



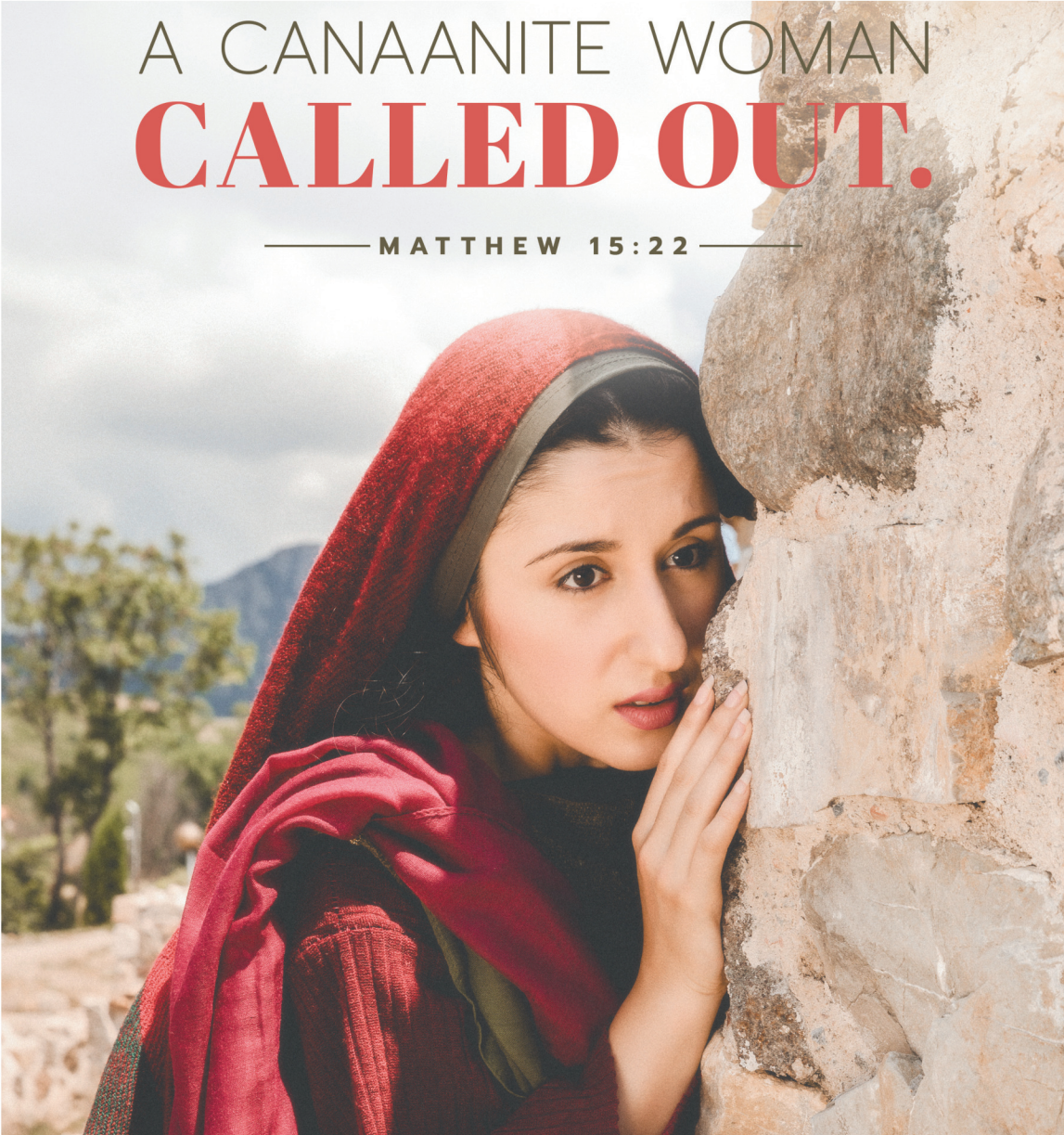
St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A CANAANITE WOMAN **CALLED OUT.**

— MATTHEW 15:22 —



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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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O God,
let all the nations
praise you! (Ps 67)



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National Blue Ribbon School,
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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of August 16

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 Piwowar

MONDAY, August 17, 2026

6:30 am Onarena "Peggy" M. Speranza by Altar & Rosary

8:30 am Walter & May Sejda by Carol & Mary Sejda

TUESDAY, August 18, 2026

6:30 am Sharon J. Siska by Michael & Jill Popovich

8:30 am Agnes Kaspar (Anniv) by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2026-Saint John Eudes

6:30 am Tim Sannito by Family

8:30 am Elaine Wirth by Mardi Flynn

THURSDAY, August 20, 2026-Saint Bernard

6:30 am Environment & Art Members by Helen

8:30 am Robert Culkin by the Konar Family

FRIDAY, August 21, 2026-Saint Pius X

6:30 am Irene Renwald by Family & Friends

8:30 am Benjamin F. Garcia by Serrano Family

SATURDAY, August 22, 2026-Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Anastasia Kwiatkowski (Anniv) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

5:30 pm Amanda Jurkash by Family

SUNDAY, August 23, 2026-Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

8:00 am Joan Kaim by Family

10:00 am Frank & Helen Piwowar by Cathy Piwowar

12:00 pm Stella Ilickovich by Children

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings Week of August 16

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Ez 24:15-23

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10

Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ez 36:23-28

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ez 37:1-14

Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday

Is 22:19-23

Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8

Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



We rejoice with the following families as their child was welcomed into our Catholic faith community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Avelina Estelle

daughter of

David & Lisa Thao Nguyen Garcia

&

Penelope Joy

daughter of

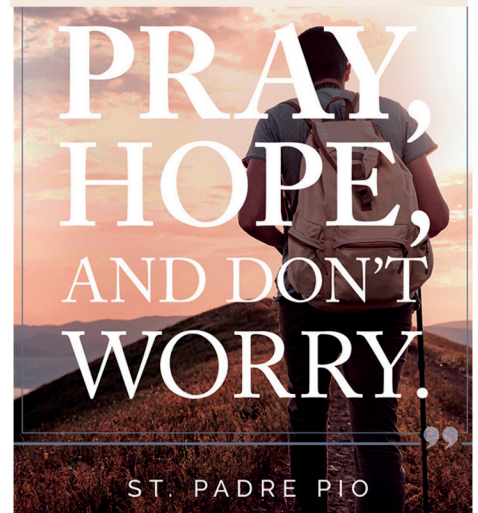
Philip Tyler & Anne Marie Werner

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 August 2

Adult & Holy Days	\$20,063.00
Children & Holy Days	\$2.00
Loose & Holy Days	\$2,380.00
Automated	\$8,433.72
Collection Total	\$32,575.72

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 www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=TQTQJV2KT2UKS

Questions?

Contact Maria Vega, Business Manager: (219) 836-8610, #2339 or mvega@stm-church.com No matter how you give, your contributions to STM are appreciated.



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

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Barbara Jamrose
Kelly Jean
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
Carolyn Ramanna
Ruth Ramirez
Antonia Rodriguez
Paul Runick
Frankie Santos
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 22

MC -
5:30 am AS - X. Mendoza & G. Knight

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 am MC -
AS - I. Tolnai & K. Karl
MC - Gabi/Adrian
10:00 am AS - B. & T. Ogunyoye & S. Santellano
12:00 pm MC - Lukas
AS - O. Mack

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Greeters

Saturday, August 22

5:30 am Mass
Main: Lisa Mendoza
Chapel: Michelle Strimel
Choir:

Sunday, August 23

6:30 am Mass
Main: Krystal Quagliara
8:00 am Mass
Main: Dick & Sue Wilson
Chapel: Kathy Tolnai
Choir:

10:00 am Mass
Main: Jose & Paula Serrano
Chapel: Louisa Jurich

12:00 Noon Mass
Main: Trinidad & Gladys Escobedo



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

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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

Indiana Charity Gaming
Annual Raffle License #002629

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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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20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

- ©LPi



Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: AUGUST 16 - 22 - WEIS CENTER

MONDAY
AUGUST 17

5:30 pm

Parent Bible
Study
Room 101

7:00 pm

Emotions
Anonymous
Room 101

Holy Name
Society
Room 102

TUESDAY
AUGUST 18

7:00 pm

Boy Scout
Troop 542
Main Hall

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19

5:30 pm

St. Vincent
De Paul
Room 101

THURSDAY
AUGUST 20

FRIDAY
AUGUST 21

SATURDAY
AUGUST 22

9:00 am

Catechist
Retreat
Main Hall

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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!



THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered for National Night Out Against Crime and to everyone who visited the St. Thomas More booth. We're grateful for this wonderful community!



Additional photos on page 9.



Holy Name Society

Monday, August 17

7:00 pm

Weis Center, Room 102



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St. Francis Pet Blessing

Paws, claws, and everything in between!
Bring your pets to our St. Francis Blessing
of the Animals and celebrate
God's love for all creatures.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:00 PM

**GRASSY AREA IN FRONT
OF THE CHURCH**



**ALL PETS WELCOME REGARDLESS OF
THEIR RELIGION!**

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EMMAUS

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

AUGUST 22, 2026

Porter County Expo Center

Come for a day of **inspiring speakers** and **Eucharistic Adoration**, closing with a **Vigil Mass**. Lunch is included! **For details, visit the website.**

Hearts on Fire!
- Walking with Purpose -

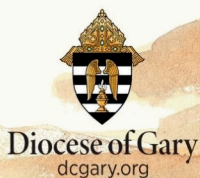
Keynote Speakers

- Jason Evert: Hearts on Fire
- Liz Kelly: Walking with Purpose



SIGN UP HERE!
dcgary.org/emmaus

**¡También
en
Español!**



August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us.

He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission.

We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

Prayer of the Faithful
We Pray...

*That we respond obediently
to God's call and have the
confidence to walk on water.*



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA
JUST FOR FUN**

**Question: Who was the first
pope to select a double regnal
name?**



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, September 10
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

You Sit In It, Not Me!

The other day, I spotted my daughter watching something on her phone (*that's* a separate issue!), while washing dishes. I'd been noticing that she regularly puts something (some device) on while doing required tasks: music, while cleaning her room, TV, while folding clothes, and a podcast, while eating something, are just a few examples. And, she just *can't* sit in a waiting room, without "needing" to play a game on a phone. So, I asked her to stop watching something, this time, please, while she washed dishes, and I explained why I was asking her not to do so. She agreed, turned off her phone, and continued washing dishes.

But, before I knew it, she was sobbing. So, I ran to the kitchen, found her there with her mother, and asked what was wrong. She said that she felt incredibly sad. She said that she was afraid that if she didn't watch something, and just let herself feel sad, she would feel sad *forever*. Now, she did have *plenty* about which to feel sad: moving from West Virginia, making, and subsequently losing, new friends, difficulties with extended family, and even her parents' marital difficulties (Hey. Her grandparents still stress me out!), but her sadness *still* seemed to have surprised her. I told her that it was OK to be sad, that sadness doesn't last forever, that it's a normal part of life, and that it's better to express emotions, than to bottle them up. Her mother and I were there to support and protect her. She was OK, feeling sad for a while. I told her that, in fact, I was *happy* for her, simply because she was getting in touch with her feelings. She didn't seem to appreciate my positivity, in that very moment.

I believe this is why we tend to avoid *silence* in our lives: we're afraid of the negative thoughts and feelings that might arise, and we'd much prefer to distract ourselves from them. The problem, however, is that it's only in the stillness of silence that we can truly "hear" God's voice, comfort, and direction. That which we let distract us from the pains of life is also that which distracts us from God.

In his homily, last weekend, Father Jim poignantly addressed this issue. In it, he taught us that without God's help and direction, we wouldn't know what we need to do, in order to improve our lives and find peace. And, without some occasional *silence*, we won't be able to "hear" God's voice speaking to us. For, it's in the "tiny whispering sound" that we "hear" God. [Sometimes, I hate it when the bishops change bible translations. I still love and prefer the "still, small voice." Oh well.]

Our fundamental job is to stay focused entirely on Jesus Christ – God-Made-Man – not on life's problems, nor on ourselves, in order to know what to do. That's no easy task, but it *is* the one set before us.

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 |
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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!



Wednesday, September 2

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

Come and join the STM Seniors as we start a new year!

Our speaker for this event will be Mr Mario Mendez of *Hearing Life* in Highland. Join us for this informative meeting and then enjoy some socialization and refreshments. A new calendar for the year of our events will be available.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

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: Pope John Paul I



St. Thomas More School



Thank You for an Incredible Day!

Our 9th Annual Golf Classic was a success, and it's all because of our amazing golfers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and the entire St. Thomas More community.

Thank you for your generosity, fellowship, and support.

Together, we continue to make a lasting impact on the students of St. Thomas More School.

We are grateful for everyone who helped make this event so special.

We can't wait to see you next year!



National Night Out Against Crime



Our St. Thomas More Parish and School community came together to celebrate and show our support for our local police officers, first responders, and the entire Munster community at Munster's 31st Annual National Night Out Against Crime. The purpose of National Night Out is to promote positive police and community partnerships through a variety of fun and educational activities for all ages. We were proud to be part of this special evening. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and helped make the celebration a success! We are grateful to be part of such a caring and connected community



Parish Information

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Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

First Friday: Half hour before
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Marriage

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

Communion Calls

Visits to Hospitals & Homes:
Call the Parish Office to schedule
Sacraments for those in the hospital or
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Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately
following the noon Mass. Parents
must be registered parishioners
& regularly attending at least six
months before the Baptism.
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Pre-Baptism Class

2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Parents must call the
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Parish Information

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Website: www.stm-church.com

Email: parish.office@stm-church.com

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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 -

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