St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of October 11

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

MONDAY, October 12, 2026
6:30 am Dawn Berdine by Leslie Kaim
8:30 am Garry Rooney by Tom & Kathy Bassetto

TUESDAY, October 13, 2026
6:30 am Matilda Nosich by Jack & Corrine Nosich
8:30 am Michalina Gryn (Anniv.) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2026
6:30 am Riccio Deceased Family Members by Anderson Family
8:30 am Julia Dillos by Christiana Family

THURSDAY, October 15, 2026 Saint Teresa of Jesus
6:30 am Joseph & Helen Yadron by Family
8:30 am Charles A. Svitko by Kaaren Mashura

FRIDAY, October 16, 2026
6:30 am Christine J. Nisiewicz by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Gloria Cicirale by Kathy Hatczel

SATURDAY, October 17, 2026 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch
8:30 am Paul Canady by Wife
5:30 pm Stephen Caco by Family

SUNDAY, October 18, 2026 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Maria Flores by Family
10:00 am Frank Molinaro by Bonita Molinaro
12:00 pm Frank Picicco by Tom & Louisa Jurich

Celebrant Schedule

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

Monday, October 12
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
Adoration - Dn. Tabion

Tuesday, October 13
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

Wednesday, October 14
6:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

Thursday, October 15
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

Friday, October 16
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

Saturday, October 17
8:30 am - Fr. Ross
Confessions - Both
5:30 pm - Fr. Wozniak

Sunday, October 18
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:00 am - Fr. Ross
10:00 am - Fr. Yadron
Noon - Fr. Yadron



Our prayers for the eternal repose of Lourdes Y. Gomez's soul, and for comfort and peace for her family.

Please keep them in your prayers during this time of loss.

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 27

Adult & Holy Days	*$16,530.00*
Children & Holy Days	*$0.00*
Loose & Holy Days	*$2,405.00*
Automated	*$6,306.69*
Collection Total	*$25,241.69*

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
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 17

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

Sunday, October 18

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

10:00 am MC - Gabi/Adrian
AS - B. & T. Ogunyoye & S. Santellano

12:00 pm MC - Lukas
AS - E. Banach & J. Dye

Greeters

Saturday, October 17

5:30 pm Mass
Main: JoAnn Karr & Miles Sepiol
Chapel: Kimberly Eurley
Choir:

Sunday, October 18

6:30 am Mass
Main: Mary Jo Jez
Choir:

8:00 am Mass
Main: Dave & Denise Jones
Chapel: Sandra Steele
Choir:

10:00 am Mass
Main: Kate Dagholor
Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak
Choir:

12:00 (Noon) Mass
Main: John Queroz
Chapel: Louisa Jurich

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.
— Father John Muir
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Prayer of the Faithful

We pray...
That we learn to depend on God to supply for our all needs.

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!



Blessing for Our Common Home

God, bless and
protect this
beautiful earth
You have created,
the place
we call home.
Grow Your
compassion in us,
as we share our lives
in this world,
together.
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.

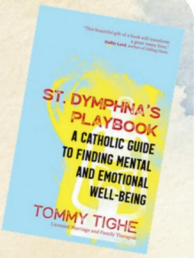
Enjoy five delicious courses prepared by Gamba Ristorante, expertly paired wines selected by Sommelier Patrick Cullars, silent auction, and a beautiful evening supporting the work of Catholic Charities throughout Northwest Indiana.

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.

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:

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



All Veterans
are welcome to
Come to Mass,
Stay for the Program!

VETERANS DAY
Celebration

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
MASS 8:30 AM
in the Church

Come together for Mass
and a program of gratitude for
all who have served our county.

All Saints' Day
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass
Saturday, October 31
4:00 pm

Kids come dressed in your costume and receive a sweet treat from Fr. Jim!

Confessions will not be heard on Saturday, October 31!

Boy Scout Troop #542

Caramel Apple Sale

Weekend of October 24 & 25 after all Masses.



Crisp apple, rich caramel, pure joy!

Knights of Columbus®

Monsignor Weis Council 10596

HOGS & DOGS BBQ BASH

Good Food • Good Friends • Great Cause!





Dessert will be **Cupcakes**

Free Will Donations in Support of Right to Life

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

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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 is the name of the body-length white liturgical robe priests wear during Mass?



Answer on page 12, 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 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, November 12
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

Holy Men and Women

My son had to write a three-to-six-sentence report on a saint. He's in only the third grade and eight years old. So, I asked him which saint he wanted to choose. He said he didn't know and that that's why he had asked *me* for help. Lovely. "So, which saints do you know?" I asked. "Besides Mary?" he said. Good Catholic kid. "Sure," I said. He came up with Joseph, Abram, Daniel, and Peter. OK. That's *something* to work with, but he didn't want to cover any of *them*. I said that he knew *way* more than that. He started to stress. So, I had to offer some assistance, with clues. He always wants just *clues, NOT* the answers. Fine. "March." "Ireland." "You love to celebrate this holiday." He was stumped. St. Patrick. Next: "February." "Lovers." He got uncomfortable with *that* word. "Candy." "Halloween!" he guessed. "Umm. No. We're talkin' saints, here." "Oh, yeah," he goes. Stumped, again. St. Valentine. Next: "Your favorite holiday." Confused. "Presents." Going out on a limb, he says, "Uh, Jesus?" "Good, but no. Jesus isn't a saint. Saints are *disciples* of Jesus." St. Nicholas. I didn't think he'd know December 6th. He was about done, and we hadn't even *started*. Finally, exasperated, he blurts out, "Can't we just do the guy with the animals?" The guy with the animals? Oh! He meant St. Francis. "OK," I said. "Do you know whom you're talking about?" "Yeah. The guy with the animals." Oh, boy. St. Francis.

We often think of Saint Francis of Assisi just as "the guy with the animals," when he really had so much more to do with *poor people* than he *ever* did with *animals*. We don't think of his renunciation of wealth, his living and begging with poor people, how God charged him with the rebuilding of His Church, nor that he received the stigmata. My son just thinks of him as "the guy with the animals," when he was, though not ordained, referred to as "*alter Christus*" ("another Christ"), a title that he rejected, denied, and refused to be called. He was truly a holy man, and, yes, I'm sure that he loved animals, too.

The saints are a treasure of the Catholic Church. We aren't to forget them. They're our role models, teachers, and guides, for living lives of holiness and following Jesus Christ. I often say that you won't find a saint that wasn't focused on two fundamental concerns of the Catholic faith: (1) love for suffering people and (2) devotion to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist: The Blessed Sacrament.

Saint Theresa of Calcutta reminds us that the two are inextricably linked. She said, "It is the same Christ who is hidden in both the poor and in the host."

Let's follow the example of the saints by loving Jesus Christ in both the Holy Eucharist and the suffering people of the world. This is the road to holiness, to which we are *all* called.



Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 18 - WEIS CENTER

MONDAY OCTOBER 12
- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study Room 101
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous Room 101
- Knights of Columbus Meeting Room 102

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts Meeting Main Hall
- 6:30 pm Parish Life Meeting Room 101
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 542 Meeting Main Hall

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14
- 9:30 am Bible Study Room 101
- 1:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15638 Meeting Main Hall
- 5:00 pm Tigers Den Meeting Room 101

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15
- 7:30 am Big Shoulders Fund NWI Room 101
- 5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 15650 Meeting Main Hall

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16
- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth Room 101

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17
- 9:30 am Spirituality Worship Commission Meeting Room 107

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18
- 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Council Meeting Main Hall

ST. THOMAS MORE
MOVIES AT MORE
PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Scan to view official trailer!

Wake Up Dead Man (2025)

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.

FEATURING



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, November 12
1:00 PM
Weis Center

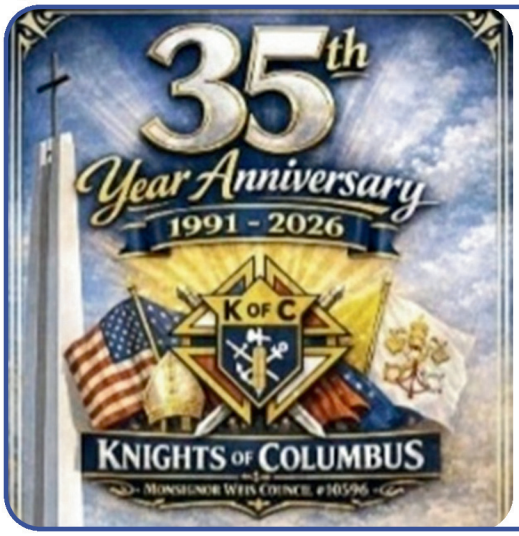
Find friendship, a community of understanding support and a group of women for social activities.

Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month

ALL SOULS' DAY

Remembering and honoring our loved ones. Let us gather in reflection and prayer.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
MASS - 6:00 PM



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. 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/

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, November 4

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



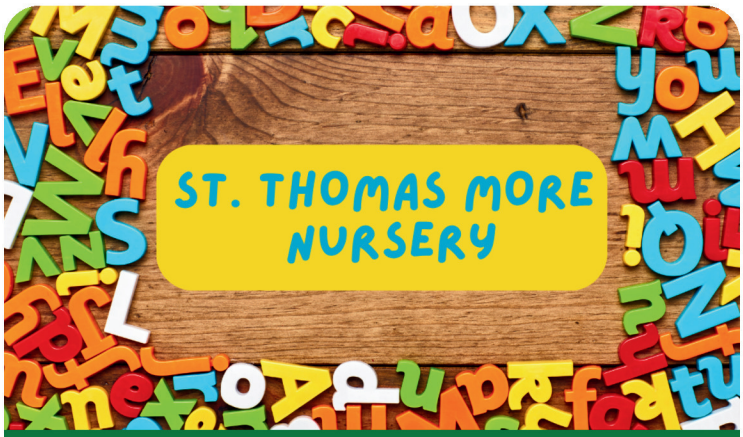
Annual Day of Reflection - October 21st
The morning will begin with 9:30 am Mass in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr. Michael Yadron. Following Father's talk, lunch will be held at the Weis Center at 12:00 pm.

Join the Seniors on Wednesday, November 4th, for a business and social meeting. Our guest speaker will be attorney Amy Nowaczyk, who will discuss long-term care and Medicaid. This should be a very informative session for our group.

Reminder: Annual dues of $10 are now due.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 10th. Please note it is a Thursday this year due to scheduling at the Art Center.

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 18 – JENNIFER AND ELI ANDERSON
OCTOBER 25 – SUSIE AND KIAN KINSELLA

All are invited to join us!

Live Share Christ

Saturday
November 14
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Weis Center
Main Hall

All are Welcome!



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.

Answer: An alb





Congratulations to the 2026–2027 St. Thomas More School Student Council

Please join us in congratulating our new Student Council members! We are so proud of these outstanding students and excited to see them take on this special opportunity to lead, serve, and represent their fellow classmates.

We look forward to watching each of you grow into your leadership roles. We are so proud of you and all that you will accomplish this year!

Congratulations, Student Council!

LEADERSHIP





Proud of our Alumnae

We are so proud of our St. Thomas More alumnae and current parishioners who competed at the State Golf Tournament this past weekend! We love seeing our former students continue to grow, succeed, and represent STMS. ***Have an alumni update to share?*** We would love to celebrate our STMS alumni! Please send your alumni news, accomplishments, milestones, or updates to **Sflores@stm-school.com or scan the QR COde**

Saint Cornhole Tournament!

Our parents and students had a fantastic time competing in the 1st Annual Saint Cornhole Tournament, hosted by HASA! The day was filled with laughter, fun, and plenty of friendly competition as teams cheered and competed against each other. It was a wonderful opportunity for our families to come together, enjoy some friendly competition, and make great memories! A huge thank you to HASA for hosting such an amazing event and bringing our STMS families together. We truly appreciate all you do to make events like this possible. Congratulations to all of our teams, and thank you to everyone who came out to play.







Parish Information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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First Friday: After the 8:30 am Mass or by appointment.

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



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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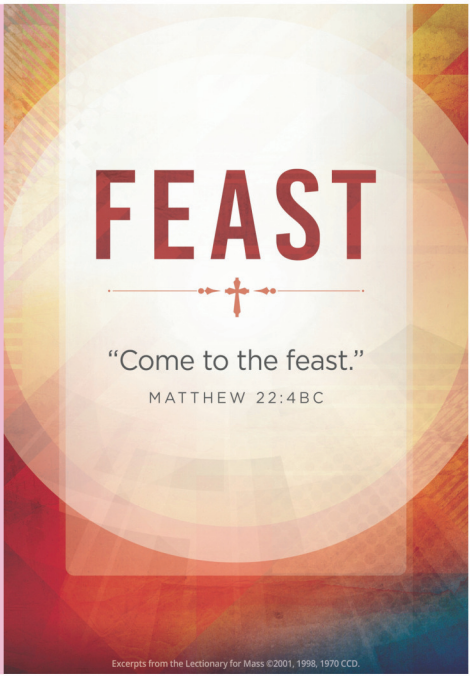
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New parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office. You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex before or after Mass on weekends. Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions - (219) 836-8610, ext. 2415, dmaul@stm-church.com





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