



St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Welcome to Our Parish

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PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

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

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If today you hear his
voice, harden not your
hearts. (Ps 95)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of September 6

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

MONDAY, September 7, 2026- Labor Day

(Votive Mass for St. Joseph the Worker) - Fr. Robert Ross - Presiding

9:00 am Bill & Jane Wisniewski 50th Wedding Anniversary by Daughters

TUESDAY, September 8, 2026- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Joseph Dillos by Christiana Family
8:30 am Albert Czajka (Anniv) by Family

WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2026- Peter Claver

6:30 am Mary Hluska by Michalik Family
8:30 am Father Gerald Sroka by Irene Matz

THURSDAY, September 10, 2026

6:30 am Eileen Pubins by Tina DeLuca
8:30 am Mary M. Silvasi by the Bubala-Mier Families

FRIDAY, September 11, 2026

6:30 am Kristen Kennedy & Jennifer Evans by Nancy Konopasek & Julie Rack
8:30 am Isaac Bravo by Family

SATURDAY, September 12, 2026

8:30 am Rosario Merlo (Anniv.) by Pietro & Rosa Merlo & Family
5:30 pm Andrew Rodriguez by Serrano Family

SUNDAY, September 13, 2026-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Maria Jugovic (Anniv) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak
8:00 am Stanley & Helen Smosna by Grandchildren
10:00 am Shirley & William Vance by Smosna Family
12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

Readings Week of September 6

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Ps 13:6ab, 6c
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22
Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
Lk 6:43-4

Next Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35



**Our prayers for the eternal repose of
Chester Joseph Dominik, II's soul,
and for comfort and peace
for his 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 23

Adult & Holy Days	\$20,142.00
Children & Holy Days	\$0.00
Loose & Holy Days	\$2,367.00
Automated	\$8,433.72
Collection Total	\$30,942.72
Add'l Assumption	\$542.00
Total Assumption	\$4,074.00

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?

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



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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, September 12

5:30 pm MC - Hunter
AS - X. Fonseca
& N. Rocha

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am MC -
AS - B., E. & J.
Rueth
10:00 am MC - Gabi/Adrian
AS - B. & T. Ogunyoye
& S. Santellano
12:00 pm MC - Nina
AS - J. Dye & O. Mack

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Greeters

Saturday, September 12

5:30 pm Mass

Main: Knight Family
Chapel: Judy Mateja
& Cathy Delgado

Choir: Victor & Wendy Villarreal

Sunday, September 13

6:30 am Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 am Mass

Main: Paul & Jan Lizewski
Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller
Choir: Terry Laciak

10:00 am Mass

Main: Juliet Ogunyoye
Chapel: Arturo & Claudia Mazon

12:00 (Noon) Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder



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



LABOR DAY



*On Labor Day, we will
be having a special
votive Mass
celebrated
by Fr. Robert Ross
in remembrance of
St. Joseph the Worker.*

**Please note:
Eucharistic Adoration
will not be held on
Labor Day.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION Matthew 18:15-20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

*Lord Jesus, give me the
courage to seek reconciliation
where it is needed. Make my
heart resemble the Father's
heart, longing and working for
unity among His children.
Amen.*

— Father John Muir
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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

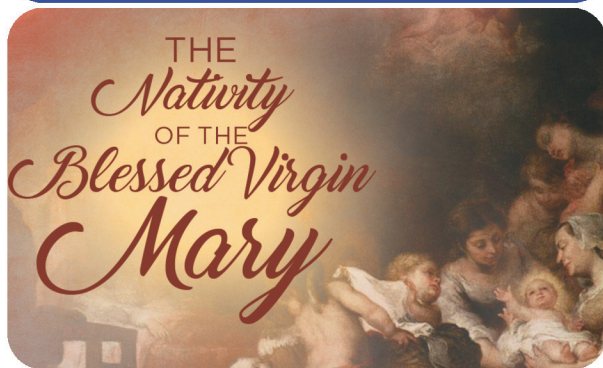
Time: 9:00 am

Place: Weis Center - Main Hall

Speaker: Rev. James E. Wozniak

All are invited!!

THE
Nativity
OF THE
Blessed Virgin
Mary



Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 6 - SEPTEMBER 12 - WEIS CENTER

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 7**

7:00 pm
Emotions
Anonymous
Room 101

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8**

5:30 pm
Cub Scouts
Meeting
Main Hall

6:30 pm
Parish Life
Meeting
Room 101

7:00 pm
BoyScout
Troop 542
Meeting
Main Hall

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 9**

9:30 am
Bible Study
Room 101

1:00 pm
Girl Scout
Troop 15638
Meeting
Main Hall

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10**

12:15 pm
Grateful Hearts
Widows Ministry
Room 101

6:00 pm
Evening
Scripture
Study
Room 101 &
Room 107

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00 am
Gifts of Love
Room 101

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12**

9:00 am
Live Christ
Share Christ
(LCSC)
Main Hall

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Is God calling you to something more?
Discover the Catholic faith.



A journey of faith, discovery,
and belonging.

If you are considering becoming a Catholic
(or if you were baptized Catholic, but never received your
sacraments), then OCIA is meant for you.

To learn more, join us...
Tuesday, September 22, or
Tuesday, September 29
(attend either evening)

7:00 pm

Meet in the Parish Conference Room.

OCIA classes begin on Tuesday, October 6
and will meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.



Holy
Name
Society

Monday, September 21
7:00 pm
Weis Center,
Room 102

September meeting will
feature a talk by Deacon
Gary Wolfe of St. Michael
the Archangel Parish in
Schererville.

Earlier this year, Deacon
Gary's son was involved in
a tragic accident. During
the difficult days that
followed, Deacon Gary and
his family prayed for the
intercession of Blessed
Michael McGivney, founder
of the Knights of Columbus.

His son's remarkable and
well-documented recovery
has been nothing short of
miraculous.

Join us as Deacon Gary
shares his family's powerful
story of faith, prayer, and
the intercession of Blessed
Michael McGivney.

Gospel Question

Jesus places a high priority on reconciling with someone who has sinned
against you. Are there people in your life who easily forgive?

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FORGIVE,
GATHER, AND
REJOICE



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FALL IN

BARRE

Strength, Balance, Grace

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS!

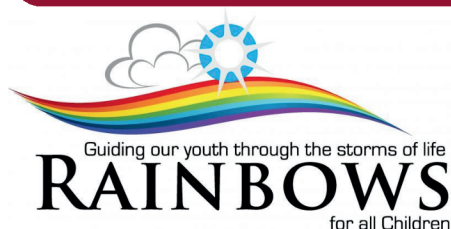
Thursday, September 10
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
School Gym

\$30 per person includes -
class facilitated by *Pulse by Elizabeth*
Refresher Tea by Blend Nutrition

Bring your yoga mat!
Dress in fall colors!



To Sign up, scan the QR Code
by Sunday, September 6!



Rainbows,
a grief support group for
elementary-aged children
who have experienced any
type of loss such as
death, divorce, deployment,
etc.



Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

*That each of us may
have the strength and
courage to put Jesus
first above worldly
ways and material
gains.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

*"You, son of man,
I have appointed watchman
for the house of Israel..."
- Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

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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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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

McTeacher's Night!



20% of all food sales are donated back to St. Thomas More School during the event. Families just mention St. Thomas More School when ordering in lobby or at the drive-thru.

Apple Pie Fundraiser —100% of pie sales go back to your School! Every dollar goes back to your school. Don't forget to bring cash for pies!



15 SEPT
15 SEPT

McDonald's
515 Ridge Rd.
Munster, IN
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Get Your Free Flu Shot!

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to protect yourself and your loved ones this flu season.

Free flu shots will be offered to our parish community. A simple way to stay healthy this season! See you there!

Sunday, September 20
7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Weis Ministry Center



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.



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

Lord, Give Me Strength!

Most mornings, I begin by mentally addressing God with a “Good morning, Lord. Thank you, for the gift of another day.” Well, isn’t *that* pious!?!? But, the other morning, with an aching back, having been up late with my extremely emotional daughter, and operating on less than five hours of sleep, after my usual greeting to God, I said (yes, out loud and alone), “Wait a minute! Is that even *sincere*? Nope! You want sincere, Lord? Here goes. ‘Well, it’s another day. Gee, thanks. I don’t know why, and I don’t know what to do with it, but, OK, I guess. If you want *something* from me, Lord, make it happen, because I *can’t*. But, here I am, anyway.’” Clearly, I needed an attitude adjustment, but I also eventually realized that, despite the bad attitude, I wasn’t *that* far from the truth. It wasn’t eloquent, respectful, or humble, but it *may* have been (at least, *in part*) what the Lord wanted from me, in that moment.

The Lord wants us to be real with Him. We can’t fool *God*. He always knows the truth. Bishop Bartosic, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, once preached, “We do the exact opposite, with our sin, of what we should. We try to hide it from the Lord, when, in fact, we should *lead* with it. He sees it, anyway. Jesus Christ came to take away our sins, but we hope that He won’t see them. We *should* say, ‘Here is my sin, Lord. I humbly ask You to take and conquer it. I can’t. Heal me, Lord.’” I’m paraphrasing, of course, but the essence of the quote is the bishop’s.

We can’t make ourselves good, for God. Only God can do that, in and for *us*. We need to offer ourselves to God, recognize our need for His salvation, open ourselves to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and let God be God, in us. In my own crude and self-pitying way, I *think* I did most of that. At least, I unknowingly included some Scripture: “Here I am...” Thanks be to God, for that.

Christianity is *not* about making ourselves good. We can’t, and we shouldn’t try (though we *should* try to obey God’s Laws). Christianity is about seeing the goodness of *God* and opening our lives to His influence and power. Chris Stefanick (of *Real Life Catholic*) recently wrote, “What *I* do for God doesn’t make me a Christian. What *He* did for me does.” Absolutely!

We are sinners. Period. Yes, we *have* to resist sin, but we won’t be able to stop doing it. Here’s the Christian paradox: we can avoid committing each and every individual sin, but we won’t be able to stop sinning.

This week, let’s try our best to give ourselves openly and honestly to the Lord, exactly where we’re at, with all our warts and ugliness (that is, sin), and ask God to take our lives and do something beautiful with them. He will.



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

IF WE LEARN
NOTHING ELSE
FROM THIS TRAGEDY,
WE LEARN THAT LIFE
IS SHORT AND THERE
IS NO TIME FOR HATE.

Sandy Dahl, wife of United
Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl

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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!

Join Us!
Wednesday, September 16

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



Our calendar is filled with can't-miss events and plenty of opportunities to connect, have fun, and enjoy fellowship.

We'll begin with a brief business meeting, followed by a fun-filled Game Day!

Our yearly calendar of events will also be available.

Annual dues of \$10 will be collected at both the September and October 7th meetings.

Come join the fun, play some games, enjoy refreshments, and spend time with friends!

We look forward to seeing you!

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



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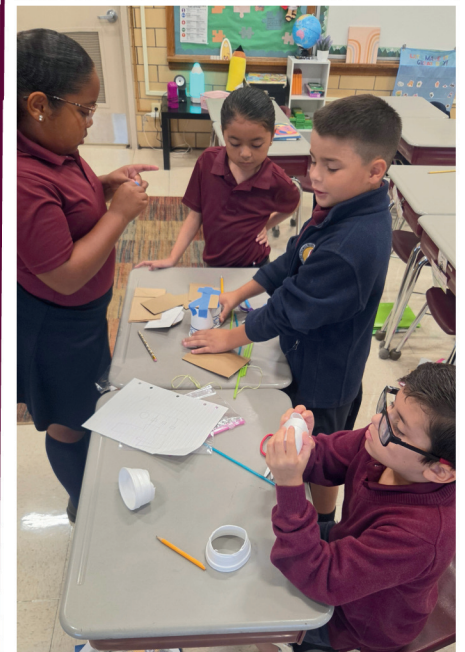


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3rd Grade Sets Sail!

Our 3rd graders have been embarking on an exciting Age of Exploration Adventure! In Social Studies, students have been learning about explorers, their journeys, and the challenges they faced while traveling to new lands. To bring their learning to life, students teamed up with Science to take on a hands-on ship-building challenge! Acting as engineers, they designed and built their own ships using creativity, teamwork, problem-solving, and their knowledge of how objects float and move through water.



Back to School 2026 Tailgate

It was wonderful to see our students, families, and faculty come together to kick off the 2026 school year with fellowship, laughter, and school spirit. Events like these give our students and families the opportunity to meet one another, build friendships, and create special bonds that can last a lifetime. We believe fellowship is an important part of building a strong and connected community. Thank you to everyone who joined together to make this event so special.



Acts of Kindness

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community! Together, our families donated more than 1,200 items to benefit local animal shelters. Thank you for helping us spread kindness beyond our school and into our community!



Parish Information

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First & Third Sundays immediately
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