St. Thomas More

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS DAY



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Welcome to Our Parish

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Reconciliation

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Parish Offices

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Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
(Ps 24)



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Preschool to 8th Grade
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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Mass Schedule & Intentions For the Week of November 1

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

MONDAY, November 2, 2026 -All Souls
6:30 am Stella Mary O'Donnell (Anniv) by Family
8:30 am Marie Martinic (Anniv) by Ann Nowak & Family

TUESDAY, November 3 2026
6:30 am Margaret & Vince Grober by Julie & Chris Ylo
8:30 am Sharon Jurkash by Family

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2026 - Charles Borromeo
6:30 am Florence H. Stevens by Altar & Rosary
8:30 am Edwin Wolak by Wolak Children

THURSDAY, November 5, 2026
6:30 am Deceased Members of Anderson Family by Anderson Family
8:30 am Michael Kwiatkowski (Anniv) by Mr. & Mrs. John Gryn

FRIDAY, November 6, 2026
6:30 am Edward Huttle (Anniv) by Family
8:30 am Margareta Buczkowski by Jennifer & Rich Gonzalez

SATURDAY, November 7, 2026
8:30 am Stephen Caco by Family
5:30 pm Ann Marie Panek (Anniv) by Theresa Muffett

SUNDAY, November 8, 2026 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
8:00 am Edward S. Smiley by Chrissy & Greg Pinarski
10:00 am Joseph Reihel by Family
12:00 pm John T. Kennedy by Jim &
Kim Gillespie by Larry & Nancy Geiger



Our prayers for the eternal repose of the souls of

Elisa N. Garcia
Stanley John Bochnowski
Guadalupe Quinones

and for comfort and peace for their families. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of loss.

Celebrants Schedule

Saturday, November 7
8:30 am - Fr. Ross
Confessions - Both
5:30 pm - Fr. Wozniak

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

Greeters Schedule

Saturday, November 7
5:30 pm Mass
Main: Knight Family
Chapel: Kimberly Eurley
Choir: Victor & Wendy Villarreal

Sunday, November 8
6:30 am Mass
Main: Krystal Quagliara
Choir:

8:00 am Mass
Main: Paul & Jan Liszewski
Chapel: Kathy Tolnai
Choir:

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

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

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

Altar Servers Schedule

Monday, November 2 - All Souls
6:00 pm
MC - Adrian
AS - B. & T. Ogunyoye & E. Rigsby

Saturday, November 7 - 5:30 pm
MC - Alex
AS - G. Knight, T. & Z. Sproat

Sunday, November 8

8:00 am
MC - Patrick
AS - I. Tolnai & S. Shaub

10:00 am
MC - Gabi
AS - S. Santellano, E. Arteaga, & A. Sudac

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

News & Updates

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
Weekend of October

Adult & Holy Days	*$18,306.00*
Children & Holy Days	*$0.00*
Loose & Holy Days	*$1,970.00*
Automated	*$6,249.12*
Collection Total	*$26,525.12*

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
Micky Chervicz
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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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the families as their children were welcomed into our Catholic faith community.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the beautiful journey of faith together.

Valerie Elizabeth
daughter of
Michael Joseph &
Lauren Ashley Cachey

Fiona Mary
daughter of
Patrick Ryan &
Jessica Lynn Kalina

Mila Romee
daughter of
Philippe Alexander &
Samantha Michelle Doens

Luke Joseph
son of
Joseph Martin &
Lauren Michele Pereira

Jaxton Randall
son of
Steven Randall &
Nicholette Ann Roberts

Connor Christopher
son of
Christopher &
Ann Caryn Meegan

Xiomara Valentina
daughter of
Victor Alejandro &
Estefani Judith Poelman

Tristan Thomas
son of
Matthew John &
Amanda Marie Schmeski

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

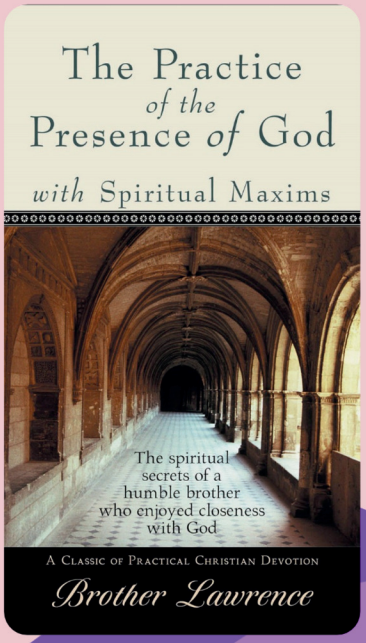
Doors will open 30 minutes ahead of time.

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

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day
Matthew 5:1-12

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.

— Father John Muir
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Advent by Candlelight

Join us for a light dinner, followed by an evening of prayer, hymns, and an inspiring talk from our guest speaker as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Free will offerings are gratefully accepted.

Monday, November 30
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
St. Thomas More
Weis Center
8635 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN

May this Advent remind us of God's everlasting light and grace.

To register, please scan the QR code or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.

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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.

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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.

Monday, November 2
6:00 pm
in the Church

Light dinner will be served after the Mass!

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK ©LPi

ALTAR & ROSARY PRESENTS

Donuts with Coffee



Sunday, November 8
at 11:00 am
Main Hall at the Weis Center

Doors will be open at 10:00 am for volunteers to help with setup.

We will begin reciting the Rosary at 11:20 am, followed by juice, coffee, tea, and donuts provided by Altar & Rosary.

We will also be collecting new children's winter hats, scarves, and gloves.

Guest Speaker:
Parishioner, Barbara Shaver, Attorney-at-Law
Topic: Updating Wills and Trusts





Please make your reservation by Friday, November 6th.

Call Kaaren at (219) 836-5079
(this is a landline, so please do not text)
or email her at kaarenann@aol.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Box of Joy

Give a child their only Christmas gift.

Experience the joy of giving by helping the Knights of Columbus with our Box of Joy giving opportunity! Every year, children in Haiti, Malawi, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala wake up on Christmas morning with nothing under a tree. Many have never owned a picture book, a toy, or even a toothbrush. For these children, the shoebox you pack will be their only Christmas gift.

Four steps to give the gift of Christmas

1. **Pick up a box or two!** from the kiosk in the Narthex.
2. **Take a pamphlet** with gift suggestions to guide your shopping. *See backside, figure 2 & 3.*
3. **Go shopping and fill the box.** Mark whether it's for a boy or girl, and the age group (figure 1), but *leave it open, don't tape it closed*. We add a rosary and a coloring book called *The Story of Jesus*, printed in the child's own language, before it ships.
4. **Drop off your box** at the Weis Center. Our Scouts will meet you at your car, you never have to get out.

DROP-OFF DAY
Saturday, November 7
8:00 AM – Noon · Weis Center · curbside drop-off

You may also bring "unboxed" gifts and build a box on-site with the Knights.

Kiosk in the Narthex
Boxes and pamphlets available October 17 through the noon Mass on Sunday, October 25

Help with shipping
A $9 donation per box is requested to cover international shipping. Drop off at Weis or give online.

Box of Joy
A Knights of Columbus Christmas Outreach Project

$9 suggested donation per box

Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



St. James Parish
9640 Kennedy Ave Highland IN



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

VETERANS DAY

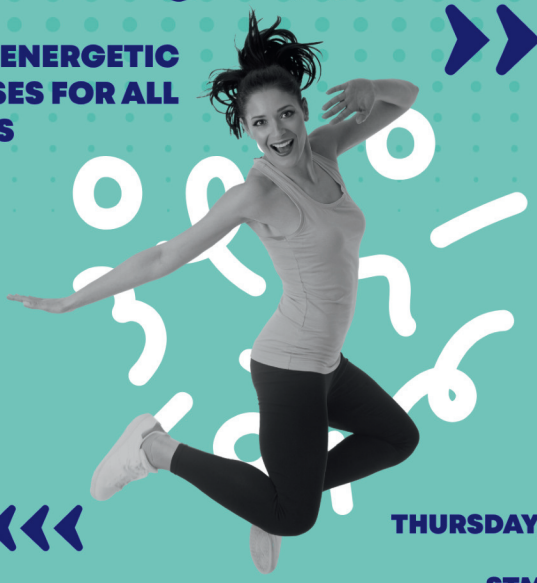
Celebration

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
ZUMBA FITNESS
Class WITH MRS. REYNOLDS

FUN & ENERGETIC CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS



Scan QR Code to Join Us!

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!

Holy Name Society

Monday
November 16
7:00 pm
Weis Center
Room 102



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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.

WE ARE HIRING

- Join Our Team -

Open Position:

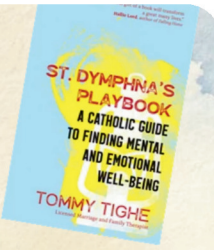
- Custodial positions for school & church

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

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Saints)

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many different Masses during the liturgical year honor Mary, Mother of Jesus?



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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS DAY



Daniel Maul
Pastoral Associate for Parish Faith Formation

Whom Do You Love?

We have two dogs: a nearly-six-year-old Great Pyrenes, named Pepe, and a who-knows-how-old Pitbull, named Dante. We adopted them, about three years apart, they're very different from each other, and I don't love them. Well, I *thought* I didn't love them, but I guess *maybe* I do.

Pepe sleeps in my daughter's room, and Dante sleeps near my wife. The other night, I was home alone, and I thought the dogs would sleep near me, but they didn't. They slept in their usual spots, though their sleeping partners were not with them. These two obviously aren't *this* man's best friend! I don't think that a dog can hurt me *emotionally*, but I *did* have to wonder how my wife and daughter rate.

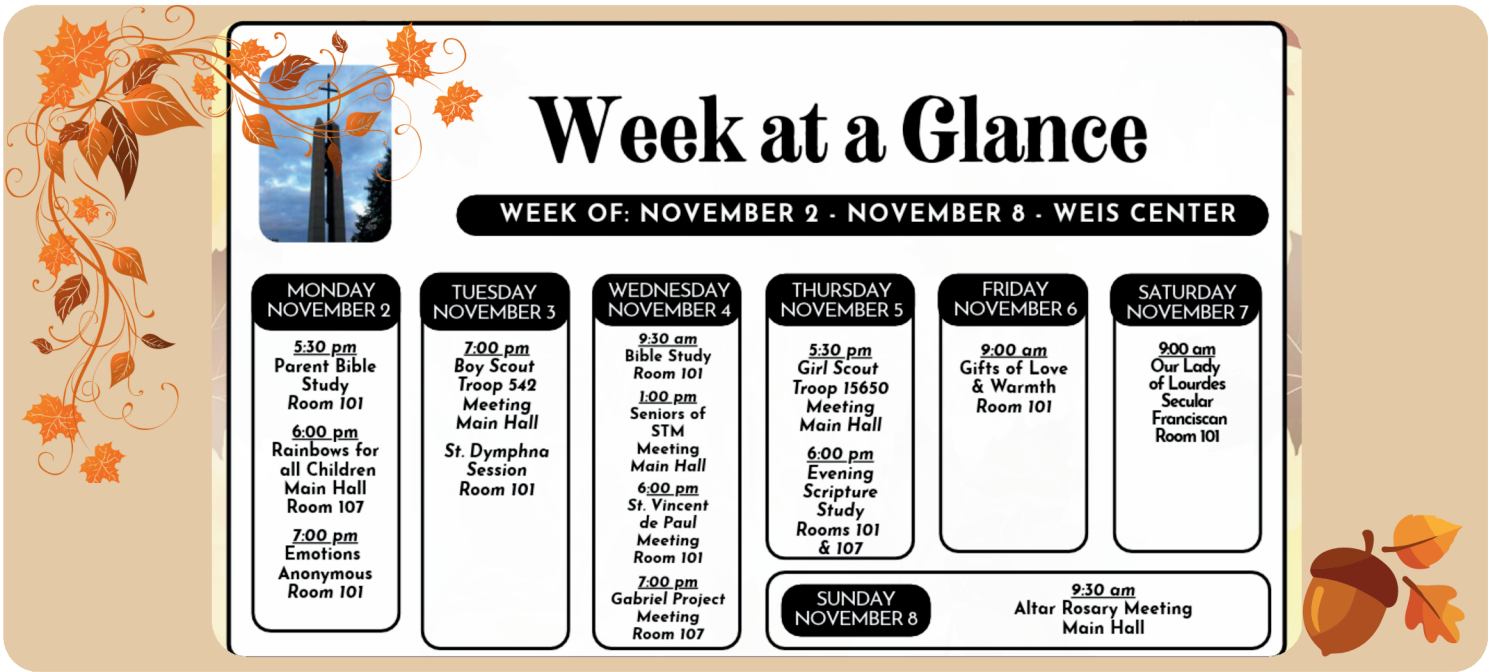
When we adopted Dante, about two years ago, we were told he was four or five years old, but we're sure they were *way* off. At the time, his muzzle was grey, his eyes were cloudy, he had a growth on his leg, and he had worn-down teeth. He sounds like a real attractive dog, right? Well, now, his hind legs are starting to give out. He drags one of them, most of the time, and I feel terrible for him. Because of his condition, I no longer make him sit for a treat. He can go ahead of me, whenever he likes. He doesn't have to go for walks, with Pepe and me. And I give him lots of tender pets. I feel compassion and sympathy for him. So, I guess I *do* love him.

Pepe is over a hundred pounds, would kill any stranger who'd dare enter our home, and regularly asks me for belly rubs. He's my big, ferocious baby, and I talk to him as such. He's very sensitive, crying out, even when I miss him with the *chancla*. "Dad! How could you?!?!" I speak dog.

But, we can't *fully* and *truly* love a dog, though at times it sure seems like some of us do. So, too, we can't love inanimate objects, like cars, though, again, at times, it can *seem* like we do. Though most life forms need *some* kind of love, we can only *fully* and *truly* love a human being.

Therefore, God became human, in Jesus Christ, not *only* to save us, not *only* to die for us, but also because He wants to *love* us, fully, and be loved *by* us, truly. Jesus called God the Father, the "One" and the "Power." But, a person can't love the "Power." People can love only *people*. Therefore, God humbled himself and became a human being, in order to show us love and be loved by us. When you love someone, you come to their level, meet them where they're at, and give them what they need. This is what God has done for us, and we are so grateful.

So, dog lovers, let's continue humbling ourselves and loving our dogs, just not *fully*. They're dogs, after all.





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.

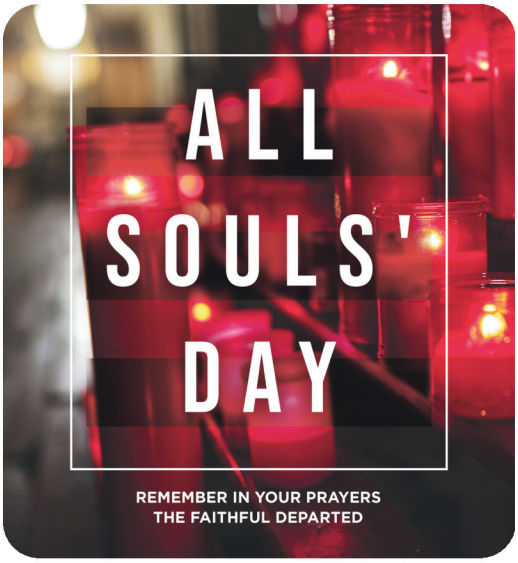
For consideration: please email your resume to: Maria Vega at mvega@stm-church.com



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









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.

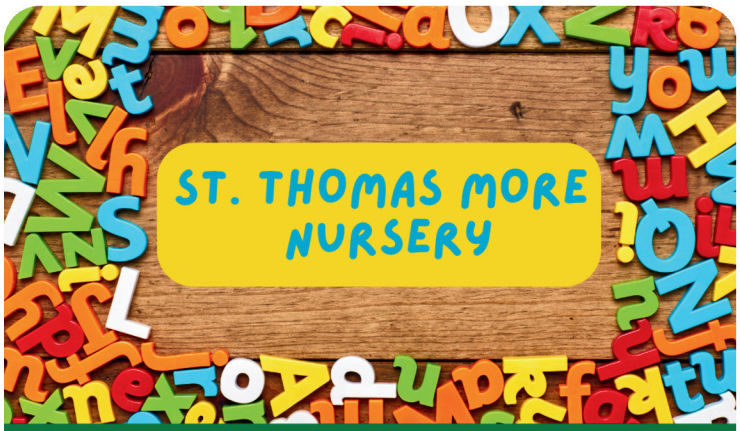
November 18th: Games Galore!

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!

Christmas Luncheon

You're Invited to the Seniors' Annual Christmas Luncheon! Join us on Thursday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts for a festive afternoon of good food and good company. Menu includes: beef tips with noodles, baked cod, or pork loin in apple butter sauce. Cost: $32.00 - Reservations are required by Friday, November 20th. After lunch, celebrate the season with a stroll through the Avenue of Trees at the Art Center.

Stay active. Stay informed. Stay healthy.



THE ST. THOMAS MORE NURSERY IS OPEN 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.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1 - ANN AND KATIE HARKENRIDER
NOVEMBER 8 - RACHEL AND AMELIA PEREZCHICA
NOVEMBER 15 - KAAREN MASHURA AND MICHELE AND AVERY DELAO
NOVEMBER 22 - RACHEL AND AMELIA PEREZCHICA AND CHLOE SHEEHAN
NOVEMBER 29 - JENNIFER AND ELIJAH ANDERSON



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: Fourteen



STMS Red Ribbon Winners

A huge congratulations to our talented students who won our National Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free.", and our students brought that message to life with their creativity. This ceremony officially kicked off our National Red Ribbon week from October 23-31. Red Ribbon Week is a special week where students learn about the dangers of drugs and promise to make healthy choices. Throughout the week, we have spirit days to bring excitement. We were excited for a fun-filled week of promoting healthy choices and spreading the message of staying drug-free!



More in Motion: Zumba Night

Bring a friend, make a friend, and join us for an evening full of energy, laughter, and movement! Our very own Mrs. Reynolds will lead the class, guiding us through fun and easy-to-follow routines that will get your heart pumping This isn't just about fitness – it's about coming together as a community creating fellowship and supporting our school in a joyful way. Scan the QR Code to join the fun.

PINK OUT FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we showed up in pink to honor survivors, remember those we've lost, and support everyone currently fighting. Behind every pink ribbon is a story, a loved one, and a community standing strong together. All donations raised from our Pink Out Day will benefit Marielva Banks, a beloved member of our school family who is bravely battling breast cancer. Together we pray, and together we stand with the Banks family. Thank you for coming together as a school community to show your incredible love, support, and encouragement!



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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, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS DAY

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Monday through Friday
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New - **Weis Center Office:**
Monday through Thursday
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Mass Schedule:
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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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