# St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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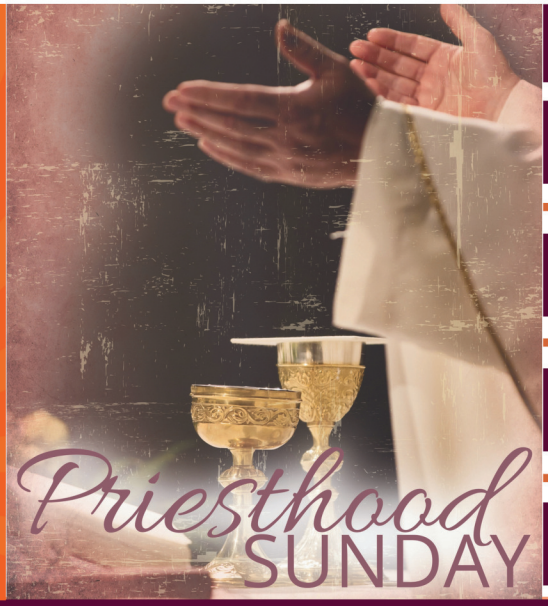


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# Welcome to Our Parish

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***Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)***



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# Mass Intentions & Readings

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of September 27

*SUNDAY, September 27, 2026 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am Marya Holda (Anniv.) by Family
8:00 am Bert & Emily Woess by Eileen VanKavelaar & Bert Jr.
10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
12:00 pm Dorothy Smitley by Smitley Family

*MONDAY, September 28, 2026*
6:30 am Rudolph Skorupa by Children
8:30 am Ken Flynn (Anniv.) by Family

*TUESDAY, September 29, 2026 - Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael*
6:30 am Francis Rich by Mr. & Mrs. Rich
8:30 am Deceased Members of Benson Family
by Pat & Mary Beth Benson

*WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2026 - Saint Jerome*
6:30 am Ralph & Carol Piccirilli by Annette & Edan Czarobski
8:30 am George Sperl (Anniv.) by Family

*THURSDAY, October 1, 2026 - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*
6:30 am Most Reverend Norbert F. Gaughan
8:30 am Mary M. Silvasi (Anniv.) by Bubala & Mier Families

*FRIDAY, October 2, 2026 - Guardian Angels*
6:30 am Elizabeth Costa (Anniv.) by Elaine Fechalos
8:30 am Henrietta Kaminski by Altar & Rosary

*SATURDAY, October 3, 2026*
8:30 am Ann Schmid by Rich & Denise Gard
5:30 pm Joseph Vessely III (Anniv.) by Joseph & Karen Vessely

*SUNDAY, October 4, 2026 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
6:30 am Ann Marie Panek by John & Kathy Rokosz
8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
10:00 am Ralph & Carol Piccirilli by Annette & Edan Czarobski
12:00 pm Pearl and Amadel Gregoline by Bonita Molinaro

## Celebrant Schedule

*Sunday, September 27*
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:00 am - Fr. Ross
10:00 am - Fr. Wozniak
Noon - Fr. Wozniak

*Monday, September 28*
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
Adoration - Dn. Tabion

*Tuesday, September 29*
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

*Wednesday, September 30*
6:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

*Thursday, October 1*
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

*Friday, October 2*
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

*Saturday, October 3*
8:30 am - Fr. Ross
Confessions - Both
5:30 pm - Fr. Wozniak

*Sunday, October 4*
6:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
8:00 am - Fr. Wozniak
10:00 am - Fr. Ross
Noon - Fr. Ross

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

Alessandra
*daughter of*
Alejandro & Alondrea Gomez-Galvez

Amelia Mikol
*daughter of*
Jerry Lee & Lauren Hall, Jr.

Patrick Gregory
*son of*
William Colin & Kelly Elizabeth Needler

Pippa Suzanne
*daughter of*
Rex Arnold & Natalie Erin Rebholz

## 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

# News & Updates



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Weekend of September 13

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| Adult & Holy Days | *$16,529.00* |
| Children & Holy Days | *$0.00* |
| Loose & Holy Days | *$2,764.00* |
| Automated | *$6,306.69* |
| Collection Total | *$25,599.69* |

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
Herbert Cleve
Kathleen Cleve
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 Hesek
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/42tadtyn, use the QR code, or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Altar Servers



**Saturday, October 3**

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

**Sunday, September 27**

8:00 am MC - Patrick
AS - A. & L. Jara & S. Shaub

10:00 am MC - Sophia
AS - E. Rigsby, L. Valdez, & E. Valentino

12:00 pm MC - Lukas
AS - J. Dye & O. Mack

### Greeters

**Saturday, October 3**

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Judy Mateja & Cathy Delgado
Chapel: Lisa Mendoza
Choir: Victor & Wendy Villarreal

**Sunday, October 4**

6:30 am Mass
Main: Tanya Vasquez
Choir:

8:00 am Mass
Main: Terry Laciak
Chapel: Kathy Tolnai
Choir: Christi & Katie Kordeck

10:00 am Mass
Main: Juliet Ogunyoye
Chapel: Diann Adley
Choir:

12:00 (Noon) Mass
Main: Trinidad & Gladys Escobedo

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

# ROSE SALE

## To kickoff Respect Life Month in October

*Roses are on sale October 3 and 4 after all masses in the narthex and the chapel entrance.*

*Roses are available for a free will offering.*

*All proceeds go to pro life causes.*






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




## GOSPEL MEDITATION

***September 27, 2026***
***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
***Matthew 21:28 32***

**This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story.**
**A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.**

**Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."**

**Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.**

**Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.**

**Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.**
**— Father John Muir - ©LPi**







## Calling All Men Age 18 and Older!

**Discover the brotherhood, faith, and service of our parish's Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Weis Council #10596.**

**Members will be available after all Masses on October 17–18 to answer your questions and share how you can get involved. We'll also be at the upcoming Parish Fall Festival, just look for someone wearing a Knights of Columbus shirt!**

**Come see how you can grow in faith, serve others, and make a difference in our parish and community.**

**Want to learn more or join today?**
**Scan the QR code or visit:**
**htttps://www.kofc.org/who-we-are/our-story/**

**We worship the God of second chances.**
**The God of changed minds.**
**The God of never-too-late. - ©LPi**



# Week at a Glance

**WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3 - WEIS CENTER**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

5:30 pm
Parent Bible Study
*Room 101*

7:00 pm
Emotions Anonymous
*Room 101*

Knights of Columbus
*Room 102*

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

7:00 pm
BoyScout Troop 542 Meeting
*Main Hall*

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30**

9:30 am
Bible Study
*Room 101*

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 1**

8:00 am
Big Shoulders Fund NWI
*Room 101*

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 2**

9:00 am
Gifts of Love & Warmth
*Room 101*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 3**

9:00 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Franciscan
*Room 101*

# HAPPY *Month of Mary*

## Day of the Rosary at St. Thomas More

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary through the devotion of the Holy Rosary. During that month on ***October 7***, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

This feast was once known as Our Lady of Victory and is connected to the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. At the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League, an alliance of Catholic states brought together by Pope St. Pius V, won an unlikely naval victory over the Muslim Ottoman Empire.

Before the battle, Pope Pius V called upon Catholics throughout Europe to turn to the Blessed Mother and pray the Rosary. This unlikely victory was attributed to Mary's intercession. This a yearly feast of thanksgiving was established on the anniversary of this victory. Eventually, this celebration became the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

***This year, to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on October 7, St. Thomas More Parish is inviting our parishioners to help us keep the Rosary going throughout the entire day, from sunrise at approximately 6:45 am until sunset at approximately 6:30 pm.***

At each of the three church exits, there will be a sign-up sheet with 15-minute time slots from 6:45 am through 6:15 pm. Simply choose a time and commit to praying one Rosary during that time.

***You can pray your Rosary anywhere.*** Pray at home, at work, in our parish grotto, at a park, in your car, or wherever you happen to be. You do not need to come to church. The important thing is that during your chosen time, you join your fellow parishioners in prayer.

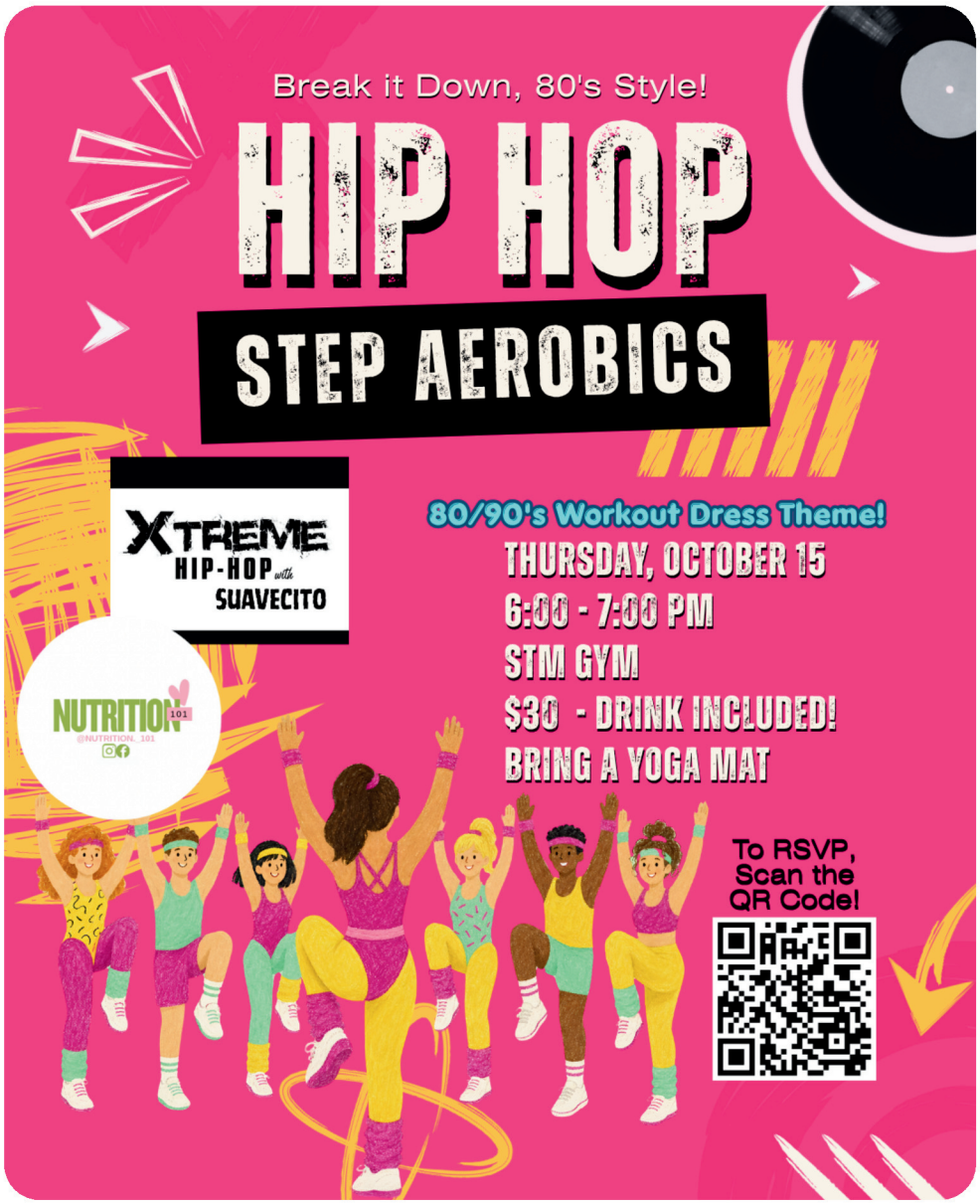
Our hope is to fill all three sign-up sheets. If we do, ***141 Rosaries will be offered that day in honor of Our Blessed Mother and for the needs of our parish, our families, our country, and our world.***

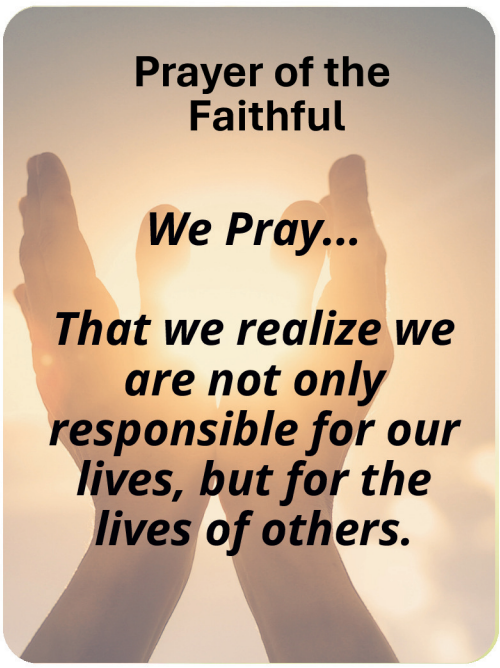
And what happens if some of the time slots are not filled?

Fr. Jim will try to find someone to fill the slot. If he can't find anyone, he will have to pray the Rosary several times that day. That would probably be good for him anyway.

***Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!***

***Please sign up to pray the Rosary on October 7.***




## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**September 27, 2026**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Stewardship Awareness Sunday in the Archdiocese of St. Louis***

**"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves…"**
**Philippians 2:3**

**Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them.We idolize our own self-image.But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.**

Guiding our youth through the storms of life

RAINBOWS for all Children

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

***Please contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@STM-school.com for more information or to enroll.***

***Meets on the first Monday of each month beginning October 5 at 6:00 pm in Weis Center.***

ST. THOMAS MORE
MOVIES AT MORE
PRESENTS

Scan to view official trailer!

# MOVIE NIGHT

## *Wake Up Dead Man* (2025)

FEATURING




PG-13 (Adult content - Adults Only Suggested)
Run time: 2h 24m
IMDb rating: 7.3/10

**Detective Benoit Blanc teams up with an earnest young priest to investigate a perfectly impossible crime at a small-town church with a dark history.**

**6:30 PM | Thursday, October 29**
**Weis Center - Conference Room**

TO RSVP, PLEASE SCAN QR CODE

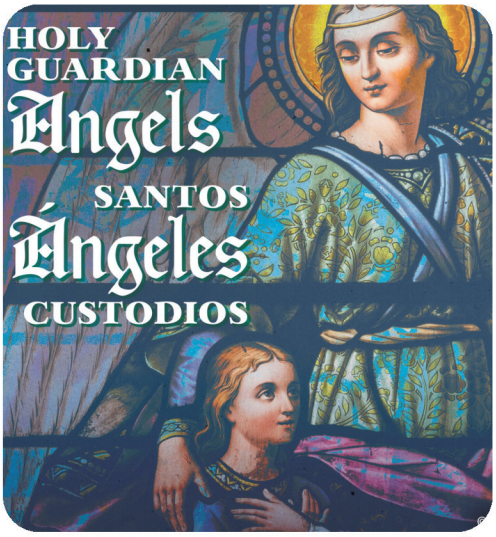
Fr. Mike Schmitz reacts to "Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery"

**Babysitting available upon request!**
**Please call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 to reserve a spot.**

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BLESSED BE THE NAME OF JESUS

Holy Name Society

**Monday**
**October 19**
**7:00 pm**
**Weis Center**
**Room 102**




# 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.

# HUDDLE UP FOR FALL FUN!

**Final days to RSVP!!**

## 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!**

Family last names beginning with:
A - R - please bring a side dish
S - Z - please bring a dessert

TO RSVP, SCAN QR CODE!

Indiana Charity Gaming Annual Raffle License #002629

# 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!



## Emotions Anonymous®

**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, 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.

St. Thomas More

# Mass of Remembrance

**All are invited to join us for a Mass of Remembrance as we gather in prayer to remember and honor our beloved deceased who have died this past year. A candle will be lit in memory of each person named.**

**Please submit names to parish.office@stm-church.com or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610 by Friday, October 30 if you would like a loved one remembered during the Mass.**

## Monday, November 2
## 6:00 pm
## in the Church

## Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes, the birds migrate, and autumn's flowers, colors, and clouds make their entrance, we thank You for the gift of this beautiful season! Help us use this season to draw closer to each other and to You.
Amen.

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## Grateful Hearts Widow's Ministry

**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 School

## Dining for Dollars

**A Delicious Way to Support STMS**

**Friday**
**October 2,2026**
**11:00 am to 8:00 pm**

LUCKIES ARTISAN KITCHEN MUNSTER, IN

20% of the proceeds will be donated to St.Thomas More School. MUST present ad or mention STMS when placing your order

Luckies
Artisan Kitchen
1850 W 45th St,
Munster, IN 46321

*Fresh Everyday.*
*Crafted With Care.*

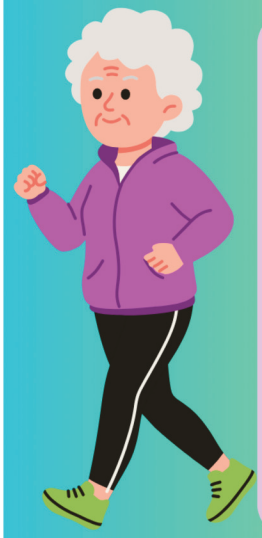
55+ Seniors of STM

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, October 7***

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



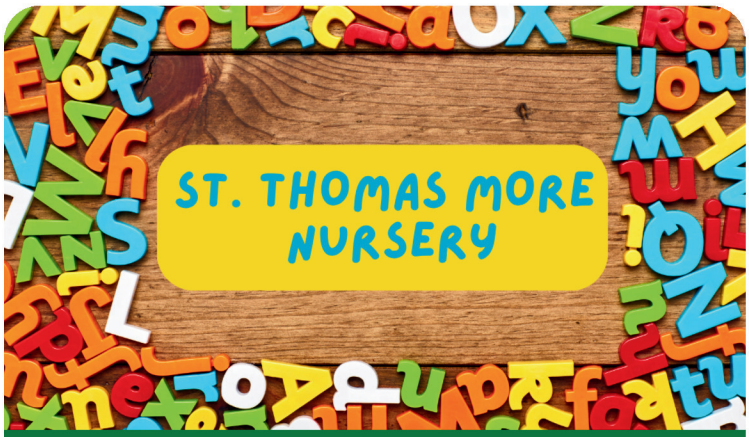
Our October 7th meeting will be part business, part social. We'll enjoy some brain games and puzzles, along with fun and refreshments. Annual dues of $10 will also be collected. Bring a friend!

*SAVE THE DATE — October 21st*
*Annual Day of Reflection*
The morning will begin with 9:30 am Mass in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr. Michael Yadron. Following Father's talk, lunch will be held at the Weis Center at 12:00 pm.

*NOTE: Reservations are required.*
Lunch is $12.

Make your reservation now for this enlightening event. Reservations can be made at meetings or through the Parish Office.
*Deadline for reservations: Friday, October 9th.*

*Stay active. Stay informed. Stay healthy.*




THE ST. THOMAS MORE NURSERY WILL OPEN FOR THE YEAR STARTING IN OCTOBER DURING THE 10:00 AM MASS.
(WE ARE LOCATED IN THE BRIDE'S ROOM LOCATED IN THE CHURCH FRONT LOBBY.)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY, INCLUDING 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT NEED SERVICE HOURS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL ANN HARKENRIDER AT (708) 334-5228 OR EMAIL HARK.ANN.T@GMAIL.COM. ALL VOLUNTEERS 18 AND OVER MUST HAVE A VIRTUS CERTIFICATE.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 4 - ANN AND KATIE HARKENRIDER & MICHELLE CHOVAN AND AVERY DELAO
OCTOBER 11 - RACHEL AND AMELIA PEREZCHICA
OCTOBER 18 - JENNIFER AND ELI ANDERSON
OCTOBER 25 - SUSIE AND KIAN KINSELLA



All are invited to join us!

Live Share Christ

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

***Guest Speaker will be Fr. Robert Ross***

***All are Welcome!***

PRIESTHOOD Sunday ©LPi



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question: What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?**

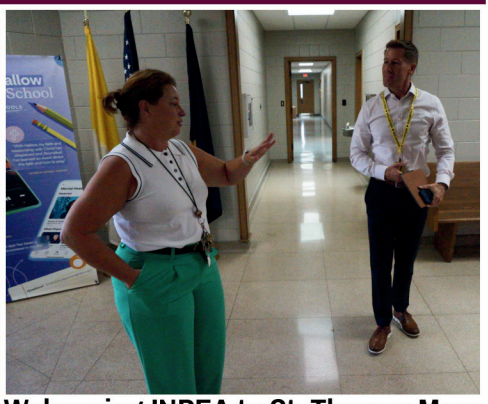
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## McTeacher`s Night

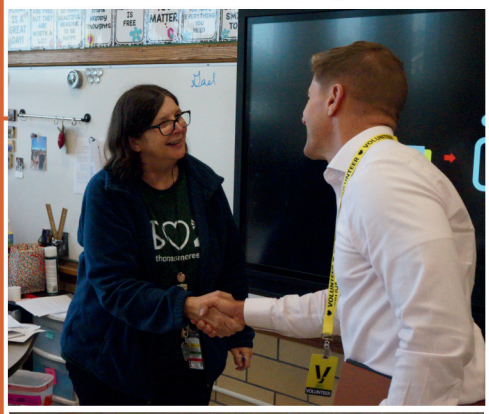
A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support our school at McTeachers Night! We had so much fun seeing our St. Thomas More family. The evening was filled with laughs and smiles as our teachers worked the night away! We truly appreciate everyone who came out, supported our school, and made the evening so much fun!
Thank you for making McTeachers Night a success.





## Welcoming INPEA to St. Thomas More

We were thrilled to welcome Mr. Chris Brunson, Associate Executive Director of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA), to our school. It was a wonderful day of sharing our school's mission and giving Mr. Chris Brunson the opportunity to see firsthand all the great things happening here at our school. We want to Thank you INPEA for taking the time to visit us and learn more about what makes our school so special










## Making Memories with Denim & Diamonds!

One of our special Denim & Diamonds experiences was won by one of our 2nd Grade families. The lucky winner had the opportunity to host an unforgettable Spider-Man-themed birthday party right here in our STMS gym. The kids had a blast playing together, enjoying the open gym, and celebrating with each other. A huge thank you to our 2nd Grade family for sharing this special experience with us! Be sure to check out all of the amazing silent online auction items and experiences we'll have at our upcoming Denim & Diamonds in January. There will be something for everyone, and you won't want to miss your chance to bid.

*Answer: They were a sister, a brother, and a cousin.*

# Parish Information

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

### WORSHIP

**Altar Servers**
Kathy Tolnai (708)212-7419

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Helen Jaworski (219)836-1833
Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

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Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

**Lectors**
Richard Gard (219)614-7322

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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

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**Bible Study – Wed. AM**
Cindy Keilman (219)923-9862

**Bible Study – Thurs. PM**
Louisa Jurich (219)742-0118
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### COMMISSIONS

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Debra Harker (219) 742-2773

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Joe Dubczak (708) 214-2991

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### 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

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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
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10:00 am, & 12:00 pm

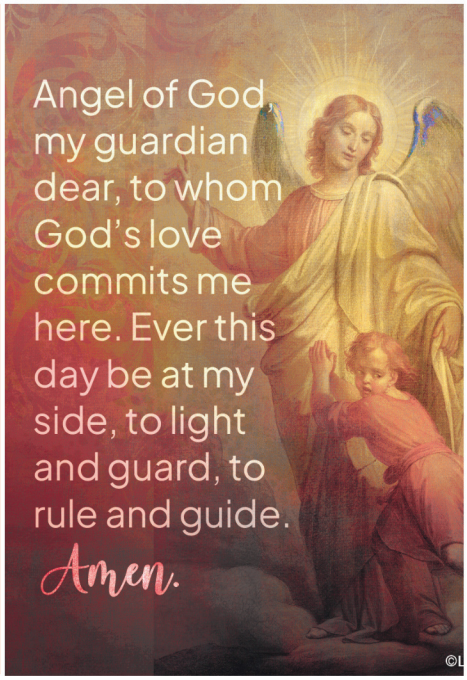
**Weekday Mass:**
M, T, W, Th, & F - 6:30 am & 8:30 am

**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 - (219) 836-8610, ext. 2415, dmaul@stm-church.com**







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