

St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 30

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

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

MONDAY, August 31, 2026

6:30 am Tadeusz Jaworski by Family
8:30 am Eugene Florek by Greg & Kathy Boyan

TUESDAY, September 1, 2026

6:30 am Elizabeth Pallotto by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Marie Gauger (Anniv) by Bob & Virginia Gauger

WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2026

6:30 am Valentine Rudakas by Chris & Randy Schroeder
8:30 am Gloria Cicirale by Kathy Hatzel

THURSDAY, September 3, 2026-Saint Gregory the Great

6:30 am Casimir Guzy by Tina DeLuca
8:30 am Jillian A. Tsirtsis by Etter Family

FRIDAY, September 4, 2026

6:30 am Mary Louis Sejda by Marlene Markovich
8:30 am Arnold Susoreny by Diane & Children

SATURDAY, September 5, 2026

8:30 am Mr. Gary Rooney by Joan Hahn
5:30 pm Linda Wartman by Bloker Family

SUNDAY, September 6, 2026-Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Marlene M. Slivka (Anniv) by Family
10:00 am Lillian & Gregory Molinaro by Bonita Molinaro
12:00 pm Margaret Gilbertsen by Theresa Easterday

Readings Week of August 30

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5
Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100,
101, 102
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20



Our prayers for the eternal repose of
Nancy H. Urbanski's soul,
and for comfort and peace
for their family.
Please keep them in your prayers
during this time of loss.

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 16

Adult & Holy Days	\$11,727.00
Children & Holy Days	\$0.00
Loose & Holy Days	\$1,707.00
Automated	\$21,867.72
Collection Total	\$35,301.72

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=TQQTJV2KT2UKS

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

Katie Kardes Hargett
Rosa Hernandez
Elaine Herrmann
Robert Heseck
Steve James
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
Sharon Sellberg
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/42tadty>, use the QR code, or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

Altar Servers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Greeters



Saturday, September 5

5:30 am MC - Alex
AS - G. Knight & Z. Sproat

Sunday, September 6

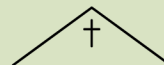
8:00 am MC - Patrick
AS - A. & L. Jara & S. Shaub
10:00 am MC - Sopha
AS - J. Adebite, E. & R. Smola
12:00 pm MC - Lukas
AS - E. Banach & J. Dye

Saturday, September 5

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Deb Harker
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko
Choir: Lisa Menoza

Sunday, September 6

6:30 am Mass
Main: Tanya Vasquez
8:00 am Mass
Main: Dave & Denise Jones
Chapel: Kathy Tolnai
Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck
10:00 am Mass
Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: Diann Adley
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 Open House



Open to all Families of St. Thomas More!
Sunday, September 20
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
STM School

- Meet your teacher
- Receive your Calendar for the year
- Come with questions, leave with excitement for the year ahead!



**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!!



**LABOR
DAY**



St. Thomas More Parish
Office will be closed on
Monday, September 7 in
observance of Labor Day.

We will reopen
Tuesday, September 8
with regular hours. Have
a safe and happy holiday!



replace on Monday

Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5 - WEIS CENTER

**MONDAY
AUGUST 31**

5:30 pm

Parent Bible
Study
Room 101

7:00 pm

Emotions
Anonymous
Room 101

Girl Scout
Leaders Meeting
Main Hall

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1**

7:00 pm

BoyScout
Troop 542
Meeting
Main Hall

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2**

12:00 pm

Seniors of STM
Main Hall

6:00 pm

St. Vincent
de Paul
Room 101

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 3**

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 4**

9:00 am

Gifts of Love
Room 101

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 5**

9:00 am

Our Lady
of Lourdes
Secular
Franciscan
Room 101

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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!

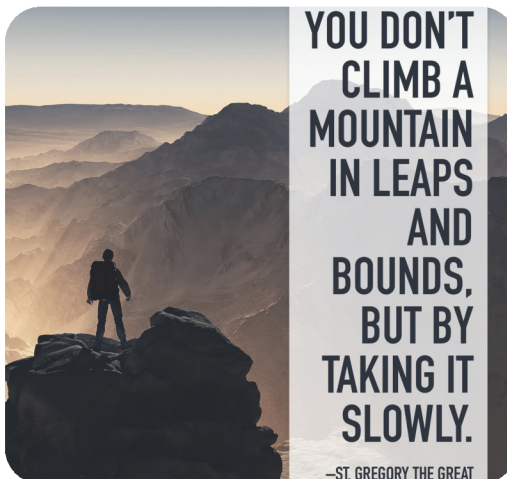


Holy
Name
Society

Monday, September 21

7:00 pm

Weis Center, Room 102



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you.

Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me.

Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

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A Message of Gratitude

On behalf of our parish community, I want to sincerely thank Paul Liszewski for his more than ten years of faithful service and leadership of the St. Thomas More Stewardship Commission.

Paul has been part of our parish for many years. He's a former parish school parent and has been involved in so many ministries here, including Scouting, the Pastoral Council, Parish Life, Greeters, and Lectors. Along with his wife, Jan, he also helps with the Garden Ministry, taking care of the garden around the grotto in front of the Weis Center. Paul and Jan ensure that it remains a peaceful and welcoming place for prayer and reflection.

Paul has given so much of his time, talent, energy, and heart to our parish, and we are truly grateful for all he's done. He's been a great example of what stewardship looks like in action.

As Paul steps away from this leadership role, we hope he'll have more time to enjoy retirement, travel, hobbies, and time with family and friends.

Thank you, Paul, for your many years of service here at St. Thomas More Parish.

Also, please join me in keeping in our prayers the next person who will take on the leadership role of the Stewardship Commission. May the Holy Spirit guide them and give them the same dedication and enthusiasm that Paul has shown so generously.

God bless you, Paul, and thank you again for everything you've done for St. Thomas More Parish.

God bless,

Fr. Jim Wozniak

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

- Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase.

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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.

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!

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Why sit on the bench, when you can play on the team?

We could use a MVP like you!

Use the link to see the open time slots and volunteer opportunities available.

No one will be scheduled for the whole event, so you can still come and enjoy yourself while giving of your time and talent.



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Disaster Relief Fund Get Help : Give Hope

photo credit: Paul Goddard

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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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

Being All Things for All People – Together

When I was a DRE, at a parish in Chicago, I would organize local service outings, for our Confirmation Candidates. One time, when we were serving food at a homeless shelter, a man came through the line and, after receiving a ladle of some kind of gruel (seriously, I couldn't identify the food), said, "Ah, gross!" The woman serving with me, who was also from the parish, then, in that very moment, threw down the ladle and proclaimed, "He doesn't appreciate the help he's getting!" Umm. Later, we had to have a private conversation about how Christians are called to serve both people who are grateful and

those who are not. When she couldn't see how her reaction was unfitting for our service, I had to ask her not to serve there again with us. *Feeding the Hungry* didn't seem to be one of her gifts, of which she had many.

We *all* have gifts, but none of us has *every* gift. This is easy enough to understand, but it's also a real challenge to recognize in one person both gifts and weaknesses, even in ourselves. We're often tempted either to love someone fully or hate them entirely, think that they're great or that they're awful, and paint people with wide brushes of either positivity or negativity. But, we're all "mixed bags" of talents, gifts, weaknesses, and shortcomings.

The Church provides us with Seven Corporal (physical/bodily), as well as Seven Spiritual (interior/soul-level), Works of Mercy. All fourteen need to be done by the Church, but no *one* person is capable of doing *all* fourteen. Some of us are more skilled at performing the *corporal* works, while others of us are constituted more for the *spiritual* ones, and, I'm sure, some of us have talents in both areas.

One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is called, "Admonish the Sinner." It needs to be done, of course, but all things ought to be done in love, which is patient and kind. If a person cannot admonish the sinner *kindly and patiently*, then that person isn't called to do that particular work of mercy.

Another time, after I gave a presentation on being Eucharist *People* – not only *believing in* and *receiving* the Eucharist – during the Q&A session, a participant said, "This bit about having to *love* one another all the time, sure makes it difficult to speak *Truth* to people." I'm pretty sure I had to pick my jaw up off the floor. I thought, "Bit? It's everything! How do you want to *speak* to people?! Do you just really want to 'let 'em have it'? Do you think Truth can't be spoken in *Love*?" Luckily, I didn't have to respond, because other participants chimed in.

We're *all* called to perform works of mercy, but no one is equipped with the requisite gifts and talents for performing *all* of them. So, to what kind of merciful service, to God's suffering people, are *you* being called?



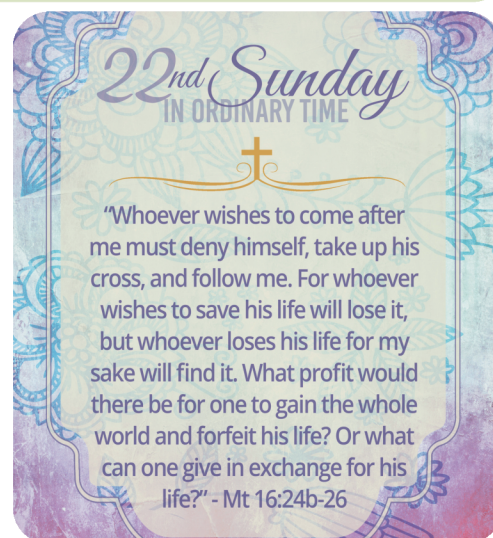
Grateful Hearts Widow's Ministry

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



22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

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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 August & September.

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



St. Thomas More School



Saint Community House Sortings

In 2024, we introduced the Saint Community House System, bringing together students from Preschool through 8th grade into faith-filled Saint Communities named after inspiring Catholic Saints. The school year began with one of our favorite traditions—our Saint Community House Sorting Event! Our newest students were welcomed into one of six Saint Communities. These students will begin a journey that will connect them with classmates across grade levels throughout their time here at St. Thomas More School. Students then become part of Houses within their Saint Communities. Throughout the year, they gather for prayer, service projects, friendly religious competitions, and school-wide activities that encourage Faith, leadership, fellowship, and school spirit.

Serving our Community

Our STMS 8th graders demonstrate what it means to give back by serving others in our community. They started the new school year with a special service project at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, where they helped collect, stack, and put away chairs from a recent event that was held. It's a beautiful thing when we have the opportunity to give back to our community and work together.

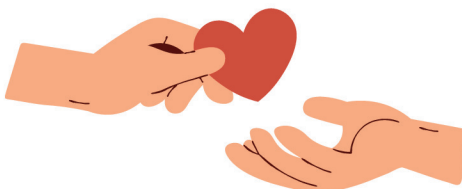


Planting Seeds of Learning



Our second graders are beginning the school year by discovering how ecosystems function and how even the smallest beginnings can make a meaningful impact.

Planting basil, cilantro, and parsley, our students witness firsthand how a tiny seed can grow into something useful. Once the herbs are ready, students will see them used in items prepared for our cafeteria. From a tiny seed to something that nourishes others, our second graders are learning that small beginnings can grow into something truly meaningful.



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Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing
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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
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& regularly attending at least six
months before the Baptism.
At least one of the godparents
must be a practicing Catholic.

Pre-Baptism Class

2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
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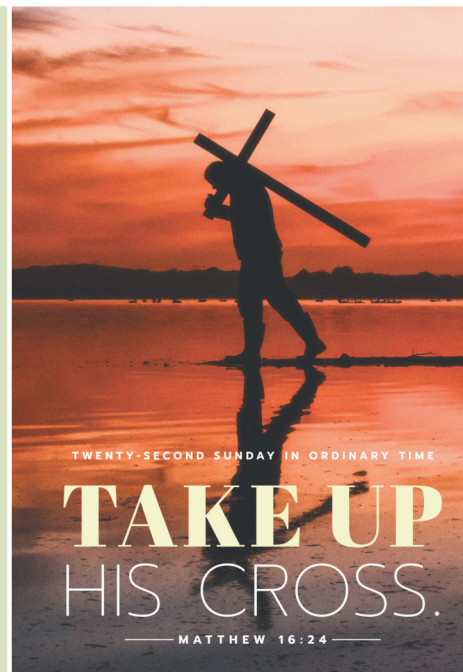
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New parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office. You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex before or after Mass on weekends. Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions -
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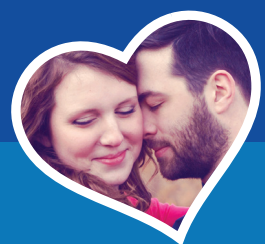
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