



ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026 • SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 12—Sunday of Divine Mercy

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Intention of 60th Wedding Anniversary of Vern & Rose Erwin by Family
- 10:00 am Bridget Hennel (Anniv.) by Bickel Family
- 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Gunia by Son Kenneth

MONDAY, April 13

- 6:30 am Alvera Joyce by Sharon Tillery & Linda Rescan
- 8:30 am Edwin Wolak (Anniv.) by Michael Wolak

TUESDAY, April 14

- 6:30 am Irene Renwald by Family & Friends
- 8:30 am Stephen Caco by Family

WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 6:30 am George Page by Family
- 8:30 am Donna Jean Strange by Family

THURSDAY, April 16

- 6:30 am John Sikma by Tina DeLuca
- 8:30 am Lorraine Kous by Patty Pfister

FRIDAY, April 17

- 6:30 am Patricia Boberski by Michalik Family
- 8:30 am Eddie Richter by Micki Richter

SATURDAY, April 18

- 8:30 am Richard Monak by Lilyan Monak
- 5:30 pm Deceased Members of Rybowiak Family by Pagorek Family

SUNDAY, April 19—Third Sunday of Easter

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am William Beneventi by Mary Shanks & Family
- 10:00 am Flynn Family by Mardi Flynn
- 12:00 pm Timothy M. McDunn by Mr. & Mrs. William K. McDunn

**When we trust in the Lord,
He leads us through all things
to a brighter future.**

—> NEW Parish Office Hours <—

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.—Noon

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Mission Statement:

The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need.

As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.

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ALL ABOUT CHANGE

“You can’t start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading your last one.” ~ Unknown

Well, folks, this is it. Today is the Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday. This is also the weekend that the Diocese of Gary will announce the assignment changes that will become effective July 1st. That, of course, includes us as I will be leaving June 30th, retiring after twenty-three years as your pastor.

Change is exciting. Change is scary. Change is a complex emotional rollercoaster. Change is, well, change. Out with the old, in with the new and all that stuff.

When people are confronted with change, they can become rigid and unaccepting. I encourage you not to do that. For one thing, there’s no way you’re getting out of the change, so go for it. Don’t dwell on the past and, in the process, hinder the new pastor from moving forward, perhaps in different directions than you have gone before.

While there has been nothing officially announced as of the transmission of this bulletin to the printer, I have been told that our parish will receive both a new pastor as well as an associate pastor. By the time you read this column, those names should have been released by the diocese and you can begin thinking about the opportunities that await you. Yes. That’s what I said. Opportunities.

While change can be scary or confusing or a hundred other emotions, change can also bring opportunity. Look to the direction that will be given the parish beginning July 1st and see where it can and will take you. We are always being called to become better versions of ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually and becoming those better versions requires change.

Know that, while you are going through the processes of change here at the parish, I will be praying for you that the Lord give you a calming Spirit to accept all that will take place. Embrace the change with an open mind and open heart and trust in God.

That’s always the key, always the solution: trust in God.

When we trust in ourselves, we fail. When we trust in our plans, we stumble and fall. But when we trust in the Lord, He leads us through all things to a brighter future.

I will be going through my own change beginning July 1st. I have been a priest assigned to parishes, many with schools, for forty-three years. To walk away from all of that is, in one sense, a relief since I will not have administrative duties. Yet, on the other hand, it’s a bit disconcerting since I am a bit of a workaholic and change is, well, change. Let’s do this together.

FAITH ACTION: Pray that God gives you the grace to accept change and pray for the priests who are preparing to come to our parish July 1st.

F.A. Mike



PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

April 14: Rev. Walter S. Mastey (1997)

April 17: Rev. Frank A. Seimetz (1965)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist.

~ St. John Paul II

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength.

~ St. Padre Pio

One thing alone sustains me and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw all my strength; in it is all my comfort. ... Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me. ... I would not know how to give glory to God if I did not have the Eucharist in my heart.

~ St. Faustina



“All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person’s sins were as dark as night, God’s mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God’s merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.”

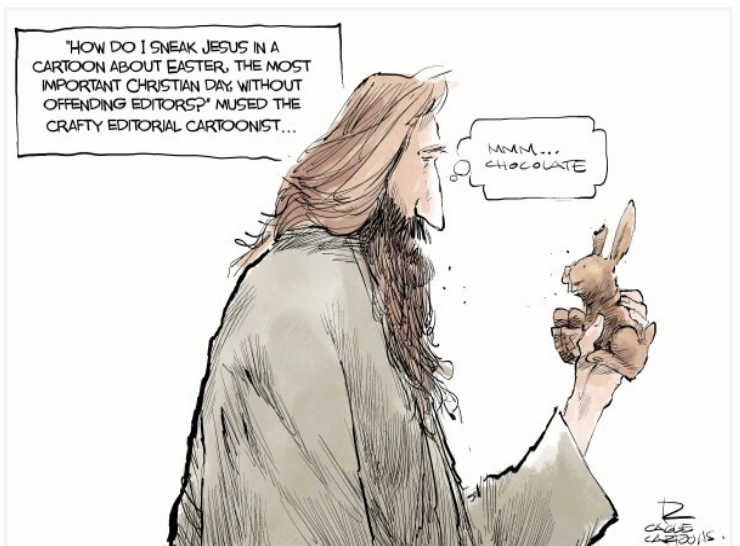
~ St. Faustina (No. 1507)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One summer evening, during a violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, “Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?”

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. “I can’t dear,” she said. “I have to sleep with Daddy.”

A long silence was broken at last by a shaken little voice saying, “The big sissy.”



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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/42tadtyr>, use the QR code or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.



Nancy Almason
Antonio Belmonte
Diane Bochnowski
Linda Braun
Jack Brunetti
Diane Butler
Ursula Cichy
Kevin Clark
Loretta Clott
Charlotte Conn
Valerie Czapkowitz
Janice De Vries
David Dull
Gabriela Gallegos
Gary Gardner
Joan Glinski
Howard Gralewski
Margaret Gray
Christine Greenberg
Mary Ellen Gullicks
Jeffrey Gunning
Katie Kardes Hargett
Elaine Herrmann

Robert Heseck
Steve James
Barbara Jamrose
Kelly Jean
Margaret Jones
Joseph D. Karulski
Dr. Greg Kelly
Mary Alyce Kelly
Susan Kolodziej
Gregory P. Koscielski
Crystal Kurek
Jordan Lesniewski
Skip Lind
Paul A. Martin
Carolyn McGill
Sandi Merlo
Gino Michels
Madeline Mikolanis
Thomas Mordaunt
Bernadine Nemeth
Margaret Nickrent
Dawn Niebling
Don Noworyta

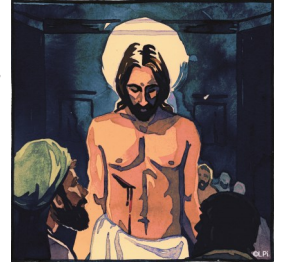
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Dennis Perz
Lucille Perz
Ruth Ramirez
Antonia Rodriguez
Valetine Rudakas
Paul Runick
Karen Rutz
Karen Sliwa
Steven Sliwa
Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel
Judith Zawada

Gospel Reflection

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

John 20:19-31

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)



In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing—and transformation—of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

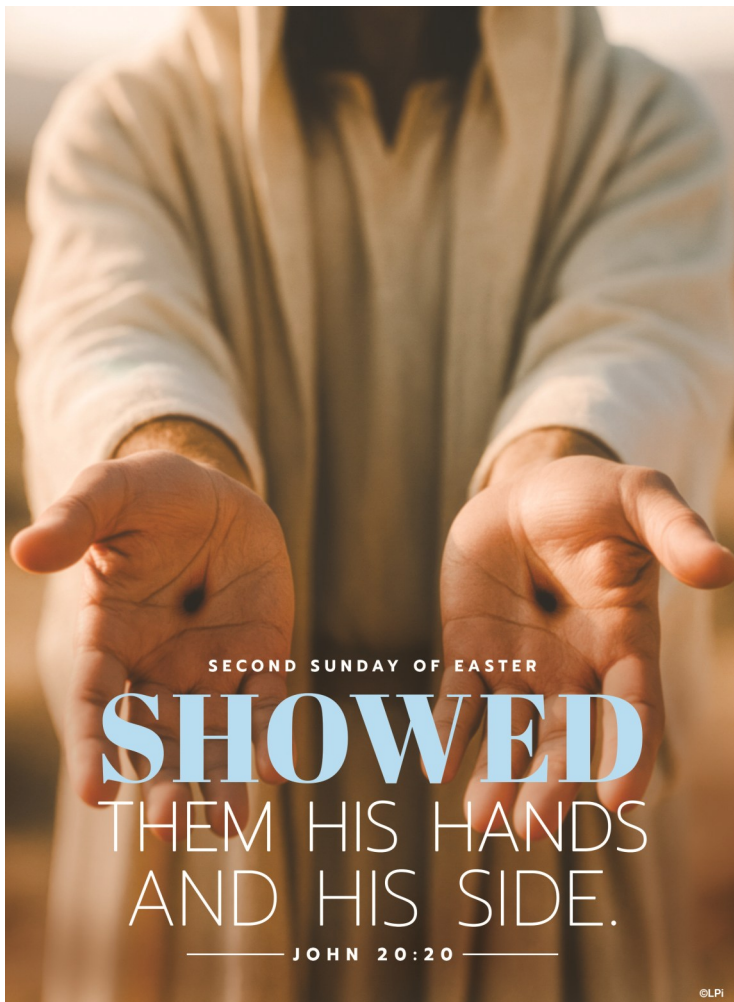
Readings Week of April 12

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/
Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Prayer of the Faithful

We Pray...

That we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included.



Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

8635 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321
Phone: (219) 836-2660

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, April 12

5:00 pm T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry—Weis Center Main Hall

Monday, April 13

5:30 pm Parents Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Room 102
7:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting—Weis Center Main Hall

Tuesday, April 14

6:30 pm Parish Life Meeting—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Wednesday, April 15

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Weis Center Rm 101
1:00 pm Seniors of STM—Weis Center Main Hall
4:30 pm Brownie Troop 15625—Weis Center Main Hall

Thursday, April 16

8:30 am School Pro. Development—Weis Center Room 101
5:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Friday, April 17

9:00 am Gifts of Love & Warmth—Weis Center Room 101

Saturday, April 18

8:30 am First Communion Retreat—Weis Center ALL

Sunday, April 19

11:00 am Altar & Rosary Meeting—Weis Center Main Hall

The April Nursery Schedule



The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass Nursery

The Nursery is in the "Brides Room", located in the Church Main Entrance

April 12th — Susie, Finn & Kian Kinsella and Giuliana Diaz

April 19th — Jenn and Oliver Anderson

April 26th — Rachel and Amelia Perezchica

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed in our Sunday Morning Nursery, including 8th Grade Students and High School Students that need Service Hours.

Please call Ann Harkenrider at 1-708-334-5228.

All volunteers 18 and over must have completed the Virtus training.

Celebrants

Saturday, April 18

5:30 p.m. Carmelite Father

Sunday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
10:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
12:00 Noon Carmelite Father



Altar Servers

Saturday, April 18

5:30 p.m. MC—Hunter, AS—G Knight & X. Mendoza

Sunday, April 19

8:00 a.m. MC—Derek, AS—A. & I. Tolnai and K. Karl
10:00 a.m. MC—Gabi, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye and A. Sudac
12:00 p.m. MC—Nina, AS—J. Dye



Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, April 18

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Miles Sepiol & Jo Ann Karr

Chapel: Lisa Mendoza

Sunday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Mary Jo Jez

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Ivy Nguyen

Chapel: Sandra Steele

Choir: Kathy Tolnai

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Dwight Reed

Chapel: Tim & Amy Jevyak

Choir: Magdalena Arteaga

12:00 Noon Mass

Main: Pat Batchelder

If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact
Lisa Mendoza

718mendoza@gmail.com



Greeters needed for the 12 Noon Mass!
Please consider signing up!

Stewardship REFLECTION

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Access Your 2025 Giving Statements Online



Looking to retrieve your 2025 Giving Statements? Our new parish database makes this easy and accessible.

Go to www.stm-church.com/mygiving

Be on the lookout for more information on what our new database and website will offer our parish community in the coming months!

- For questions about your statement, please contact Charlie Schimpf at 219-836-8610, Ext. 2329 cschimpf@stm-church.com
- For help with logging in to your account online, please contact Noreen Bickel at 219-836-8610, Ext. 2330 nbickel@stm-church.com
- For a printed statement, please contact Phyllis at the Parish Office 219-836-8610 or email parish.office@stm-church.com



UPDATING YOUR PARISH DIRECTORY LISTING

—→ **ATTENTION** ←—

A letter was sent in the U.S. Mail as well as an email with a request for you to:

- Update your database listing information (Name, Address, Phone & Email)
- Confirm the information you want listed in the Parish Directory (at the back of the photo directory)

If we do not receive a response from you BY APRIL 15th we will assume all information is correct and will publish in the directory.

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Nomination Ballot

Would you consider becoming a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council?

The Pastoral Council members are parishioners who are willing to participate in prayer and spiritual formation, willing to listen to others and be open to new ideas, understanding and accepting of the mission of our parish, willing to work as team members and willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council, the Parish and Church.

This is a 3-year commitment.

A series of three evenings of prayer, education and faith sharing constitute STM's Discernment Process.

The Discernment Sessions give candidates an opportunity to learn more about the Pastoral Council. These discernment sessions are a requirement if you wish to be selected for the Pastoral Council.

Discernment Sessions will be held on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Weis Center

May 5, May 12 and May 19

New Council members will be chosen on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Nominees must be a practicing Roman Catholic, a registered member of St. Thomas More Parish, not separated from the Sacraments and be at least 18 years of age. The nominees cannot be a full-time employee of the parish or school. Nominees will be contacted to verify their acceptance of the nomination. Members of our parish can nominate themselves or others by completing the Nomination Form below.

Nomination Deadline:

Sunday, April 26th - End of the Noon Mass

Nomination Ballot

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Please deposit the Nomination Forms in the **Red Ballot Boxes** located at each church entrance.*

Jesus Christ is Great! And?

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

Have you ever seen one of those “He Gets Us” commercials, about how Jesus Christ is totally relatable to us? I think the first one was shown during the Super Bowl, a few years back. Well, I both love them and kind of disagree with them. How about you?



In my opinion, they got much right about Jesus. Everything was about Jesus Christ, Himself, and how impressive and beautiful He is. It was all true, but it wasn't enough. They foreclosed on their message, too soon. It's not enough just to understand, believe in, and love Jesus. Yes, we have to begin there, but that doesn't fulfill the obligations of the Christian. We, next, have to grow to rely on God and be grateful for the sacrifices that Jesus Christ made in order to save us, and, then, there's a logical last step, in the Christian life. We have to become *disciples* (followers; students) of Jesus Christ (the Master): *listening to Him, obeying Him, and trying to follow His model*. Essentially, we have to try to be *like Him*.

Those commercials accurately presented Jesus as loving, compassionate, and inclusive. He was, in fact, empathetic to marginalized groups and advocated for them. He did love people who disagreed with Him. He didn't fight back. He was humble. And, as they showed, He did suffer and struggle as we do, as He was human.

But, unfortunately, they left it at that. They didn't include the call and the cost of the Christian, who is a follower of Jesus Christ. They presented the Christian life as merely amounting to being impressed by Jesus. They seemed to suggest that all that is expected of the Christian is to consider Jesus, as He is, in and of Himself, and hear His voice, within yourself, caring for you. Yes, He loves us. True. But, it must be asked, then, how are we loving Him back? He tells us how we're supposed to do it. But, do we listen, or do we just decide for ourselves?

As presented in those commercials, one doesn't need to consider the life to which Christ calls us. There was nothing about denying yourself or taking up your cross. There was nothing about humbling yourself or putting others first. There was nothing about giving to the poor or serving others. Jesus already did all of that for us, apparently.

That's where the need for the Church comes in. Without the Church, it's too easy to delude ourselves into thinking that Jesus is exactly how we want Him to be. We can't have Jesus on our own terms, as we want Him. We can't have Christ without the Church. He formed a Church to hold, sustain, and lead His people. And, we need the Church in order to hear the challenging message of Jesus Christ, summoning us to build the Kingdom of God, here and now, and to be different, set apart, and counter cultural. Listen to Him.

Catholic Charities

Thank you for your generosity!

You helped make a big impact on our community with the Catholic Charities Easter Drive



Easter Baskets were provided for 105 children ages 0-13, and 15 Seniors in our local community.

We also created baskets for 20 homeless/couch surfing high school students which included socks, a spiritual book, cross, gift card and some candy.

Our parish also collected nearly \$4,500 to defray the costs of Easter Food Baskets for Catholic Charities!

Thank you kindly for your generosity in caring for Others in need. Please see below for opportunities if you are interested in being more involved with Catholic Charities!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary is looking for a volunteer delivery driver to support our Food Pantry in East Chicago.

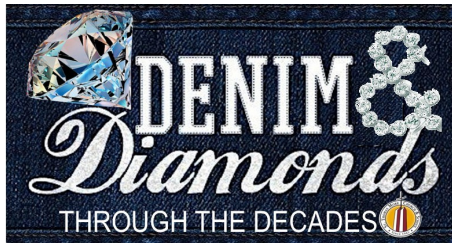
This role includes delivering groceries to homebound neighbors throughout Lake, Porter, La Porte, and Starke counties, packing food bags, and helping load and unload delivery trucks.

Flexible weekday schedule (Monday-Friday). The position plays a vital role in ensuring food reaches those who need it most.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Tina Gunnum
Email: tgunnum@catholic-charities.org
Phone: 219-397-5803 ext. 205





Thank You!

Our most sincere thanks to all who attended, donated and bid to make our

Denim & Diamonds 2026
another huge success.

We are extremely grateful to all who supported this wonderful evening of music, food and most of all fellowship for our school and parish families.

We can't wait until next year to do it again!

Thank You Sponsors!

We are incredibly grateful to our generous sponsors:

Diamond Sponsor

\$5,000 Donation
Ever After Events

Platinum Sponsor

\$2,500 Donation
Kish Funeral Home

Silver Sponsor

\$1,000 Donation
Root Brothers Manufacturing

Music Sponsor

\$250 Donation
Frost Engineering

Dessert Sponsor

\$250 Donation

Book

Fair Bliss

STMS students had a great time at the recent Book Fair, which offered a plethora of faith-based and age appropriate books for our students to purchase & enjoy.



Congratulations, Ms. Sobilo

St. Thomas More School is blessed with a building full of dedicated educators and staff who, even on the "hard" days, bring their very best to our students, ensuring that they are all seen, cared for and encouraged to do their best through love, compassion and kindness. And no one exhibits that more than 1st grade teacher, Elena Sobilo, who was honored recently at the Diocese of Gary Schools Professional Development Day.



Presented with the prestigious St. Catherine of Sienna Leadership Award, Ms. Sobilo was recognized for her ability to live our mission through her faith, serving as a beacon for all around her, offering patience, grace and compassion to both students and colleagues alike.

Her goal is simple: To help others learn and grow, sharing her knowledge and resources freely and expecting nothing in return.

She does, however, revel in the "aha" moments when a student finally grasps a concept and everything clicks. She values the beautiful gift of seeing her students grow into confident, independent learners and watching their academic progress grow in tandem with their deepening faith.



She has credited the community of St. Thomas More school for being incredibly welcoming and encouraging and loves how our school family is intentionally building a culture of collaboration and shared support in service of its common mission.

Thank you, Ms. Sobilo, for sharing your faith, compassion and dedication with the students and staff of STMS. We are so very fortunate that you choose St. Tom's to live out your mission!

Nature at It's Best

Recently, the St. Thomas More School 2nd Grade traveled to Chicago for a field trip to The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, in conjunction with their studies about animals & habitats and had the beautiful bonus of spending time in the museum's butterfly haven.





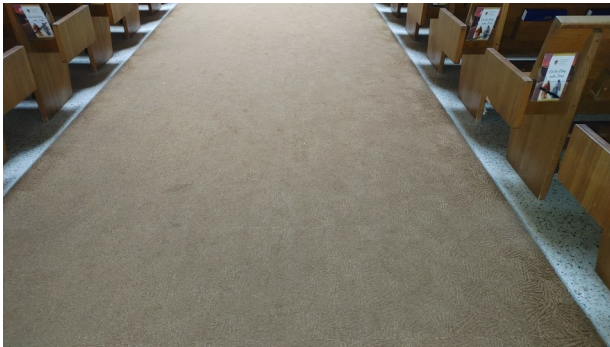
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**Our 2026
Parish Goal:
\$350,000**

CSA 2026

For this year's CSA rebate, the parish plans to use funds to replace the carpeting throughout the church and begin renovations on the Narthex (main entrance of the church).

Diocesan Goal: \$141,676
Parish Rebate Goal: \$208,324
****Pledged to Date: 113,307**



Scan the QR Code or Visit Give.dcgary.org to donate online to CSA.

You may also send or bring your donation to the Parish Office.

Thank you!!



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!

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

Happy Easter and Welcome Spring!
Join the Seniors for upcoming social gatherings and don't miss our Spring Luncheon!

**Wednesday, April 15th
1:00 p.m.—Weis Center**

Social Event with plenty of games and brain boosters!
An afternoon of good friends, refreshments and fun!

**Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers
May 6th - 12:00 p.m.**

Andora Restaurant/Banquets
Reservations will be required by April 17th

\$20.00 per person
Menu: Chicken Marsala, Roast Pork with Cranberry BBQ Sauce
or Pasta Primavera with Shrimp
Please indicate your menu choice!

Altar & Rosary Society

**10:00 a.m. Mass
Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Members can sit with their families.
There will be no special seating.

After Mass, at 11:00 a.m., we will meet at the Weis Center for our Salad Bar Luncheon.

Women attending are asked to bring their favorite Foods, Salads, Jello Molds, Fruit and Desserts.

We will be collecting Baby Clothes and Baby Blankets.

Our Guest Speaker is Parishioner Roxanne Wleklinski. Roxanne will demonstrate Chair Exercises which we will be able to participate in. So wear comfortable clothing.

Please make your reservations by Friday, April 17, 2026 by calling Kaaren at 1-219-836-5079.



St. Thomas More Religious Education

1st-8th Grade • Classes: Wednesday or Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Wed & Thurs 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Director: Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232 • ehackett@stm-church.com

April Schedule

April 15/16 Class
April 22/23 Last Class for all but First Communicants
April 29/30 First Communion Practice—
 ALL Wed & Thurs First Communion
 students attend both nights

May Schedule

May 2 Sunday—10 a.m. First Communion
STM School and Religious Education
May 16 Confirmation

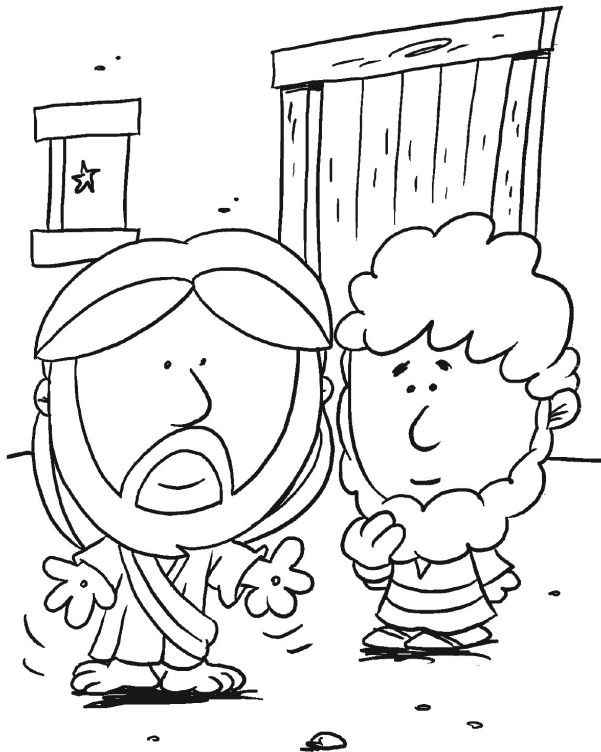
GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31



T.G.I.F. Teen Ministry

All high school teens are invited to the last TGIF gathering for the 2025-2026 school year on

Sunday, April 12th—Weis Center
5:00—6:00 p.m.

Teens in 8th grade are also invited.
 Snacks and beverages will be provided.

We will finish reading and discussing the novel by Ron Marasco entitled "*The Dog Who Was There*". It's available in paperback and as an audiobook and kindle on Amazon.

For those who will be attending for the first time, here is a brief summary of what was previously covered:

Barley's early life of near-drowning and abandonment to a new home and back to being homeless again. Wandering through the dangerous roads of the Roman-occupied Judea to the outskirts of Jerusalem. Meeting another new family, hearing more about and then meeting the Kind Man. His new family's lives are intertwined with the "Kind Man" as events unfold. The final chapters bring everything to its final conclusion as the adventure continues.



Help Feed Our Neighbors In Need

St. Vincent de Paul Society

ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

Laundry Soap, Paper Towels, Paper Tissue

Peanut Butter	Or Hash Browns, etc.
Jelly	Rice
Pasta Sauce	Hamburger Helper
Canned Pasta	Pork & Beans
Canned Vegetables	Frosting
Canned Meats	Shampoo
(Chicken, Beef Stew, Spam & Tuna)	Toothpaste
Canned Fruit	Dish Soap
Instant Mashed Potatoes	

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Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

First Friday: Half hour
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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 &
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At least one of the godparents
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Pre-Baptism Class

2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parents must call the
Parish Office to schedule class
and/or Baptism.

New Parishioner Registration

New parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex
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Please contact Daniel Maul with additional questions:
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