



St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



19th Sunday

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Welcome to Our Parish

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Growing Together in the Grace of God

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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Lord, let us see your
kindness, and grant us
your salvation. (Ps 85)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of August 9

SUNDAY, August 9, 2026- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Deceased Members of Szymanski Family by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

8:00 am Frank & Phyllis Ratkay by Kenning Family

10:00 am Samuel Alexander Smith by Savannah

12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

MONDAY, August 10, 2026-Saint Lawrence

6:30 am Irene Renwald by Family & Friends

8:30 am Melvin E. Strange (Anniv) by Wife & Daughters

TUESDAY, August 11, 2026-St Clare

6:30 am Richard Monak by Lilyan Monak

8:30 am Helen McGrath (Anniv) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak

WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2026

6:30 am Arthur Giannini by Helen Rich

8:30 am Stephen Rousseau by Wife Susan

THURSDAY, August 13, 2026

6:30 am Mary G. Kowalski by Altar & Rosary

8:30 am Theresa Marie Eytcheson by Deborah Ledesma & Carol Mirabella

FRIDAY, August 14, 2026-Saint Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 am Judy Rudzinski by Michalik Family

8:30 am Z. T. & Maria Jugovic by Bob & Maryann

SATURDAY, August 15, 2026-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of O'Connor Family by Donna

5:30 pm Joseph Justynski by Phyllis Rueth

SUNDAY, August 16, 2026-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Joanna Bartkus by Family

10:00 am Evelyn S. McDunn by Mr. & Mrs. William K McDunn

12:00 pm Larry Zemkewicz by Cathy Piowar

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings Week of August 9

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Vigil:

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day:

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the midst of life's greatest storms,
Jesus comes to us, but we may not
recognize him. We may test him.
In doing so, he will test us — and likely,
we will fail. But when we falter,
his saving hand is there.

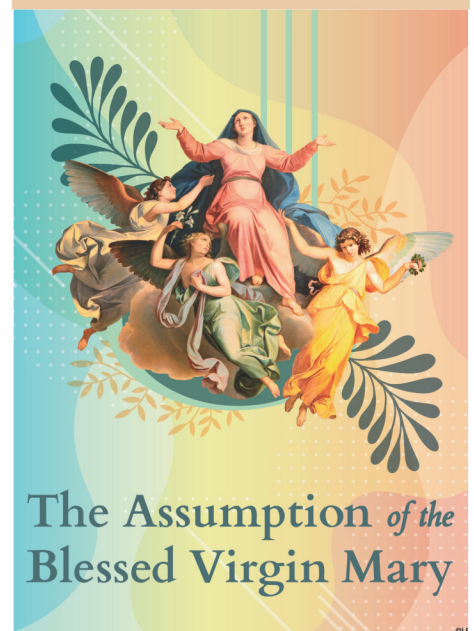
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Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
First Friday - Half hour before the
6:30 AM Mass or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
First Friday of the Month
9:00 AM - Noon
Parish Chapel



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF July 26

Adult & Holy Days	\$15,915.00
Children & Holy Days	\$15.00
Loose & Holy Days	\$2,220.00
Automated	\$6,646.52

Collection Total **\$24,769.52**

Please note last weekend's numbers were for July 19.

**We thank you for your
generous donations!**

If you make a QCD donation from your investment account please contact Charlie Schimpf: cschimpf@stm-church.com or (219) 836-8610, Ext. 2329.

He can make sure the donation is properly received, recorded and acknowledged. We do not always receive complete donor information.

DONATE TODAY

Online Giving

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

Rather than weekly envelopes, you may find it easier to make your regular parish contributions via our online system. Each time you donate, St. Thomas More Parish benefits from contributions to support our ministries, programs and facilities. Follow the instructions below if you, too, would like to utilize our online system.

Make a Payment Online:

Donate online through our parish website by using PayPal/debit/credit You may also scan the QR Code or Link Directly at
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=TQTQJV2KT2UKS

Questions?

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



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please Pray for...

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
Gabriela Gallegos
Denise Gard
Rich Gard
Gary Gardner
Joan Glinski
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Jeffrey Gunning

Katie Kardes Hargett
Elaine Herrmann
Robert Heseck
Steve James
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Margaret Jones
Deacon David Kapala
Joseph D. Karulski
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Loretta Krowczyk
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
Diane Lind
Paul A. Martin
Carolyn McGill
Sandi Merlo
Gino Michels
Madeline Mikolanis
Thomas Mordaunt

Bernadine Nemeth
Margaret Nickrent
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



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.

Altar Servers



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

5:30 PM MC - Hunter
AS - X. Fonseca
& M. Moya

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM MC - Chukwueku
AS - A. & L. Jara

10:00 AM MC - Sophia
AS - E. & R. Smola &
J. Adebite

12:00 PM MC - Nina
AS - Sub Server Needed

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Greeters

Saturday, August 15

5:30 PM Mass

Main: JoAnn Karr & Miles Sepiol
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko
Choir:

Sunday, August 16

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

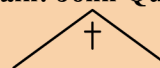
Main: Dave & Denise Jones
Chapel: Sandra Steele
Choir: Mike Cardone

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: John Queroz



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

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RELIGIOUS *Education*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2026-2027

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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REGISTER NOW



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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS!

A New Year, A New Adventure, Let's Ask God to Bless It!

  In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the holy spirit. Amen

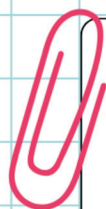
My Fun Back-to-School Checklist

- ☒ Make the Sign of the Cross before I walk out the door
- ☒ Smile at someone new today
- ☒ Thank my teacher for something
- ☒ Ask my Guardian Angel to watch over me
- ☒ Give my family a big hug when I get home!



A Prayer for Students

Dear God,
bless me as I start this new school
year. Help me be brave when things
feel hard, and kind to everyone I meet.
Fill my mind so I can learn, and fill my
heart so I can be a good friend.
Guardian Angel, stay by my side and
guide me each day.
St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us.
Amen.



A Prayer for Teachers

Lord,
Thank You for our teachers
and catechists and everyone who
helps us learn. Give them patience,
energy, and joy for each new day.
Help them see how special every
one of their students truly is,
made in Your image.
St. John Baptist de La Salle, patron of
teachers, pray for them.
Amen.

A Prayer for Parents & Families

Heavenly Father,
bless the parents and families sending children off to learn.
Ease their worries, and fill their homes with peace each morning and night.
Remind them that You are walking beside their children every step of the day.
Holy Family of Nazareth, watch over our homes and schools.
Amen.



Have a Blessed and Joyful School Year!

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ST. THOMAS MORE

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Football season is almost here,
and Fr. Jim would like to invite you to join the
St. Thomas More Fantasy Football League!

It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners,
enjoy some friendly competition, and build community
within our parish.

Our live draft will be held in the Weis Center on
Sunday, September 6
(the Sunday before Labor Day) at 4:00 PM
Entry fee: \$10 per team

Please bring a snack to share. Pizza will be provided.

We're hoping to have 10-12 teams. If more than 12 people
are interested, Fr. Jim will start a second league, provided
we have at least 10 teams for that league.

*Note - This is also a wonderful opportunity for a parent to
enjoy the season together with their child.*

*No previous fantasy football experience is necessary.
Just remember the importance of having a good kicker.
I hope you'll consider joining us for an afternoon of
fun, fellowship, and football!*

To RSVP,
Scan here!



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HUDDLE UP FOR FALL FUN!

ST. THOMAS MORE FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
STM SCHOOL GYM

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
FREE HOTDOGS, NACHO BAR & BEVERAGES
RAFFLE

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY!



TO RSVP,
SCAN QR CODE!

Family last names beginning with:
A - R - please bring a side dish
S - Z - please bring a dessert

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EMMAUS

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

HEARTS BURNING:

A Young Adult Evening

Hearts on Fire!
-Walking with Purpose-

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Jason Evert



Friday, August 21, 2026



7:30 p.m.



**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,
South Campus**

8303 Taft St., Merrillville



Cost: \$25

*Fee allows young adults to also
attend the Saturday Emmaus
conference.*

**This event is open to
young adults age 18-39.**



Event includes:

- **Keynote:**
 - *Gender and the Theology of Your Body*
- **Discussion**
- **Light refreshments**

Register Today!



emmaus.dcgary.org/friday

**August 9, 2026
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*"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and
began to walk on the water toward Jesus."
- Matthew 14:29*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

*That we recognize that we
are beloved sons and
daughters of God and to
listen for His voice every day.*

Important!

Parish Directory Update:

Thank you for your patience!

If you came to the Weis Center to take your photo for the Parish Directory—
Please Hold Tight!

The directory project is in its final stages and will be mailed out to you by the end of summer!

If you took a photograph for the directory, you will be mailed a "free" copy of the directory!

If you did not take a photo or submit a photo, we will have some additional directories available for purchase at \$20.00.

Thank you so kindly for your patience! We know this has taken a very long time to complete with all of the steps in the process and rather small committee working on it.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Krystal Quagliara at (219) 836-8610, Ext. 2414,

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which artist was commissioned to paint the ceiling and wall behind the altar in the Sistine Chapel?



Answer may be found on page 12.

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EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Every Other Thursday
August 27 - November 19

Weis Ministry
Center

6:30 PM

Ray Martinez - ray.martinez.773@gmail.com
or Louisa Jurich - lulubelle924@sbcglobal.net



We're taking a vacation break.
Have a fun and safe summer!

Keep an eye in the bulletin for updates
on our starting dates this Fall!



A prayer ministry where we, like St. Monica, pray for our
children to return to the practice of their faith.

Thursday, August 13
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
in the Chapel

Meets every 2nd Thursday of the Month Immediately
following the 8:30 AM Mass

Meetings will include prayer as well as faith sharing
and fellowship among mothers.



Mondays - 7:00 PM
Weis Center - Room 101

WHAT: Emotions Anonymous is a 12-step program, based off the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

WHO: Anyone experiencing emotional difficulties who is willing to try this recovery program.

WHY: To gain knowledge and support from others experiencing the same or similar underlying emotions.



Thursday, September 10
1:00 PM
Weis Center

Find friendship, a community of understanding
support and a group of women for social activities.

Meets every 2nd Thursday of the Month

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Daniel Maul
Pastoral
Associate

Agreeing to Disagree

One of my daughter's friends – a lovely girl – is about to get baptized. When she informed friends of her upcoming baptism, my daughter said, "Wonderful! May I come?" Then, she volunteered *me* to take her and told her, "Don't say, 'no.' I'm buying you a gift." Oh, really? With what money?!?! Oh, yeah. Mine.

My daughter *presumed* the baptism would take place at our parish and their school, Saint Mary, in Griffith. I told her that I didn't think her friend was Catholic. Later, she found out I was correct; the girl's Pentecostal – Church of God in Christ. However, when my daughter was told that the service would last about two and a half hours, she *still* said, "Man! That's a long Mass!" I said, "Honey, it's not a *Mass*. It's a *Service*." When she was told that the baptism would take place *after* the Service, in Lake Michigan, her mind was completely blown. I think it was difficult for my daughter to imagine, let alone *accept*, that a friend of hers isn't Catholic. So, we had a discussion about Christians of different denominations, of which Roman Catholicism is one, and friendships across them.

The primary explanation for the existence of different denominations is simply that Christians *profoundly* disagree about fundamental, Christian matters. One such matter is the interpretation of the Holy Bible or – better – the belief about how we *ought* to understand, view, and use Sacred Scripture.

For all Christians – including Catholics – the Bible *is* the infallible Word of God. It's sacred, inspired, and revelatory, teaching God's Truth. However, for Catholics, the Bible is *not* primarily a history or science book, but a collection of books of faith and prayer. We don't turn to the Bible to learn history or science, but to learn our faith and to pray – communicate with God. Some Christians *seem* to believe that *all* of the historical information and seemingly scientific data found in the Bible is inerrant. Catholics do not, though *some* of it is correct.

The Bible *is* infallible — without error – but *only* in that which is necessary for salvation: matters of faith and morals. The *entire* Bible is True, but that doesn't mean that everything contained within it is *factual* or historically *accurate*. God reveals Truth in the Bible. God doesn't teach history or science, with it.

We have so much in common with Christians of other denominations: faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, prayer, the commandment to love, the mandate to serve, and hope for Eternal Life, to name a few – and we love and are united with them. But, like my daughter, we have to be willing to accept that the people whom we love can and do disagree with us. People, even Christians, don't have to *be* like us or *think* like us, in order for us to welcome, love, and accept them. In fact, we're called most intensely to love those who disagree with us, which, at times, may even be our friends.

ROCKOPELLI 2026

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
ROCKOPELLIFEST.ORG | ALL AGES

BULLDOG PARK | CROWN POINT, IN
AUG 22, 2026 3:30PM - 10:30PM

ROCKOPELLI SUPER JAM
HOSTED BY JOE MARCINEK

FEATURING:

ROBERT RANDOLPH

DELVON LAMARR | CALVIN RODGERS |
KOFI BAKER | SHARAY REED

KENNY KINSEY | GREG ASHBY | JERRY CLEMONS |
JACK WHITTLE | ED STRUDAS | MARCUS SAFIRT |
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Heart Unto Heart:
Speaking with
Father John Kartje

Wednesday, September 2
7:00 pm
Bishop Noll Institute
1519 Hoffman St.
Hammond, IN

Speaking to the consistent and complementary nature of faith and reason in the Catholic tradition, the Very Rev. John Kartje will return to his alma mater as the featured speaker.

Free to the public, is sponsored by the Indiana Knights of Columbus as part of its program focused on evangelization and faith formation, known as Cor, and in partnership with Bishop Noll Institute.



Registration to attend the free event is not required, but organizers request that those planning to attend reply at this link – <http://bit.ly/44pIVY3> or scan the QR code so they can prepare accordingly.

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



Save the Date:
Wednesday
September 2, 2026

All Meetings are at the Weis Center at 1:00 p.m. (unless noted otherwise).

In our 2026-2027 season, we have informative speakers, a Day of Reflection, our Christmas luncheon and much more scheduled!

Stay active. Stay informed. Stay healthy.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The 10:00 AM Nursery will be **CLOSED** for the months of July & August.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Sunday morning nursery needs a few more helping hands! All ages welcome, including 8th grade and high school students needing service hours.

Interested? Please call Ann Harkenrider at (708) 334-5228. All volunteers 18 and over must have completed the Virtus training.

Catechists Needed!

Share Your Faith

St. Thomas More is looking for a few good hearts to join our catechetical team this year. No special degree required, just a love for the faith and willingness to walk alongside our children as they grow closer to Christ.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

A PRACTICING CATHOLIC WITH A HEART FOR TEACHING

PATIENCE & ENTHUSIASM!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - FULL TRAINING AND MATERIAL PROVIDED!

WEEKLY SESSIONS, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

If interested, please contact Emily Hackett in the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 Ext. 2232 or email her at ehackett@stm-school.com

Answer: Michelangelo

St. Thomas More School

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our 5th & 6th Grade Girl Scout Troop recently partnered with Stacy and Terry Ruiz to spread a little birthday joy to children in foster care through KidsPeace Northern Indiana. In memory of their daughter, Selena, Stacy and Terry continue a beautiful tradition each year to honor her love of birthdays. This year, the troop helped assemble 23 Birthday Cake Celebration Boxes in honor of what would have been Selena's 23rd birthday. Each box was filled with cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday decorations, photo props, and a heartfelt poem—everything needed to help make a child's birthday feel extra special. We are so proud of our Girl Scout Troop for living out the values of kindness, compassion, and service.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, sponsored, volunteered, and participated in our 9th Annual St. Thomas More Golf Classic. Because of your generosity and support, this year's event was a wonderful success!

A special thank you to our amazing Golf Committee for the countless hours spent behind the scenes planning and making sure every detail came together. Your dedication and hard work made this event possible.

To our golfers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and everyone who supported us—thank you for investing in the students and programs of St. Thomas More School. We are so grateful for your generosity and for helping make a difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you for making our 9th Annual Golf Classic such a great success! We can't wait to see you next year!



1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome back our students for the first day of school on Friday, August 14! We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and special memories. We can't wait to see everyone back on campus as we begin another amazing school year together. Here's to a year of learning, growth, and making lasting memories. See you on August 14



BACK TO SCHOOL

Parish Information

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GROW

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First & Third Sundays immediately
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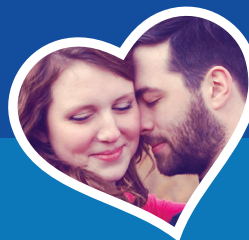


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