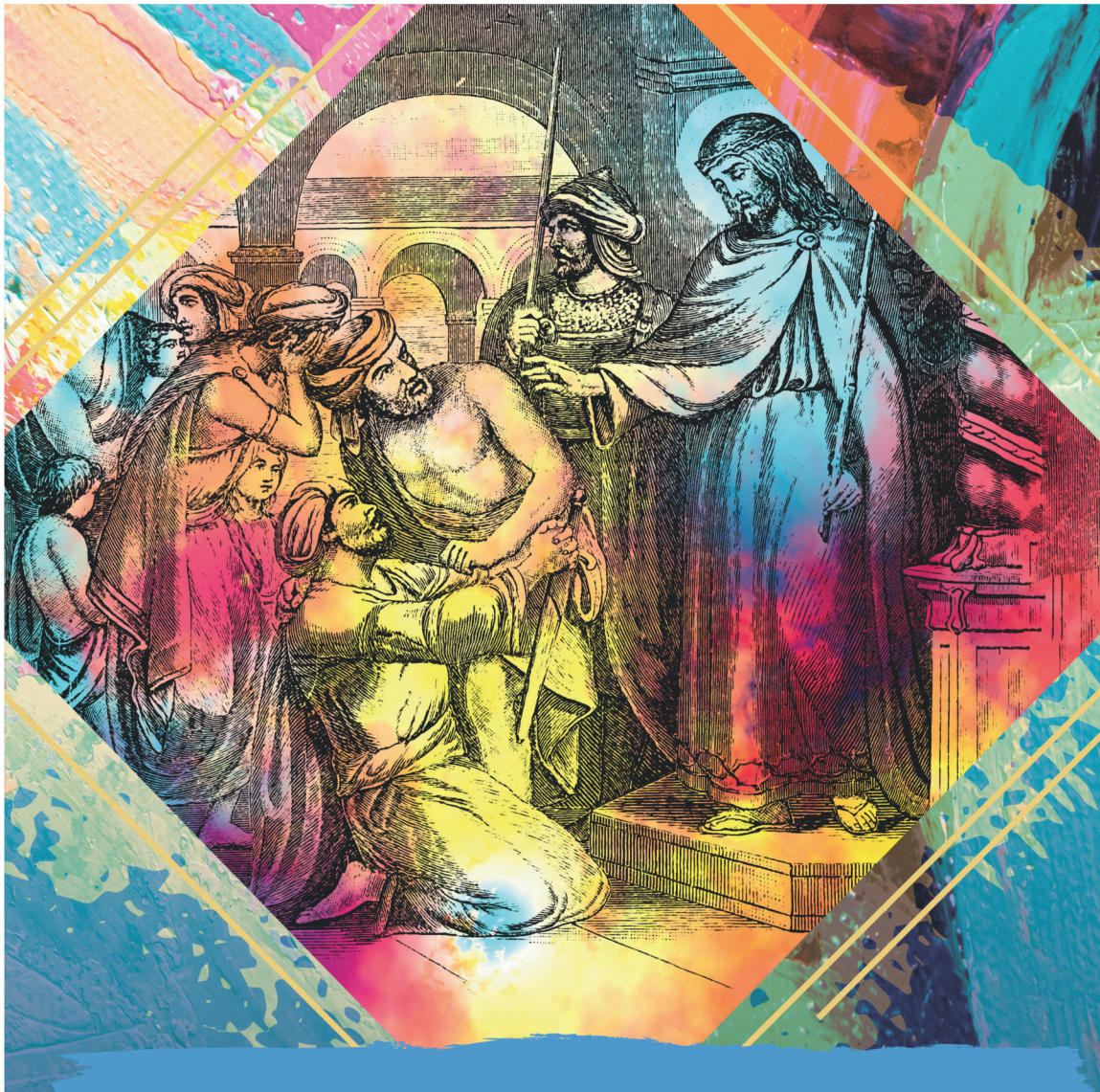




St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Welcome to Our Parish

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The Lord is kind and
merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.
(Ps 103)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of September 13

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

MONDAY, September 14, 2026- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:30 am Onarena Speranza by Family
8:30 am Mr & Mrs. Edward Scepkowski by Family

TUESDAY, September 15, 2026- Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 am Phyllis Anderson by Anderson Family
8:30 am Gloria Cicirale by Kathy Hatczel

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2026- Saint Cornelius

6:30 am Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Family
8:30 am Carol Ann Little (Anniv) by Joy McCullough

THURSDAY, September 17, 2026

6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kalwasinski by Family
8:30 am Phyllis Meyer (Anniv) by Marilyn Pajor

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026

6:30 am Raimondo Deceased Family Members by Anderson Family
8:30 am John & Mary Pavcak by Jerry Pavcak

SATURDAY, September 19, 2026

8:30 am Don Pinarski by Elaine Spudic
5:30 pm Joyce Lasics by Serrano Family

SUNDAY, September 20, 2026- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Adam & Sophie Jez by Children
8:00 am Claire Korable by Jacqueline Rench
10:00 am Ben Sefton by Sefton Family
12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

Readings Week of September 13

Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

Monday

Nm 21:4b-9

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11

Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28

Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20

Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49

Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14

Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday

Is 55:6-9

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

The Chorale and Schola Choirs will begin rehearsals the week of September 14. We are always looking for new members! If you are interested in joining one of our parish choirs, please contact Angie Van Manen at avanmanen@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 x2338 for more information.



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 30

Adult & Holy Days	<i>Numbers</i>
Children & Holy Days	<i>not known</i>
Loose & Holy Days	<i>at time</i>
Automated	<i>of print</i>
Collection Total	

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

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
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



Saturday, September 19

5:30 pm MC - Alex
AS - A. Holmes,
X. Mendoza, &
M. Moya

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am MC - Patrick
AS - A. & I. Jara
& I. Tolnai

10:00 am MC - Sophia/Chukwueku
AS - J. Adebite, C. Lopez
& K. Orozco

12:00 pm MC - Lukas
AS - O.Mack & E. Banach

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Greeters

Saturday, September 19

5:30 pm Mass

Main: JoAnn Karr & Miles Sepiol
Chapel: Michelle Strimel
Choir:

Sunday, September 20

6:30 am Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez
Choir: Mike Cardone

8:00 am Mass

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

10:00 am Mass

Main: Kate Dagholor
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak
Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 (Noon) Mass

Main: John Queroz



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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir
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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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LIKE THE MASTER



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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!



Thank you!

BIG THANKS
to all of our donors, golfers, and
friends for helping to make
Golf for Possibilities successful!
The weather was as awesome
as our golfers and we can't wait
to start planning for next year.

A COMMITMENT TO
FORGIVE



Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19 - WEIS CENTER

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 14

5:30 pm
Parent Bible
Study
Room 101

7:00 pm
Emotions
Anonymous
Room 101

Knights of
Columbus
Room 102

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 pm

BoyScout
Troop 542
Meeting
Main Hall

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 am

Bible Study
Room 101

12:00 pm
Seniors of STM
Main Hall

5:30 pm
St. Vincent
de Paul
Room 101

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 17

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 am
Gifts of Love
Room 101

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 am -
2:30 pm
Planting
Possibilities
Flower
Sale
North
Parking Lot

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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.

ALTAR & ROSARY'S TEA PARTY



Sunday, September 20
11:00 am
Main Hall
at the Weis Center

We'll begin with the Rosary at 11:20 a.m., followed by lunch.
Altar & Rosary is generously providing all the food and desserts,
so members don't need to bring anything.

We'll also have Door Prizes!

There is a \$5.00 fee per person,
and space is limited to 50 women.

Please reserve your spot by September 17
by calling Kaaren at (219) 836-5079
(this is a landline – please call, do not text).

You can pay when you check
in at the front door.

We hope to see you there!

WE ARE HIRING

- Join Our Team -

Open Position:

- Custodial positions for school & church

We're hiring reliable custodial staff to join our team!

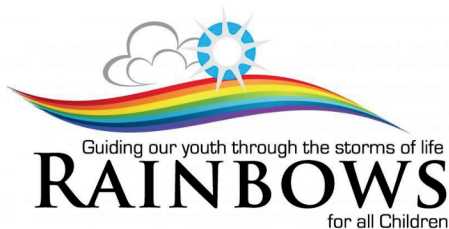
Responsibilities:

- Clean and sanitize offices, classrooms, restrooms, and common areas
- Empty trash and restock supplies
- Sweep, mop, vacuum, and dust surfaces
- Event setups for church & school

Requirements:

- Prior cleaning experience preferred (not required)
- Reliable and detail-oriented
- Able to work independently and lift up to 50 lbs
- Day/evening shifts available
- Reliable transportation

To Apply: Email Kim Smith at custodial@stm-school.com



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 we go beyond
the minimum required
and give generously in
proportion to what
God has given
each of us.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*“For if we live, we live for
the Lord, and if we die, we
die for the Lord; so then,
whether we live or die, we
are the Lord’s.” – Romans
14:8*

This is the essence of
stewardship – everything
we have and everything
we are is a gift from God.
We aren’t “owners”
of anything, we are
merely “stewards” of the
gifts that God has given
us, especially our very
own lives.

Pray to God, daily, and
ask Him how He is calling
you to live the life that
He intended for you.

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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, October 8
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

Come, Let Us Adore Him

Sometimes, I stare at my children. I'll just gaze at them and smile. Sometimes, I'll even touch their faces, stroking a cheek, for no apparent reason. I think they both like it and think it's a little creepy. Yeah. They're right. It is. What I'm doing, though, without knowing or choosing it, is *adoring* them. My heart is filled with love for them, and I'm in awe of their goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and beauty. I don't deserve them.

As seems par for the course, for Christians, probably the most important form of prayer is, also, the least understood: Adoration. What the *heck* is it? How does one *do* it? And *why* do we do it? We can see adoration, in the line from the *Lord's Prayer* (the *Our Father*), "Hallowed be thy name." Why are we saying that God's name is *holy*? Have you ever wondered? Well, it's to *adore* Him. Adoration, essentially, is, also, the root meaning and purpose of the *First Commandment*: God is the best; so, put nothing before God. But, *how* does one put God first? Well, it starts with adoring Him. So, we better get *that* figured out.

The *Catechism* identifies the types of prayer as (1) blessing or adoration, (2) petition, (3) intercession, (4) thanksgiving, and (5) praise. But, what about *sorrow* and *reconciliation*? In my education, blessing, adoration, and praise were all lumped into one, and another was added, to make five: (5) *contrition* or *repentance*. Also, is there a clear difference between praise and thanksgiving? At any rate, the type that seems most confusing is the first: blessing or adoration. How could *we*, sinners, *possibly* bless *God*? We're quite used to asking God for *His* blessing. But, the reverse makes absolutely *no* sense to us. We want *God's* help, for sure. But, how does one go about showing adoration for God, in prayer?

This is the root belief behind adoration of God: God is Good. God is True. God is Beautiful. We worship and adore Him, and then we enjoy the fruits of that. God is pure blessing, pure love, pure goodness. All God is and has to give us is Love, along with all that *results* from His gift of self to us. So, all God blesses us with is Love – His very self. Therefore, when we adore or bless God, all *we're* doing is loving *Him*. How does one love? We do not love by *needing* a person, *thanking* a person, or *praising* a person. We love people by *adoring* them. So, we, Christians, must come to understand what *adoring* means.

Saint Carlo Acutis wrote, "Sadness is when we gaze at ourselves. Happiness is when we gaze at God." Adoring God is quite simply *gazing* at Him.

There's a transformative power in Charity, which is Love. God is Love, and only God can transform us into loving people, and He so desperately wants to. Let's adore God for that simple and pure truth about Him.



Thursday, October 8
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

St. Thomas More Church
South Parking Lot
8601 Calumet - Munster

Planting
POSSIBILITIES
cultivating unique experiences

MUM SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8AM - 2 PM

Featuring beautiful florist-quality
mums in a variety of sizes and colors
along with fresh vegetables grown and
harvested by our clients at our Camp
Triangle Hills garden and hoop house.

For more
information,
scan here!

Delivery available for purchases over \$100

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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.



Saturday
October 10
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Weis Center
Main Hall

PLEASE NOTE!

ROOM SET UP!



Please let us know your preferred room setup at least 72 hours before your event. This helps us get the room transitioned and ready for you!





St. Thomas More School

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Growing Together in Faith

We celebrated our first All-School Mass of the year together as a school community. It was a beautiful morning filled with faith, prayer, and fellowship. We were blessed to hear the beautiful voices of our student choir as they shared their gift of music. Our students also had the opportunity to meet Fr. Jim as we begin the 2026-2027 school year. We are happy to be together in faith and look forward to continuing to pray, learn, and grow together.



Introducing *More in Motion* : STMS Fitness Night



We are excited to introduce *More in Motion*, a new fitness fundraiser series designed to bring our STMS school and parish community together through movement, wellness, and fellowship!

Each month, *More in Motion* will feature a different workout and instructor, giving participants the opportunity to try something new, stay active, and have fun while supporting St. Thomas More School. We officially kicked off the series with our first Barre Class, and it was a major success! Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make our first event so special. Stay tuned for next month, when we'll be stepping it out with an exciting Step Aerobics class in October!

Different Instructors. One Mission.

Come move with us and be part of something new at STMS!

Celebrating Milestones 30 years of Service



Congratulations to Mrs. Gonzalez on 30 years of dedicated service to our school. Mrs. Gonzalez has been a valued member of our school community, serving as an Administrative Assistant and helping support our students, families, faculty, and staff each day. We are incredibly grateful for the many years she has devoted to our school and for all that she continues to do. Thank you, Mrs. Gonzalez, for 30 wonderful years of service!



Mc Teachers Night

Join us September 15, 2026 from 4:00 PM–7:00 PM at McDonald's, 515 Ridge Road, Munster, IN. Come grab dinner, support St. Thomas More School, and see some familiar STMS faces! Mention STMS when ordering, and 20% of your purchase will be donated. Bring the family and come say hello! We can't wait to see you all! It will be a fun night as our teachers take your order!!!

Parish Information

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PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

WORSHIP

Altar Servers

Kathy Tolnai (708)212-7419

Environment & Art

Helen Jaworski (219)836-1833

Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

Eucharistic Adoration

Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

James Kaspar (219)836-2343

Greeters

Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

Lectors

Richard Gard (219)614-7322

Livestream Ministry

Joann Hajduch (219)836-9151, 2245

Music Ministry

Angie VanManen (219)836-8610, 2338

Nursery

Ann Harkenrider (708)334-5228

Ushers

Al Gallagher (312)493-8457

GROW

Altar & Rosary

Kaaren Mashura (219)836-5079

Bible Study – Wed. AM

Cindy Keilman (219)923-9862

Bible Study – Thurs. PM

Louisa Jurich (219)742-0118

Ray Martinez (773)573-5636

Bible Study – Parents

Natalie Rebholz (262)349-0572

Katie Lopez (765)427-3332

Grateful Hearts Widows Ministry

Elaine Herrmann (219)902-0702

Holy Name Society

PJ Caraher (219)680-6775

Live Christ Share Christ

Deacon Tabion (219)836-8610, 2318

OCIA

Deacon Joe Stodola (219)689-1001

Seniors of St. Thomas More

Judy Hamer (219)836-7916

Small Groups

Daniel Maul (219)836-8610, Ext. 2415

T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry

Vacation Bible School

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Steve Resler (219)765-9228

Gabriel Project

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Garden Ministry

Bob Thomas (630)363-7978

Gifts of Love & Warmth

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Knights of Columbus

Daniel Straka (219)427-6563

Mental Health Ministry

Julius Ballanco

(219)689-1699

Ministry of Consolation

Susan Rousseau (219)743-8511

Pastoral Care of the Sick

James Kaspar (219)836-2343

Respect Life

Leslie Kaim (219)741-3739

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Boy: Dustin Anderson (219)712-8752

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St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Joy McCullough (219)838-4104

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Michael Martinelli Themartinellis@att.net

COMMISSIONS

Formation/Education

Tim Jevyak (219) 644-8932

Parish Life

Debra Harker (219) 742-2773

Peace & Social Justice

Mari Casas (219) 801-0615

Spirituality Worship

Joe Dubczak (708) 214-2991

Stewardship

2026 – 2027 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Deborah Gena
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Noreen Bickel, Mike Englert,
Elaine Herrmann, Christi Kordeck,
Paul Liszewski, Lisa Mendoza,
Claudia Pernal, Cindy Thompson,
& Sue Wilson

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

First Friday: Half hour before
the 6:30 AM Mass

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
homebound.

Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately
following the noon Mass. Parents
must be registered parishioners
& 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.

Parents must call the
Parish Office to schedule
class and/or Baptism.



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Parish Office:
8501 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

New - Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 am - Noon

New - Weis Center Office:
Monday through Thursday
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Telephone: (219) 836-8610
eFax: (219) 533-4280

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 6:30 am, 8:00 am,
10:00 am, & 12:00 pm

Weekday Mass:
M, T, W, Th, & F - 6:30 am & 8:30 am

Website: www.stm-church.com
Email: parish.office@stm-church.com

New Parishioner Registration

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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