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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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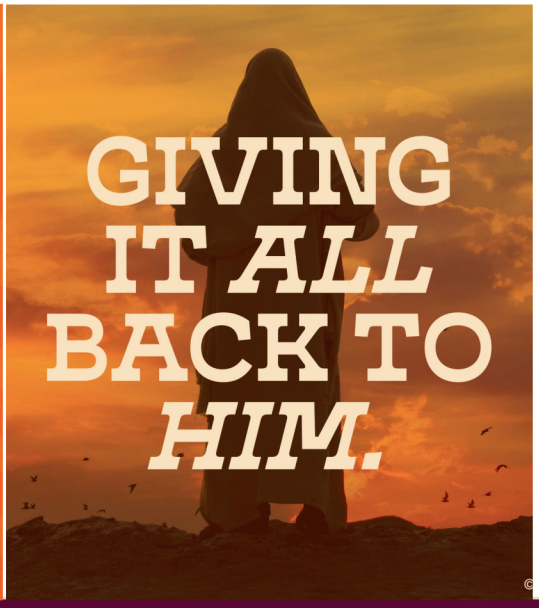


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Welcome to Our Parish

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"Give the Lord glory and honor."
(Ps 96)



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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of October 18

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

MONDAY, October 19, 2026 - Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions
6:30 am Michael Dernulc by Dernulc, Kaim Sajn Families
8:30 am Dorothy Jurkash (Anniv) by Family

TUESDAY, October 20, 2026
6:30 am William Kvasnica, Sr. by Family
8:30 am Bridget Hennel by Bickel Family

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2026
6:30 am Deceased Members of Rosen Family by Anderson Family
8:30 am William Gerlach by Wife Dona & Family

THURSDAY, October 22, 2026
6:30 am Mona Powers (Anniv.) by Patti Stofko
8:30 am Michael Ramirez (Anniv) by Ramirez Family

FRIDAY, October 23, 2026
6:30 am Robert G. Rutkowski by Family
8:30 am Don Woszczynski (Anniv) by Family

SATURDAY, October 24, 2026
8:30 am Jim Miskovich by Miskovich Family
5:30 pm Linda Laposa by Phyllis Rueth

SUNDAY, October 25, 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Emily Conway (Anniv.) by Corrine Nosich
10:00 am Robert G. Rutkowski by Family
12:00 pm David Rozmanich (Anniv) by Family

Celebrant Schedule

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

Monday, October 19
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Yadron
Adoration - Dn. Stodola

Tuesday, October 20
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Yadron

Wednesday, October 21
6:30 am - Fr. Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Yadron

Thursday, October 22
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Yadron

Friday, October 23
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

Saturday, October 24
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
Confessions - Both
5:30 pm - Fr. Ross/ Dn. Tabion

Sunday, October 25
6:30 am - Fr. Ross/ Dn. Tabion
8:00 am - Fr. Ross/Dn. Tabion
10:00 am - Fr. Wozniak/Dn. Stodola
Noon - Fr. Wozniak/Dn. Stodola



Our prayers for the eternal repose of Chester J. Wilk's soul, and for comfort and peace for his family.

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

Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
First Friday 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 October 4

Adult & Holy Days	*$19,221.00*
Children & Holy Days	*$0.00*
Loose & Holy Days	*$2,967.00*
Automated	*$6,249.12*
Collection Total	*$28,437.12*

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
Susan Lynch
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.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Altar Servers



Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

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

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

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

Greeters

Saturday, October 24

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Deb Harker
Chapel: Michelle Strimel
Choir: Mike Cardone

Sunday, October 25

6:30 am Mass
Main: Krystal Quagliara
Choir:

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Donna Weidenfeller
Choir:

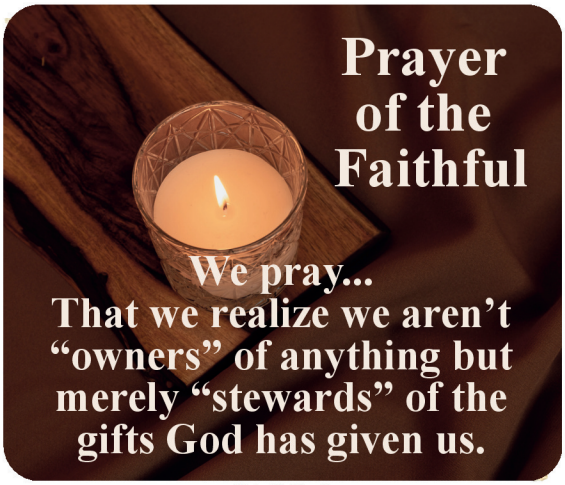
10:00 am Mass
Main: Dwight Reed
Chapel: Juliet Ogunyoye
Choir:

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

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







GOSPEL MEDITATION

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

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BOOKKEEPER – PART-TIME

St. Thomas More Church and School is seeking a part-time detail-oriented, organized, and faith-aligned Bookkeeper to assist in the day-to-day financial operations of both the parish and the school. This vital role ensures accurate financial record-keeping, efficient accounts payable/receivable management, and flawless tracking of school tuition and parish stewardship.

We welcome ideal candidates who possess strong accounting fundamentals and is a confident communicator who views this administrative role as an important ministry supporting our Catholic parish community.

Key Responsibilities

Accounts Payable & General Ledger

Provides accounting and clerical support to the accounting department. Assists in weekly Accounts Payable process by creating checks and preparing checks for mailing in QuickBooks. Reviews and codes invoices and expense reimbursements in compliance with parish, school, and Diocesan policies. Reconciles monthly bank and credit card statements, ensuring church management data matches general ledger records.

School Tuition & Accounts Receivable

Helps administer school tuition billing, incidentals, and family payment agreements using FACTS Management software. Post weekly charges to Kids Time and Cafeteria in FACTS REN-WEB. Process and record weekly offertory, building fund donations, and special collections using Ministry Platform.

Qualifications & Skills

- ***Experience:*** Minimum of 2–4 years of bookkeeping or general accounting experience, preferably within a Catholic parish, non-profit, or private school environment.
- ***Education:*** Associate's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, or equivalent professional experience is preferred.
Technical Proficiency: Competency in standard accounting software: QuickBooks or Diocesan-mandated ledger platforms and Microsoft Office/Google Suite. Proficiency in FACTS software is highly preferred. Proficiency in Ministry Platform (Database & Census/Contribution tracking) is a significant plus.
- ***Core Competencies***: Exceptional attention to detail, strong organizational skills, and the ability to manage multiple tracking systems simultaneously. Basic understanding of accounting principles and practices.
- ***Mission Alignment:*** Deep respect for the teachings, mission, and community life of the Catholic Church.

For consideration: please email your resume to: Maria Vega at mvega@stm-church.com



Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God,
You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love.
Your love, shared.
Amen.

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Catholic Charities - Diocese of Gary

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

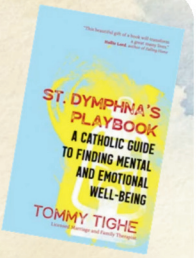
Enjoy five delicious courses prepared by Gamba Ristorante, expertly paired wines selected by Sommelier Patrick Cullars, silent auction, and a beautiful evening supporting the work of Catholic Charities throughout Northwest Indiana.

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!

ADVENT STUDY-SHARE

Series

Do you wish to grow closer to the Lord and become more aware of His constant presence in your life? Do you want to gain the insight and have the support of fellow Catholics? Join us as we share our thoughts, feelings, and experiences with other people of faith, and to listen and be inspired by those of others, in response to the chosen book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*.

Tuesday evenings,
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, *OR*
Wednesday mornings,
9:15 am to 10:45 AM
November 24/25, December 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, and 22/23
Weis Center - Main Hall

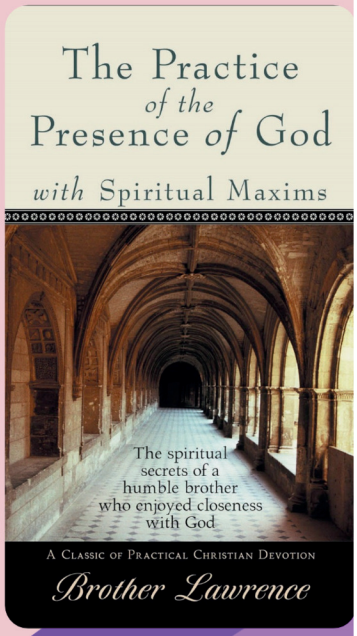
Doors will open 30 minutes ahead of time.

Participants should register for one of the two days, but may attend either session, if something conflicts with their registered day.

Open to All Adults!

The gatherings will consist of:

- prayer
- presentations (on the book)
- personal-reflection questions
- small-group sharing (table discussions)
- large-group facilitation (discussion/sharing)
- and refreshments (snacks, treats, beverages)



BOOK WILL BE PROVIDED!

Registration (RSVP) requested by Monday, November 16.

To RSVP, scan qr code!

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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.



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.
- Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us.This is the essence of Stewardship.God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

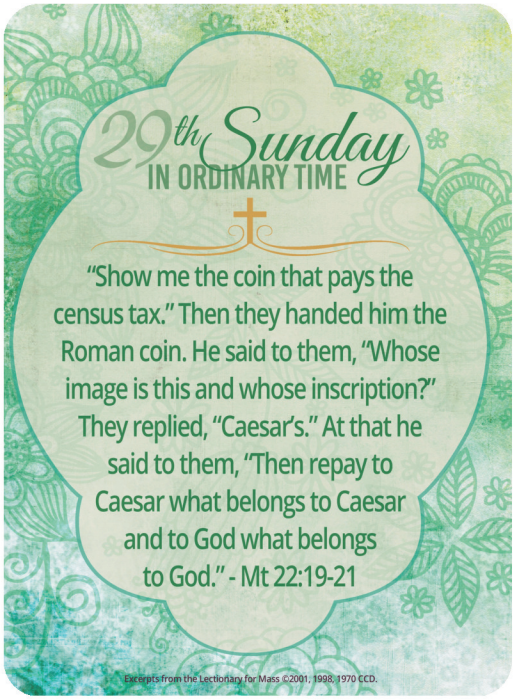
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Mass of Remembrance

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:
True or false: Priests must say preparatory prayers called "access prayers" before beginning to celebrate 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

Nothing You Can Do About It

The other day, I covered a bit for a sick coworker of mine. It was the middle of the day; we had programmatic responsibilities to do; and, it was quite clear that she was severely sick. No offense, but this woman looked terrible. She *needed* to go home. So, I asked her if she would like for me to cover for her. I was careful, in my offer, because some people don't want help, even when they appear to need it. However, on the contrary, I thought her response to me was *perfect*: "I'd love it." No shame. No embarrassment. She felt terrible, and she belonged in bed. Within about ten minutes, she was headed home, where she belonged.

Once, after having told a priest that when I'm sick, I feel *no* obligation to do *anything*, he told me that that was my "grace." I wasn't sure what exactly he meant, but I didn't ask. I just took it to mean that not *everyone* feels the same way, in those moments of illness. Some people, even when they're terribly sick, feel like they should be accomplishing something, contributing somehow. Not me. I feel bad for such people. I wonder if they even love themselves. I wonder why they don't have the compassion for themselves that I'm sure they'd have for other people.

So, then, it was my turn. This past weekend, I felt so sick. I think I got it from my son, not my coworker. So, being how I am when I'm sick, I did the absolute minimum of what was expected of me, and not a thing more. I taught an OCIC class and attended Father Jim's Mass of Installation as Pastor, though I had about another eight or so responsibilities on that day, and, then, took my sick self home, feeling no guilt or shame about it. I was physically miserable.

Times of sickness kind of remind me of our impending deaths: we can't do *one, single* thing about it. We didn't cause it. We don't deserve the suffering of it. We can't avoid it. And it's just a natural part of this experience that we call life. Therefore, it should cause us no guilt, shame, or embarrassment. Also, we shouldn't resist it or be afraid of it. It's bound to happen. We just need to prepare ourselves. For example, I was *not* prepared for an illness, even with this little bulletin article. It's late to Susan, our bulletin editor, and that's because I waited to the last minute to write it. I was not properly prepared. I hope to learn from my mistake, but probably won't.

We need to be prepared for sickness and death, for sure. We need to have our matters in order. We need to have our "heads screwed on straight." And, then, we need to let it happen, loving, trusting, and thanking God, and giving ourselves a little grace, too. Love yourself. God sure loves you.



Week at a Glance

WEEK OF: OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 25 - WEIS CENTER

MONDAY OCTOBER 19
- 5:30 pm Parent Bible Study Room 101
- 7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous Room 101
- Holy Name Society Meeting Room 102

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 542 Meeting Main Hall

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21
- 9:30 am Bible Study Room 101
- 1:00 pm Seniors of STM Main Hall
- 5:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 101

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts Meeting Main Hall
- 6:00 pm Evening Scripture Study Meeting Room 101 & Room 107

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23
- 9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth Room 101

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24
- 9:15 am Girl Scout Troop #15638 Meeting Room 101

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

ST. THOMAS MORE
MOVIES AT MORE
PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Scan to view official trailer!

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

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

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TO RSVP, PLEASE SCAN QR CODE

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.

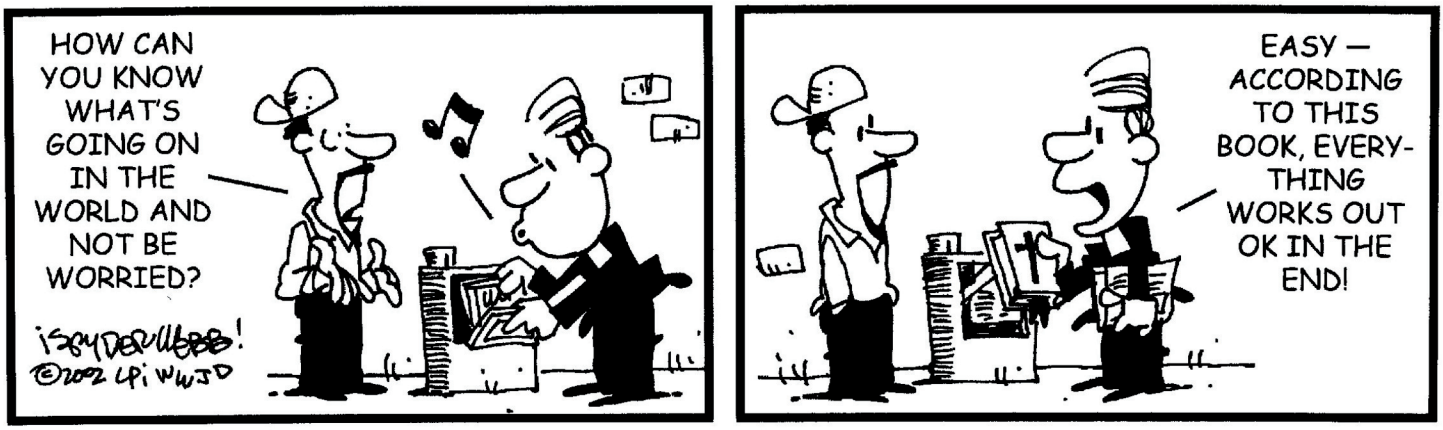
Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month

ALL SOULS' DAY

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
MASS - 6:00 PM

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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).



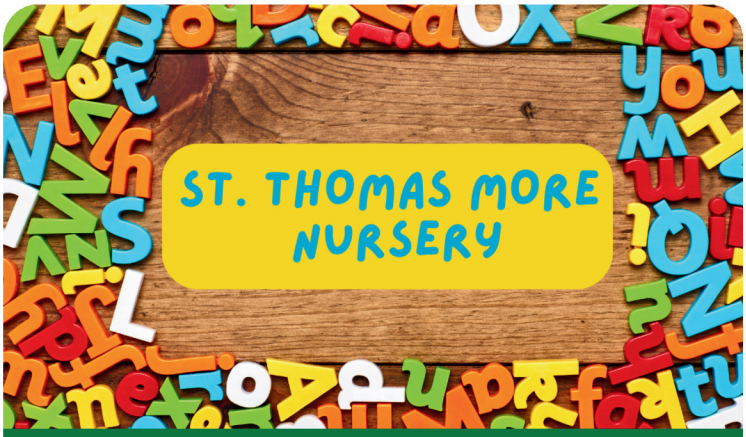
Annual Day of Reflection - October 21st
The morning will begin with 9:30 am Mass in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr. Michael Yadron. Following Father's talk, lunch will be held at the Weis Center at 12:00 pm.

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 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: False. These prayers are discretionary.





Fire Prevention Month

As part of Fire Prevention Month, we welcomed the brave firefighters from the Munster Fire Department to our school. Our students in Preschool through 2nd Grade had the opportunity to learn and participate hands-on in a special Fire Safety presentation to learn important tips on staying safe and what to do in an emergency.



OCTOBER

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH





BNI visits STMS

We were excited to welcome back two of our St. Thomas More alumni who visited our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as part of BNI's high school outreach efforts! During their visit, they shared information about Bishop Noll Institute and gave our students an opportunity to learn more about the high school experience, explore future opportunities, and begin thinking about the next step in their educational journey.





Respect Life Celebration

October is Respect Life Month, and our students joined Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Gary for the annual Respect Life Prayer Service at Franciscan Health Dyer. It was a meaningful morning of prayer, Scripture, and songs as they reflected on the gift of life and the value of every person. Following the prayer service, everyone enjoyed lunch together at Community Park before returning to class.









Parish Information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

WORSHIP

Altar Servers
Kathy Tolnai (708)212-7419

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Jim Landowski (708)204-4690

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Mona Hernandez (219)730-5860

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Lisa Mendoza (219)902-9688

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Ushers
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GROW

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

Bible Study – Thurs. PM
Louisa Jurich (219)742-0118
Ray Martinez (773)573-5636

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Katie Lopez (765)427-3332

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Holy Name Society
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Live Christ Share Christ
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Judy Hamer (219)836-7916

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Parish Life
Debra Harker (219) 742-2773

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Mari Casas (219) 801-0615

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Confessions
Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 am
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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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

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



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