

ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH & STEWARDSHIP GUIDE

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Coming soon: New Parishioner Welcome

SERVE

These ministries are focused on serving the Lord and our neighbors through use of the gifts entrusted to us. You will find opportunities to serve the homeless, expectant mothers, and care for those in our community, infants to elderly.

Circle of Prayer is a ministry dedicated to lifting up the needs of our parish community through prayer. Members receive specific prayer requests and commit to interceding for those intentions, offering spiritual support and comfort to those in need. Members are encouraged to pray from home, in Eucharistic Adoration or at Mass.

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Gabriel Project supports women facing crisis pregnancies by walking alongside them with compassion, prayer and practical assistance. Volunteers help meet both spiritual and physical needs. They provide items such as cribs, diapers, clothing or blankets, and also connect moms to additional resources when needed. This ministry is a meaningful way to uphold the dignity of life and share God's love with mothers and their children.

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Gifts of Love & Warmth brings together parishioners who enjoy knitting or crocheting to create items that share God's love with others. Participants make lap robes and shoulder wraps for nursing home residents or homebound parishioners, hats for newborn babies and more. All skill levels are welcome. The group enjoys fellowship and mutual support on Friday mornings. Parishioners are also encouraged to help this ministry by donating full or partial skeins of yarn.

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Homeless Shelter Meals ministry prepares and delivers evening meals 2-3 times per month for the homeless shelter in Hammond. Volunteers gather in the school cafeteria to cook and assemble meals—no special cooking skills are required, just a heart for serving those in need and sharing God's love through practical care.

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Knights of Columbus is our parish chapter of the national organization, welcoming men to grow in faith, fellowship and service. Members engage in spiritual enrichment, social activities, fundraising and charitable works. Some of their annual events include the Christmas Tree Sale, Lenten Fish Fry and Boy of Joy campaign. This ministry offers meaningful ways to serve God, support the parish and make a positive impact in the wider community.

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Mental Health Ministry provides a compassionate and supportive environment for adult parishioners living with depression, anxiety, loneliness or other mental health challenges. This ministry also supports parents and family members, helping them understand mental illness and offering guidance in fostering healing. Participants can share their experiences, find encouragement and connect with God in a safe, confidential and nonjudgmental space.

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Pastoral Care of the Sick answers Christ's call to love and serve by caring for parishioners who are homebound, in hospitals or living in nursing homes. Ministers bring the Holy Eucharist, assist with Masses celebrated in care facilities and offer support, encouragement and compassion to those who are sick or grieving the loss of a loved one. This ministry is a very meaningful way to share God's love and true presence with those in need.

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Respect Life partners with the Diocesan Respect Life to educate, inspire and encourage parishioners and the greater community to uphold the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Activities include the Pro-Life Rosary, Life Chain and 40 Days for Life program. This ministry is a meaningful way to witness to the sanctity of life and actively promote a culture of love and respect.

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Scouting (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts)

Scouting offers boys and girls the opportunity to grow into self-reliant, dependable and caring individuals. Through faith, service and skill-building, scouts learn to do their best and to value family life. They serve God, country and others. Parents are encouraged to participate as leaders and helpers, strengthening families and providing positive examples for young people in our parish and community.

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St. Joseph Soup Kitchen invites parishioners to serve those experiencing hunger in downtown Hammond. Ministers help prepare and serve meals, pack bag lunches and assist with cleanup. This ministry offers both practical support and a visible witness of Christ's love to those in need.

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Society of Vincent de Paul serves those in need in our parish and the surrounding community, particularly in Munster and South Hammond. Ministers maintain a food pantry, deliver groceries to homes, assist with utility and other urgent needs, and distribute Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets. This ministry offers a meaningful way to live out Christ's call to serve the poor and bring hope and support to families in our community.

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COMING SOON

Millions of Monicas Prayer Group gathers to lift up prayers for children and loved ones who have drifted from the Catholic faith, asking God to draw them home. Meetings include songs, prayer, the Rosary and faith sharing.

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