint Joseph (March 19)

Perhaps the original example of Catholic Fatherhood. St. Joseph raised our Lord Jesus from infancy and cared for the Blessed Mother. He is the patron saint of fathers and is revered for his quiet strength, protection and faithfulness.

Saint Louis Martin (July 12)

This saint and his wife, St. Zélie Guérin, became the first married couple to be canonized together. They had nine children, but only five survived to adulthood. All five of their remaining children entered into religious life. Most famously, their daughter St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The world prioritizes 'happiness' while the Church emphasizes 'holiness', and this couple truly lived the vocation all married couples are called to: *Helping your spouse get to Heaven!*



Saint Isidore the Farmer (May 15)

He is the patron saint of dayworkers and perhaps the best example for hard-working fathers. As his legend goes, angels were seen doing his work on the farm, as he would often be running late because he was attending morning Mass. He and his wife loved serving the poor together and it led them to true happiness in their marriage.

Saint Thomas More (June 22)

At our parish, we are familiar with the famous story of St. Thomas More standing up to King Henry VIII, but we might not know about his family life. This lawyer and saint once felt called to be a monk. However, after discernment, he realized he wanted to be a father. Thomas and his wife had four children (3 daughters and 1 son). His wife sadly passed away during childbirth, and he later remarried. Thomas More was a dedicated father and very committed to giving his children a sound education. While imprisoned for his firm faithfulness, he continued to write to his children until his martyrdom.





June 21, 2026

St. Thomas More School



St Thomas More Annual Read-A-Thon

Led by *Mrs. Lindsay Caputo, Second Grade Teacher*, the Lake County Public Read-a-Thon encourages students from Preschool through 8th grade to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Over six weeks, students gather sponsors and read as many books as possible, earning recognition for their achievements while raising funds to support school programs and activities. The Read-a-Thon is a wonderful way to promote literacy, celebrate student success, and inspire a love of reading.

STMS 9th Annual Golf Classic

Be sure to save the date of August 3rd to join us for our Annual STMS Golf Classic at Briar Ridge Country Club.

This exciting event brings everyone in our community together for an incredible day on the course, filled with fun, friendly competition, and a powerful purpose. It's not just about golf —it's about raising funds to ensure the continued success of our parish school. To sponsor or donate : <https://STMSGolf2026.givesmart.com> or QR

2026 Golf Classic



Last Chance to Donate to This Year's 2025–2026 Legacy Fund

If you are looking for a great investment opportunity, look no further than contributing to the St. Thomas More School Legacy Fund

and capitalize on our bright, kind, values & faith-inspired young leaders of tomorrow: **Our St. Thomas More School Students!** Each year, STMS must raise additional funds, beyond tuition, to continue improving programs & facilities at our

Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School. Funds from this year's Legacy Fund Drive will be used to benefit every student, with new security updates for added student safety, new equipment for our Maker's Space Tech Lab, retaining our outstanding teachers & more.

If you've already made an investment in St. Thomas More School by contributing to the

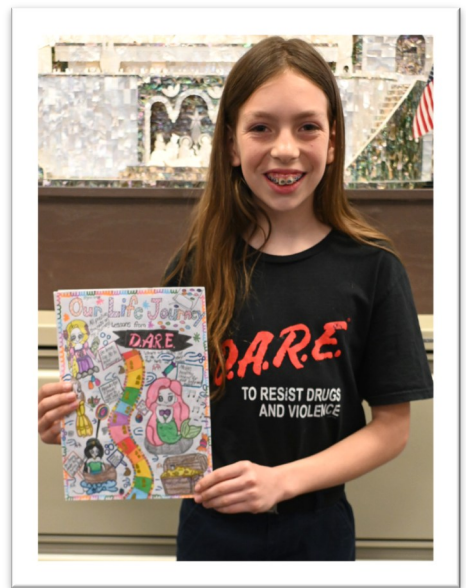


Legacy Fund, thank you!



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Congratulations, Brynn! We are incredibly proud of you and wish you continued success.





ST. JAMES PARISH FESTIVAL

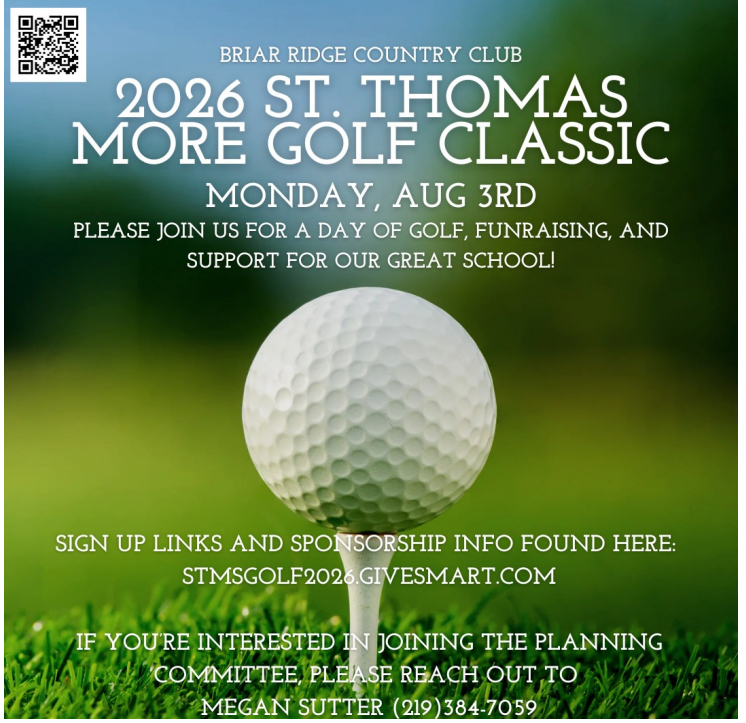
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MUSIC LINEUP

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 5:30 PM Lukas Dou | 6:00 PM Kazonis Band |
| 7:00 PM Rak Bros | 8:00 PM Mr Funnyman |
| SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
| 5:30 PM Smiley Tilmon | 2:30 PM Thrown Together |
| 8:00 PM Little Giant | 6:00 PM Father & Sons |



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REGISTER TODAY!

\$25 late registration fee as of July 1st!

Important Message to Our Current Automatic Donors

We are moving our automated giving program this month to *Ministry Platform's eGiving*.



If you are currently donating by automatic withdrawal, you will receive an email or letter within the next few weeks with instructions on how the transition to our new payment processor **Vanco** will work.

If you are not contacted by June 26, 2026, Please contact Maria Vega
 mvega@stm-church.com
 or 219-836-8610, Ext. 2339.



RELIGIOUS Education

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2026-2027

Late registration fees will be applicable after June 30, 2026. Discounted rate available for registered parishioners of St. Thomas More Church.

FAITH - SACRAMENTS - MORALITY - PRAYER

- Classes begin on September 9, 2026
- No additional sacramental fees
- All 4th grade students and new students 5-8 grade will receive one Bible
 - Replacement Bibles available for purchase if needed.
- Wednesday or Thursday Sessions (4:30-6:00 PM) or Homeschool option available.



Nurture your child's soul & foster moral courage.

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The June Nursery Schedule



The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery

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

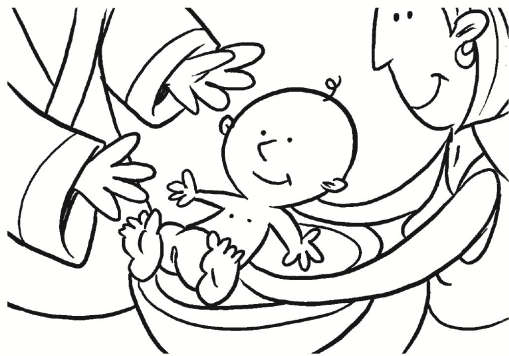
June 21st—CLOSED ~ Happy Father's Day!
June 28th—Ann & Katie Harkenrider & Chloe Sheehan

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.



GOSPEL

Naming a baby is a special job. Grown-ups often think long and hard before picking a name for a baby. When John the Baptist was born, his parents knew he was a special gift from God. Their friends were surprised at his name - John - and everyone was curious to know what that special child would grow up to do for God.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for babies. Each one is a special gift from God.



VACATION Bible School

Pre-K through 5th Grade

Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th
8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Register Online:

<https://www.stm-church.com/events?id=168>

We need volunteers! Contact Emily Hackett to inquire:
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**As of May 15th, 2026, there is no admission cost for the Beatification Mass. However, if there is a cost, CTS reserves the right to charge each passenger the cost to participate in the Beatification Mass.



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