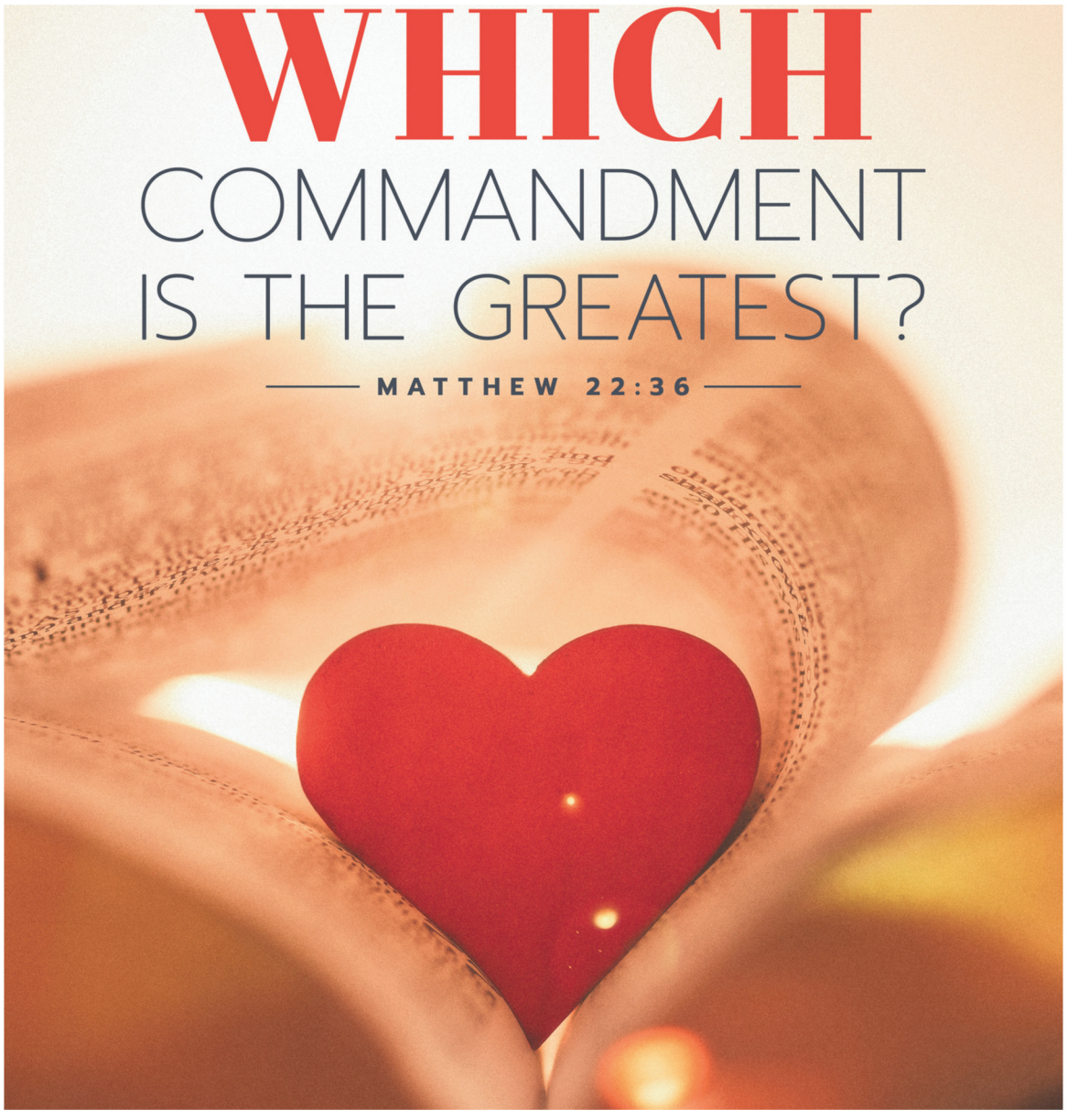
St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Welcome to Our Parish

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I love you,
Lord, my strength.
(Ps 18)



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National Blue Ribbon School,
Preschool to 8th Grade
School Office: (219) 836-9151
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Mass Intentions & Readings

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of October 25

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

MONDAY, October 26, 2026
6:30 am Kennedi E Lany by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Larry Zemkewicz by Kosakowski Family

TUESDAY, October 27, 2026
6:30 am DiGevenzenzo Deceased Family Members by Anderson Family
8:30 am Dennis Trelinski, Sr. by Joyce Trelinski & Family

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2026 - Saints Simon & Jude
6:30 am De'ane Zurawiec by Michalik Family
8:30 am Mary Beth Sallas by the Newman Family

THURSDAY, October 29, 2026
6:30 am Robert Gonzales by Jose and Paula Serrano
8:30 am Leslie Garcia by Family

FRIDAY, October 30, 2026
6:30 am Cyril Moran (Anniv.) by Family
8:30 am Intention of Rev Michael J. Yadron by Parish Family

SATURDAY, October 31, 2026
8:30 am Robert Nowak by Ann Nowak & Family
5:30 pm Stella Ilickovich by Children

SUNDAY, November 1, 2026 - All Saints
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Mary M. Silvasi by Bubala-Mier Families
10:00 am William W. Burke by Family
12:00 pm Domingo Ong & Primitive Sinon by Len Ong

Celebrant Schedule

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

Monday, October 26
6:30 am - Fr. Ross
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
Adoration - Dn. Tabion

Tuesday, October 27
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

Wednesday, October 28
6:30 am - Fr. Wozniak
8:30 am - Fr. Ross

Thursday, October 29
6:30 am - Carmelite
8:30 am - Fr. Wozniak

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

Saturday, October 31
8:30 am - Fr. Ross
Confessions - *Cancelled*
4:00 pm - Fr. Wozniak

Sunday, November 1
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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
Weekend of October 11

Adult & Holy Days	*$15,624.00*
Children & Holy Days	*$0.00*
Loose & Holy Days	*$2,293.00*
Automated	*$6,249.12*
Collection Total	*$24,166.12*

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 31

4:00 pm MC - Alex
AS - A. Holmes, X Mendoza, & M. Moya

Sunday, November 1

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

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

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

Greeters

Saturday, October 31

5:30 pm Mass
Main: Bill & Chris Retseck
Chapel: Kimberly Eurley
Choir:

Sunday, November 1

6:30 am Mass
Main:
Choir:

8:00 am Mass
Main: Dick & Sue Wilson
Chapel: Toni & Zig Jedrzejczak
Choir:

10:00 am Mass
Main: Jose & Paula Serrano
Chapel: Diann Adley
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.

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

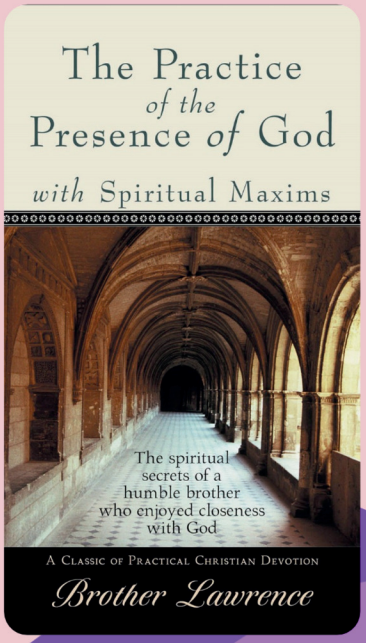
Doors will open 30 minutes ahead of time.

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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Gospel Meditation

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— 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.

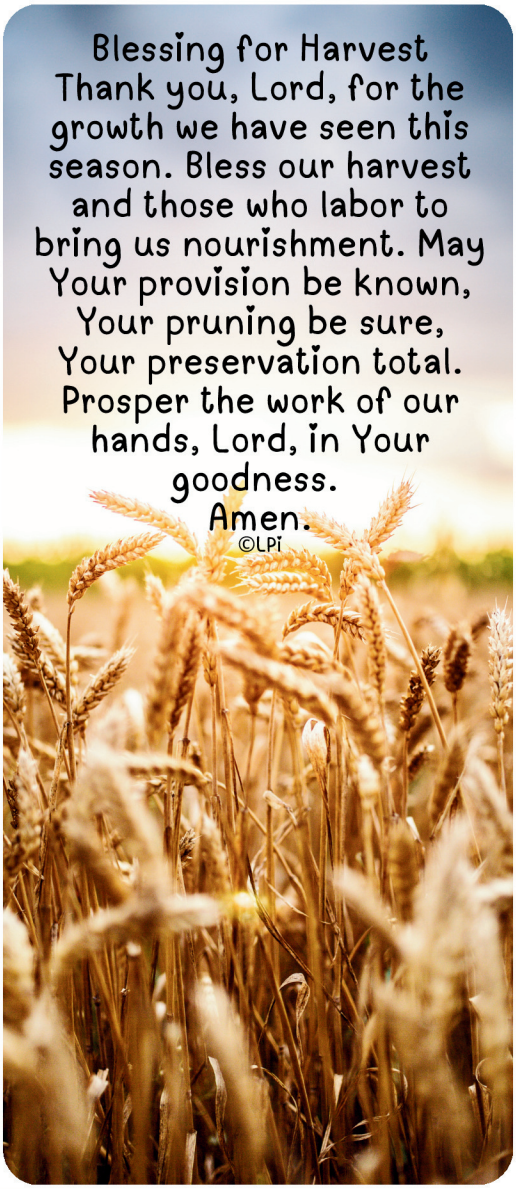
Qualifications & Skills

- ***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





Catholic Charities - Diocese of Gary

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

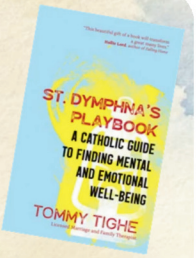
Enjoy five delicious courses prepared by Gamba Ristorante, expertly paired wines selected by Sommelier Patrick Cullars, silent auction, and a beautiful evening supporting the work of Catholic Charities throughout Northwest Indiana.

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

New Ministry: *Praying with Those at the End of Life*

Parishioner Carolyn Cenko is leading a new ministry for people nearing the end of life. Her small group of volunteers is available to pray the Rosary and/or the Divine Mercy Chaplet with patients and their families at hospitals, hospice, and elder care facilities.

Families who would like to request this ministry can contact the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

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!

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 country.

MORE IN MOTION
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Class WITH MRS. REYNOLDS

FUN & ENERGETIC CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS



SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
6:00 PM
STM SCHOOL GYM
$30 FEE – INCLUDES A POST WORKOUT DRINK!

- HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC
- EASY-TO-FOLLOW MOVES
- POSITIVE VIBES
- FULL-BODY WORKOUT

Let's dance, sweat, and smile together!

HNS — BLESSED BE THE NAME OF JESUS

Holy Name Society

Monday
November 16
7:00 pm
Weis Center
Room 102

WE ARE HIRING

- Join Our Team -

Open Position:

- Custodial positions for school & church

We're hiring reliable custodial staff to join our team!
Responsibilities:
- Clean and sanitize offices, classrooms, restrooms, and common areas
- Empty trash and restock supplies
- Sweep, mop, vacuum, and dust surfaces
- Event setups for church & school

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

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



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.

Have a Fun Halloween!

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."– Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend 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

You Have Been Changed

I recently asked two, biological sisters (three years apart, in age) if they'd been baptized. They said they had – they'd seen pictures – but they didn't know when or where the baptisms took place. They'd moved a few times and couldn't remember where they were living, when each of them was baptized. I asked if they were infants at their baptisms, and they indicated that they were. It was obvious that their baptisms weren't experienced as real "life events" for them.

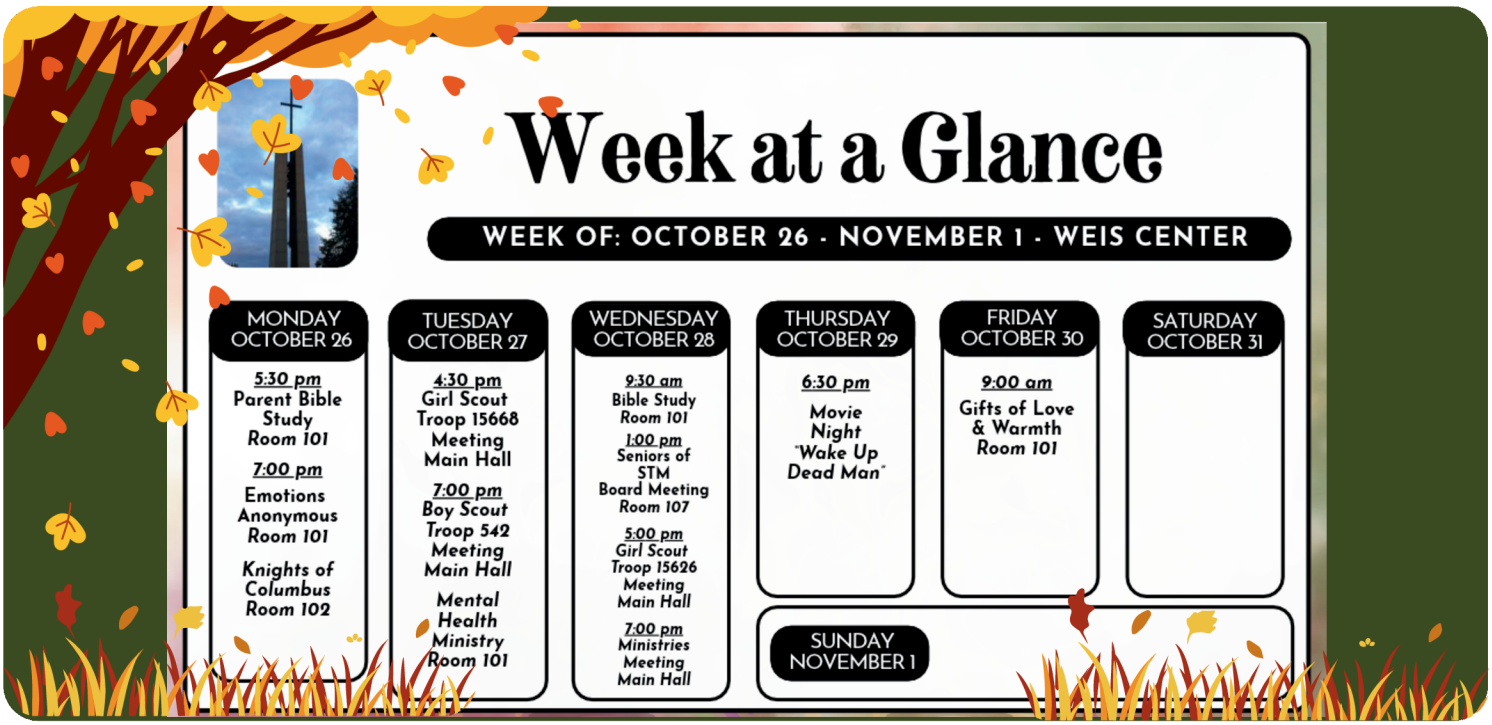
I'm conflicted about infant baptism, as perhaps you are. I love it, because it reveals and practices the truth that a person doesn't have to *earn* God's love, grace, or gift of faith. You don't have to know or understand anything. You don't have to live a certain way. God freely pours out His presence, strength, and hope to everyone. An infant can even sleep through baptism! We're all God's beloved children, and He wants to adopt and save all of us. Full stop.

But, I also regret that we, "Cradle Catholics," don't get to remember our baptisms. The sacrament changes us, but we don't know life before baptism. In baptism, we become part of God's very family – His beloved children, not just His creation – and receive the gift of faith, but we don't know life without this identify or this gift. We, therefore, don't really understand, appreciate, or experience the shift that takes place within us.

We, "Cradle Catholics," at some point in our lives, need to experience a personal conversion to Christ. We can't let our Catholic Christian faith be a "humdrum," lukewarm reality of the lives that our parents and grandparents have given us. It can't be something that is just an original fact about us that doesn't really matter, like, say, our particular birthplace or the precise time of our birth. OK. We were raised and remain Catholic. What of it?

Have you been touched by the reality of the goodness of God? Have you been moved by the fact that the Creator of the universe knows you, personally, by name? Have you been affected by the truth that Jesus Christ, God the Son, died for you, took on the punishment for your sins, conquered your death, and promises you Eternal Life, with Him, in Paradise? Do you trust that God is within you, now, by having made you a Temple of His Holy Spirit? Take time with these fundamental Catholic beliefs, and let them take hold of you and your life. You and it will be changed.

We have to contemplate these realities, so that we can be healed by Jesus Christ, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit. Our salvation begins *now*, with personal healing. There's a dynamism available to us – a powerful and hopeful relationship – that can transform us. But, we must realize the extraordinary nature and amazing grace of our faith. We can't let our Catholic identity be just a mundane, ordinary fact of our lives.



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

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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

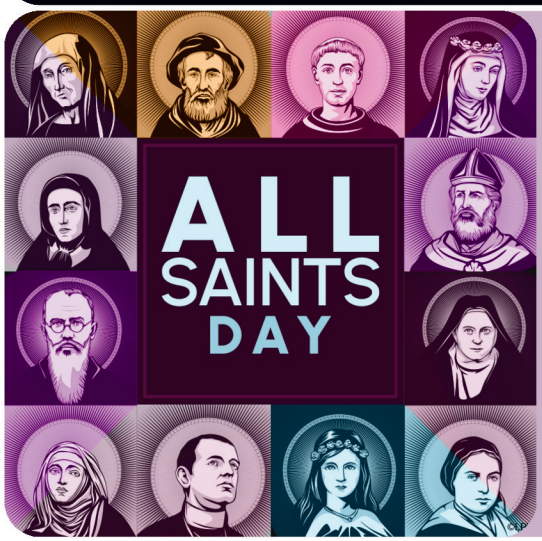
Find friendship, a community of understanding support and a group of women for social activities.

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



Blessing for All Saints

God,
Bless us as we journey in faith,
a journey marked with twists and turns.
Bless us with the inspiration and friendship
of those who have gone before us, the saints.
May their lives serve as guiding lights,
beckoning us through the darkness
to safety and rest.
Amen.
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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).



Upcoming Meetings

November 4th:

Let's Talk Long-Term Care and Medicaid Grab a seat and a notepad! Amy, a local attorney who specializes in senior issues, will break down long-term care and Medicaid in a way that makes sense. It's good stuff, and we'll all walk away a little wiser.

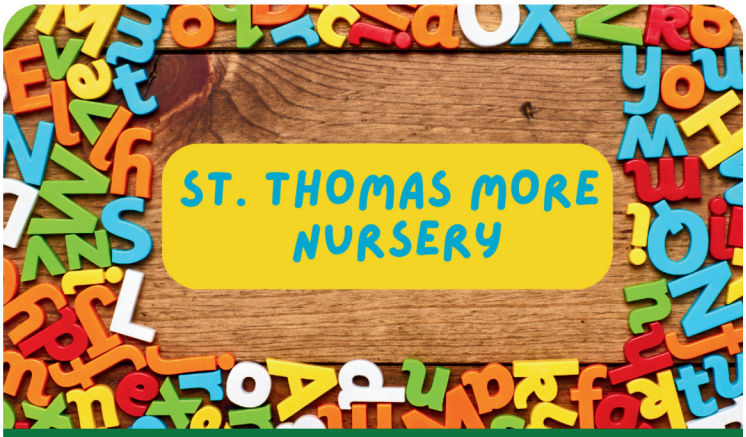
November 18th: Games Galore!

Let the games begin! Come ready for belly laughs, brain teasers, and a little friendly rivalry. Bring your competitive spirit, because the seniors are playing to win!

Save the Date: Christmas Luncheon

Start the holiday season with good food and good company! Join us for our Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 10th. Don't dawdle, though. Reservations are due by November 20th, so mark your calendar and sign up soon!

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

Speaker Fr. Dante Quidayan

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: Holy Days of Obligation





FALL HARVEST FUN

Our preschool and pre-k got a chance to enjoy their very own Fall Harvest Festival. Even though the weather did not cooperate, we still found a way for our students to enjoy this special celebration. Our students enjoyed their very own pumpkin patch, played fun games, and best of all, got to meet two friendly ponies that stopped by! A special thank-you to our amazing teachers and parent volunteers for helping make this day extra special for our students!

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Our All-School Mass was meaningful as we celebrated the 8th Grade Confirmation Commitment Mass. This marks the first step in their journey as our eighth-grade students' prepare to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Surrounded by prayer and blessings, our students began this important chapter of faith as they prepare to strengthen their relationship with Christ and embrace their commitment to living out their Catholic faith.





MORE IN MOTION: STEP AEROBICS NIGHT

Our More in Motion: Step Aerobics Night was a success, bringing together over 20 steppers for an evening filled with laughter, fellowship, and great energy! These events are all about bringing our school and parish together, staying active, and having fun.
A big thank-you to everyone who participated and helped make the night so special. We loved seeing our everyone come together!
Stay tuned for our next More in Motion. We will feature Zumba Night! Join us on November 12 from 6:00–7:00 PM, featuring one of our very own, 2nd grade teacher Miss Reynolds!
Bring a friend, make new friends, and get ready for another fun-filled evening of fitness and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there!

FITNESS • FELLOWSHIP • FUN



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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.



Parish Information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Office:
8501 Calumet Avenue
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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
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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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