St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of October 4

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF October 4, 2026

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

MONDAY, October 5, 2026
6:30 am Leoni Deceased Family Members by Anderson Family
8:30 am Intentions of Karin Clauson by Donna Weidenfeller

TUESDAY, October 6, 2026
6:30 am Intention of Father Phillip Kaim by Dernulc, Kaim & Sajn Families
8:30 am John Gryn by Wife and Children

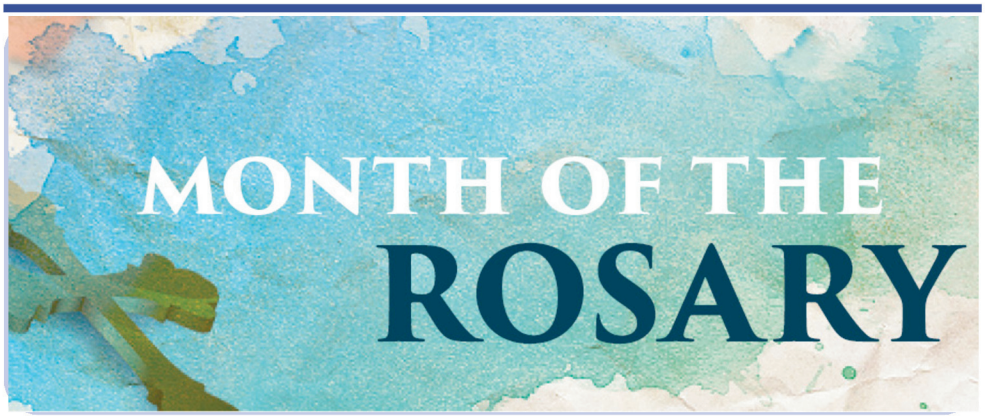
WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2026 Our Lady of the Rosary
6:30 am Deceased Members of Radde Family by Family
8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. John Jurewicz by Family

THURSDAY, October 8, 2026
6:30 am Dorothy Ann Cimochowski by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Karen Kalwasinski by Family

FRIDAY, October 9, 2026
6:30 am Jim & Kathy Wachel's 60th Wedding Anniversary
by Deanne, Kara & James
8:30 am Deceased Members of Fattore Family by Pat & Mary Beth Benson

SATURDAY, October 10, 2026
8:30 am Esther Costantino by Dominique & Angelique Mercier
5:30 pm Correne Rucoba by Patti Stofko

SUNDAY, October 11, 2026 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Stephen & Elaine Caco by Sons, Thomas & Bill
10:00 am Herbert Medina by Serrano Family
12:00 pm Robert Waters by Carol & Jack Waters



Celebrant Schedule

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

Monday, October 5
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
Adoration - Dn. Stodola

Tuesday, October 6
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

Wednesday, October 7
6:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

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

Friday, October 9
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

Saturday, October 10
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
Confessions - Both
5:30 pm - Fr. Ross

Sunday, October 11
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:00 am - Fr. Ross
10:00 am - Fr. Wozniak
Noon - Fr. Wozniak

Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
First Friday After 8:30 am
Mass or by appointment

New Time

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
First Friday of the Month
9:00 am - Noon
Parish Chapel

News & Updates

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
Weekend of September 20

Adult & Holy Days	*$13,611.00*
Children & Holy Days	*$0.00*
Loose & Holy Days	*$2,575.00*
Automated	*$6,306.69*
Collection Total	*$22,492.89*

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
Dolores 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
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 10

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

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am MC - Birdie
AS - E. & J. Rueth &
I. Tolnai

10:00 am MC - Chukwueku
AS - J. Adebite
E. & R. Smola

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

Greeters

Saturday, October 10

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Knight Family
Chapel: Carolyn Cenko
Choir:

Sunday, October 11

6:30 am Mass
Main: Julie Loza
Choir:

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Donna Weidefeller
Choir: Mike Cardone

10:00 am Mass
Main: Maggie Arteaga
Chapel: Arturo & Claudia Mazon
Choir:

12:00 (Noon) Mass
Main: Pat Batchelder

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

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.



Prayer of the Faithful

We pray...
That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir
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ALTAR & ROSARY PIZZA BINGO

Sunday, October 11
11:00 am
Main Hall
Weis Center

The Weis Center will be open at 10:00 am for volunteers to set up.

We will begin reciting the Rosary at 11:20 am, followed by pizza.

Attendees are asked to bring a door prize valued at $10 or more, along with your favorite dessert.

Altar & Rosary will provide the pizzas.

Please RSVP by calling Kaaren at (219) 836-5079.
(This is a landline, please do not text.)
or email Kaaren at kaarenann@aol.com.

Fees may be paid upon check-in with Kaaren at the door.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Blessing for Life

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath. Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well.

Amen.

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Sip, Savor, & Support
6th Annual
Dinner & Wine Pairing

November 20
2026

Reservations Are Now Open

Goretti Hall
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
Dyer, IN

Reserve Your Seat

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Gary

Reservations are now open for the Diocese of Gary's 6th Annual Dinner & Wine Pairing.

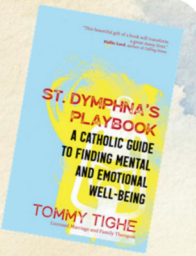
Enjoy five delicious courses prepared by Gamba Ristorante, expertly paired wines selected by Sommelier Patrick Cullars, silent auction, and a beautiful evening supporting the work of Catholic Charities throughout Northwest Indiana.

Individual reservations are $125, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Gather some friends, reserve your seats and join us for an evening to sip, savor and support!

https://2026Savor.givesmart.com or text 2026Savor to 76278.

St. Dymphna's Discussion Group



The program follows the St. Dymphna's Playbook, authored by Tommy Tighe.



St. Dymphna

Please join your fellow parishioners for an invigorating evening of spirited Catholic dialog with the St. Dymphna Discussion Group.

Come to all or some of the evening sessions. Each evening begins with a short presentation by members of the ministry, followed by an open discussion. You can join in or listen. There is no pressure to participate in the discussion. The program continues with four additional short presentations followed by open discussion. You are guaranteed to have an enlightening experience.

The meeting dates and discussion topics are as follows:

October 6 - Fatigue
November 3 - Irritability
December 1 - Loss of Pleasure and Hopelessness
February 2, 2027 - Resentment
March 2 - Manipulative Relationships
April 6 - Prayer

First Tuesday of the month, evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Weis Center.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so please sign up early to reserve your spot. To register, sign up at the church entrance, call the parish office at (219) 836-8610, or email Krystal Quagliara at KQuagliara@stm-school.com.

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Mental Health Ministry

27th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?
Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a
people that will produce its fruit."
- Mt 21:42ab, 43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

CORNERSTONE

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

MATTHEW 21:42AB

St. Thomas More

Join us for a

Healing Prayer Service

STM Mental Health Ministry

Tuesday **Oct 13** **7:00 PM**

in the STM Chapel

Share with others in our struggles.
Give your anxiety, grief,
sadness to the Lord.
Feeling the healing power of Christ.

What to Expect

We invite you to join us for a Healing Prayer Service. Together, we'll each light a candle, offering our prayer intentions for mental and physical healing through the intercession of St. Dymphna. We'll also listen to and reflect on readings from Scripture.

Come experience the healing power of prayer!

Knights of Columbus®

Monsignor Weis Council 10596

HOGS & DOGS BBQ BASH



Good Food • Good Friends • Great Cause!

SATURDAY 10/17

SERVING TIME 5PM-7PM

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING 8PM

St. Thomas More School Gym

Pork Chop Dinner



With Oven Brown Potatoes and choice of Hawaiian Baked Beans or Coleslaw

Advance Cost $18.50
At the Door $20.00

Pulled Pork Sandwich



With Oven Brown Potatoes and choice of Hawaiian Baked Beans or Coleslaw

Advance Cost $13.50
At the Door $15.00

Kids Hot Dog or Mac & Cheese



Hot Dog or Mac & Cheese With Chips

Advance Cost $5.00
At the Door $5.00



Beverages Available

Beer, Pop & Water

SCAN HERE FOR DINNER ORDERING QR CODE

Holy Name Society

Monday
October 19
7:00 pm
Weis Center
Room 102

Tim Jevyak will be speaking about COR a men's faith formation initiative to help Catholic men build Christ-centered brotherhood, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and grow as leaders in faith and virtue.

Save the Date:

Fall Evening of Reflection

Wednesday
November 4
6:00 pm

Fr. James Pierce Cavanaugh O.P. will be presiding. More details to follow.

Parish Directory

Parish directories are now available for pickup in the Parish Office or the Weis Center! Parishioners who had their photo taken or submitted a photograph for the directory may pick up a copy free of charge. A limited number of extra directories will be available for purchase at $20.00 each.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone…"
- Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:
What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?



Answer on page 11, lower right corner.

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.



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.



Daniel Maul
Pastoral Associate for Parish Faith Formation

Don't Fool Yourself

One Sunday, the summer before my senior year of high school, I remember being pulled over for speeding, on my way to Mass. I was a member of a band that provided the music for the 10:00 AM Mass, at Saint John Bosco, in Hammond. The problem was that I *always* stayed up too late (I'm still a night owl!), so I *always* woke up late, and, since I lived in South Holland, IL, that morning, like nearly *all* mornings, I was in a rush. At any rate, I remember the South Holland police officer asking me where I was going in such a hurry. When I said, "Mass," he sarcastically said, "Oh, OK. So, you're doing something *bad*, to go do something *good*. That makes a lot of sense." By choosing to speed (God knows it *wasn't* accidental!), I was breaking a just law and, thereby, sinning, to get to Mass on time. He was right. It made no sense. Mercifully, he gave me only a warning. Stupidly, I didn't learn my lesson. Do we ever?

We all do the same or similar things: yell at our child to hurry up to get to Mass, argue with our spouse for spending the money that we were going to give to the church, or, like me, speed in order to get to Mass on time. Yikes. The ends do *not* justify the means, but we're often *fooled* into believing they do. When we're hurt, we lash out. When our children are hurt or neglected, we become "mama (or papa) bears." We respond to unjust things in unjust ways. Two wrongs *don't* make a right, but, in certain moments, we sure *feel* like they do, or we just don't care.

This dynamic is an example of how the Prince of Lies fools us, time and time again. We're taught that the root of all evil is (not money, but) pride, and it's true. The Enemy can take our pride and turn any *good* thing into something *bad*. We can become proud of how *humble* we are (a contradiction in terms), proud of how *selfless* we are, or proud of how *forgiving* we are. Admitting our sins, repentance, and asking for forgiveness are the only things that can overcome pride. The only thing that saves us is the mercy of Jesus Christ, not our own supposed goodness.

What matters most is how we *actually* live our lives, not how it *appears* that we live them. God sees and knows all. We sometimes will lie to look good. We'll choose to cheat to look good. We're even willing to break laws to look good. But, in doing any of this, we certainly don't look "good" to the One who truly matters most: God. Good thing, He loves us and is *always* ready to forgive our truly repentant hearts.

We're all sinners. Let's look at ourselves *honestly and* find the sin that's there. Let's not be fooled.



Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11 - WEIS CENTER

MONDAY OCTOBER 5
- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study Room 101
- 6:00 pm Rainbows for all Children Room 107 & Main Hall
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous Room 101

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6
- 7:00 pm BoyScout Troop 542 Meeting Main Hall
- St. Dymphna Session Room 101

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7
- 6:00 am Wellness Event Diocese Room 101
- 9:30 am Bible Study Room 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Main Hall
- 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Main Hall

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8
- 12:15 pm Grateful Hearts Widows Ministry Room 101
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts Parents Meeting Main Hall
- 6:00 pm Evening Scripture Study Rooms 101 & 107

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9
- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth Room 101

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
- 9:00 am Live Christ Share Christ Main Hall

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11
- 9:30 am Altar Rosary Meeting Main Hall

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.

Grateful Hearts Widow's Ministry

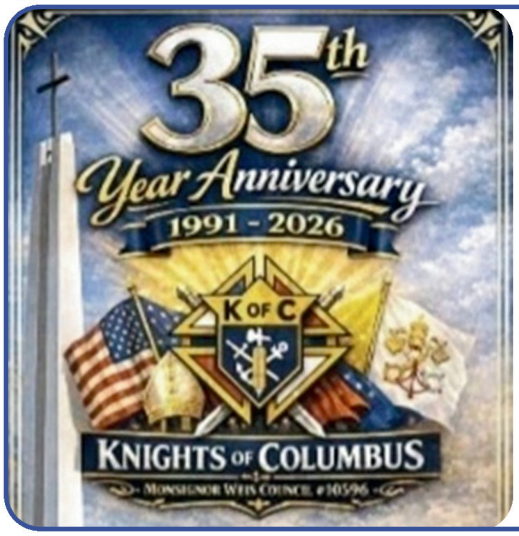
Thursday, October 8
1:00 PM
Weis Center

Find friendship, a community of understanding support and a group of women for social activities.

Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

JOIN US IN PRAYER



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/



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).



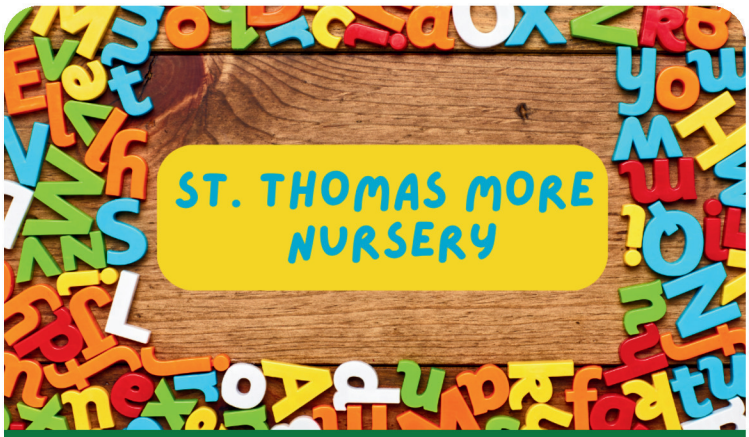
Our October 7th meeting will be part business, part social. We'll enjoy some brain games and puzzles, along with fun and refreshments. Annual dues of $10 will also be collected. Bring a friend!

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.
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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
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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.

Answer: The Body of Christ/The Blood of Christ.



A Chik-Fil-A Experience

Our 6th grade class had the opportunity to enjoy a special Chick-fil-A experience with their homeroom! Students enjoyed breakfast, played Bingo, placed their own orders, and had plenty of Chick-fil-A fun. This special experience was one of the silent auction items from our St. Thomas More Golf Classic, giving one lucky class the opportunity to create fun memories together alongside with their parents. A special thank you to Chick-fil-A and Ms. M. for your generous support and for giving our 6th graders such a fun and memorable experience!





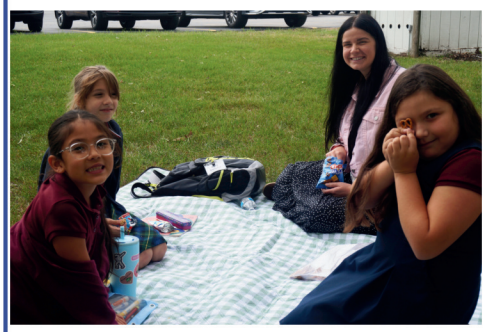
St. Padre Pio

Last week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio, one of our Saint Community House Saints. Padre Pio is remembered for his deep faith, powerful prayers, and the many miraculous events attributed to his intercession. Throughout his life, people came to him seeking prayers for healing, guidance, and comfort. We celebrated Padre Pio and the example he gave us of putting our faith into action, serving others with love, and trusting in God's plan.



Third Grade: Learning in Action

Our third graders are wrapping up their Unit 1 session and are preparing for their assessment. Throughout the unit, students have been learning about important literary elements, including theme, dialogue, setting, personification, perspective, chronological order, and unit vocabulary. To celebrate completing their unit, students enjoyed a classroom picnic! Inspired by *The Wind in the Willows,* our third graders spent time together outdoors and had the opportunity to celebrate all of their hard work.





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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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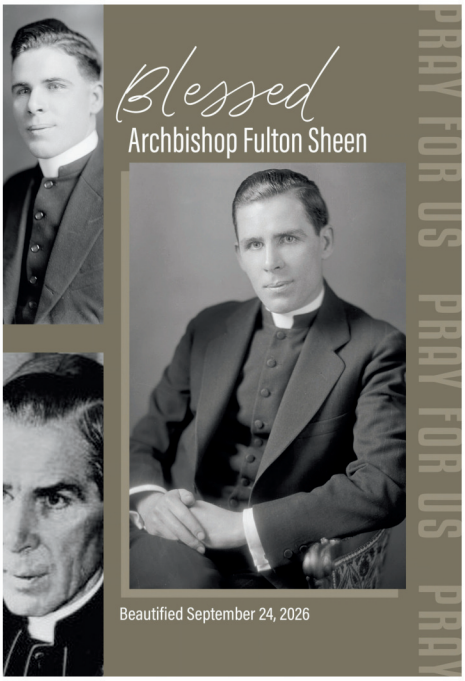
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New Parishioner Registration

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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