



St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of
your hands. (Ps 138)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of August 23

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

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased (Pro populo)
8:00 am Joan Kaim by Family
10:00 am Frank & Helen Piwowar by Cathy Piwowar
12:00 pm Stella Ilickovich by Children

MONDAY, August 24, 2026-Saint Bartholomew

6:30 am Mona Powers by Patti Stofko
8:30 am Deceased Members of Tumpich Family
by Pat and Mary Beth Benson

TUESDAY, August 25, 2026-Saint Louis

6:30 am Jeannine R. Rehling by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Margareta Buczkowski by Pat Wade

WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2026

6:30 am Environment & Art Members by Helen
8:30 am Gloria Cicirale by Kathy Hatzel

THURSDAY, August 27, 2026-Saint Monica

6:30 am Pauline Kunkel by Mary & Mike Mahurin
8:30 am Ann Schmid by Rich & Denise Gard

FRIDAY, August 28, 2026-Saint Augustine

6:30 am Loretta Krawczyk by Family
8:30 am Connie Kruis by Mr & Mrs. John Gryn

SATURDAY, August 29, 2026-Passion of John the Baptist

8:30 am Jim & Ann Miskovich by Miskovich Family
5:30 pm Deceased Members of Klobuchar & Maicher Families
by Family

SUNDAY, August 30, 2026-Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased (Pro populo)
8:00 am Vince Badali by Kaim, Saj, Dernulc Families
10:00 am Bernard Mashura by Wife Kaaren
12:00 pm David Rozmanich by Family

Readings Week of August 23

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3,
6 and 8
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31
Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27



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

Emma Julianne
daughter of
Matthew Stephen &
Jaclyn Danielle
Plassmeier

Sloane Antonia
daughter of
Kevin Randal &
Melissa Anne
Stewart

Charlie Anne
daughter of
John Allen &
Crystal Anne
Seifert

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 9

Adult & Holy Days	\$22,105.00
Children & Holy Days	\$0
Loose & Holy Days	\$2,472.00
Automated	\$8,433.72
Collection Total	\$33,010.75

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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Joseph D. Karulski
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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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Greeters



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 am MC - Chukwueku
AS - B., E., & J. Rueth

10:00 am MC - Sophia
AS - K. Orozco, A. Sudac,
& E. Valentino

12:00 pm MC - Nina
AS - J. Dye

Saturday, August 29

5:30 am Mass

Main: Bill & Chris Retseck
Chapel: Deb Harker
Choir:

Sunday, August 30

6:30 am Mass

Main:

8:00 am Mass

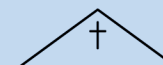
Main: Kate Dagholor
Chapel: Toni & Zig Jedrzejczak
Choir:

10:00 am Mass

Main: Maggie Arteaga
Chapel: Arturo & Claudia Mazon

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: John Queros



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.*

+ stm-church.com



**LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST
is BACK!!**

Date: Saturday, September 12

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Weis Center - Main Hall

Speaker: Rev. James E. Wozniak

All are invited!!

**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

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replace on Monday

Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: AUGUST 24 - 29 - WEIS CENTER

**MONDAY
AUGUST 24**

5:30 pm

Parent Bible
Study
Room 101

7:00 pm

Emotions
Anonymous
Room 101

Knights of
Columbus
Room 102

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 25**

7:00 pm

Mental Health
Ministry
Room 101

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26**

1:00 pm

Seniors of STM
Board Meeting
Room 107

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 27**

6:00 pm

Evening Scripture
Study Meeting
Room 101
&
Room 107

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 28**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 29**

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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!



Holy
Name
Society

Monday, September 21

7:00 pm

Weis Center, Room 102

NOTHING
is far from
GOD

-St. Monica^{CLPi}

GOSPEL MEDITATION

*Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:13-20*

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me.

The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily. What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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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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YOUTH CHORALE

Open to all children 2nd through 8th grades

The Youth Chorale is looking for new members for the choir season.
We sing twice a month at the Saturday, 5:30 pm Mass.
Practices are from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on the days that we sing.
We also sing for Christmas Eve 5:30 pm Mass.



If you would be willing to share your singing talent with the parish, e-mail Laura Javorka at ljavorka@stm-school.com or call (219) 836-8610 ext. 2340 to register.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Faith in Every Ring



We are in need of two new handbell choir members this year. Choir members need to be available to practice on Wednesday evenings on a regular basis and to play at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass once a month. Music reading skills are required.

If interested in joining this ministry, call or e-mail Laura Javorka at (219) 836-8610 ext. 2340 or ljavorka@stm-school.com.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

August 23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"
- Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we may show our gratitude for God's great gifts through our active participation in the ministry of God's Church.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the very first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held in 325 AD?



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



Knights of
Columbus®



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.



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.



**MILLIONS
OF
MONICAS**
*One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children*

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.

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Daniel Maul
Pastoral
Associate

What a Week!

Like the majority of us, this past week, I've suffered: less than many, more than some, and about as much as a few of you; I'm sure. Oddly, as day *one* turned into day *five* (as of this writing), I've slowly become *grateful* for my suffering.

When things are strange or don't add up, I start looking for the hand of God in them. Sometimes, things don't make any sense, and that's when I try to look for God, behind the scenes, working good out of something.

It surprised me that no one offered me a stay at their house. I have family and friends in the area, many of whom have had power. My parents lost theirs but were bounced around between family members' houses. My children and wife are staying at my mother-in-law's already-packed house (currently housing nine people). I've been alone in my house – me, the dogs (can't leave shadow dogs alone!), and the Lord – no lights, AC, internet, or hot water (basement flooded, too). But, please don't get me wrong. I *don't* feel sorry for myself... anymore. In fact, it's been a great opportunity for me. I feel more centered, more at peace. With the additional private time and silence, I've prayed more, read more spiritual writings, and organized the house, as I should.

The suffering has been *good* for me, in fact. Now, I speak *only* for myself. Not all suffering is good, especially abject, meaningless suffering. God doesn't *make* or *want* us to suffer. And, I'm *sure* that not everyone has benefitted from the suffering brought about by the recent storms. However, like I said, it *has* been, surprisingly, good for me.

On Tuesday, when the storm happened, having no idea just how bad it was, I drove into work, taking an hour-long, circuitous route, only to find myself locked out of the Weis Center and nobody at the parish. I knew that people *had* been there, so I was irritated that I *hadn't* been informed. Well, let's just say that I didn't respond humbly to my coworkers. I felt putout. I felt sorry for myself. And, I felt like insulting our communication. I'm still ashamed of the text that I sent. Perhaps you can relate.

The main message of last week's Gospel was this: humbly accept your situation, and don't get angry with God. God is in our *neighbor*, let's not forget. At first, I didn't humbly accept *anything*, and I got angry with *everybody*, expressing my disapproval. Thankfully, however, the subsequent suffering has taught me that my initial response was angry, self-righteous, and wrong, and whenever I *humbly* accept my suffering, God makes it most beneficial to me and suffers right along with me.

Let's pray for one another. I pray that you *don't* have to suffer, but, *if* you do, that you see the hand of God trying to bring good out of it, that you accept it humbly, and that you can, somehow, actually benefit from it.



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

Disaster Relief Fund Get Help : Give Hope

Recent severe weather events have left many of our Northwest Indiana neighbors facing significant challenges.

As the Body of Christ, we are called to walk alongside our neighbors in times of need. Through the Disaster Relief Fund, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary is providing direct assistance to residents as they recover and rebuild.

If you or someone you know needs help, we're here.

If you would like to help our neighbors who are struggling in the aftermath of the storms, please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund.

100% of gifts to the Disaster Relief Fund go directly to local residents recovering from the storms.

Visit our website
catholic-charities.org



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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: The First Council of Nicaea



St. Thomas More School



B2S Social/Open House 2026-2027



First Day Back to School

On Monday, August 17, we were thrilled to open our doors and welcome our students back for the first day of the 2026-2027 school year!

After the recent storms and challenges our community has faced, we are especially grateful to see our hallways filled with the excitement, laughter, and energy of our students once again.

Throughout it all, the safety and well-being of our students and families remain our highest priority.

Each school year brings a new theme that inspires and guides our school community.

This year, our word is **BELIEVE**.

Believe in yourself. Believe in one another. Believe in the power of faith, hope, kindness, and perseverance.

We are so grateful to have our STMS family back together and look forward to a wonderful year filled with faith, learning, and growth.



Our Garden Club



Have you ever noticed the beautiful gardens around our school and parish? The STM Garden Club works hard all year round to keep our church and school grounds looking vibrant and well-maintained. The club first began with a special mission to beautify the grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our flowers are already beginning to bloom just as the 2026-2027 school year gets underway. Take a walk through the gardens, and you will find welcoming bird feeders, native flowers, and a thriving local ecosystem filled with life.



On Monday, August 10, we welcomed over 565 families to our Back-to-School Open House! The evening was filled with excitement and anticipation as students and families met their teachers, visited their classrooms, and connected with classmates. The wonderful night concluded with a cool treat, and students also enjoyed exploring the wide range of extracurricular activities we have to offer.



Parish Information

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GROW

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Bible Study – Thurs. PM

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Bible Study – Parents

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Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing
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months before beginning the
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Communion Calls

Visits to Hospitals & Homes:
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Sacraments for those in the hospital or
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Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately
following the noon Mass. Parents
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Pre-Baptism Class

2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

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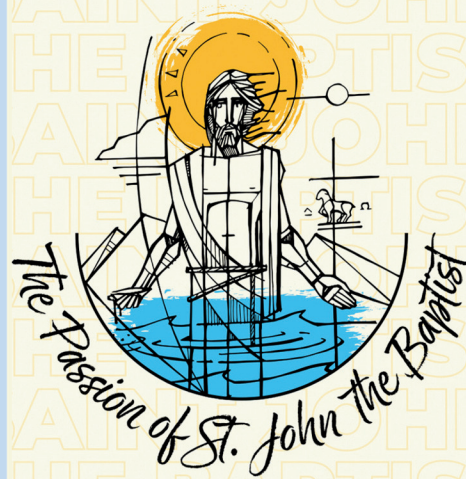
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