



# Returning Family

## 2016-2017 Registration

Please fill out the following family and student information.

- Return this form with your registration fees to the school office by February 29, 2016.
- If you are registering a new Pre-school or Kindergarten student, please bring the original Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate, if applicable, to the school office along with the completed registration forms.
- Registration forms can be found on the St. Thomas More website or picked up at the school office.
- Non-refundable registration fees are: \$200 per student (\$150 if paid on or before February 29, 2016).

**NOTE:** After February 29, 2016, your child will not be guaranteed a place at STMS. He/she will fall into the pool of all other applications received and will be prioritized based upon the admissions policy.

*Remember that you may earn a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new family to St. Thomas More School.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Any changes to the above information in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Returning Student(s) Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Grade in 2015/16**

Pre-S, Pre-K, Kindergarten (indicate Full or Half Day)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**New Student(s) Being Enrolled**

(See Above...must submit forms/certificates to enroll)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Grade in 2015/16**

Pre-S, Pre-K, Kindergarten (indicate Full or Half Day)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# St. Thomas More School 2016-2017 Tuition Contract

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Students attending St. Thomas More School 2016/17:

**Grade in 2016/17**  
Pre-S, Pre-K, Kindergarten  
(indicate Full/Half Day)

Names:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please select your parishioner and Smart Tuition status:

1. Please Circle One: I am an Active Parishioner (complete attached form)      I am a Non-Parishioner
2. Registered with Smart Tuition: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ (see instructions below and attached details)

- All families must pay their tuition through Smart Tuition – even those that choose a one-time payment. **If not registered with Smart Tuition**, please go online to [www.parent.smarttuition.com](http://www.parent.smarttuition.com) or call 888-868-8828 to register. There is no charge if you use a checking or savings account. **Charge and debit cards will be accessed a 2.65% convenience fee.** See the school website ([www.stm-school.com](http://www.stm-school.com)) for more information. **All Smart Tuition accounts must be created by July 1, 2016.**
- Returning families to Smart Tuition:** Log in and verify personal, student and payment information for 16/17.
- All families agree to work a minimum of 20 service hours during the 2016-2017 school year or pay a \$10 per hour fee added to the May 2017 tuition payment. Specific program details and service opportunities will be outlined in the 2016-2017 Parent Handbook.

### Notice of Implied Agreement

If I do currently meet the requirements of an active parishioner, I understand that I must continue to be an active parishioner in order to receive the discounted parishioner rate of tuition.

I also understand that **there will be a \$40 fee** if the bank is unable to process my debit/check or Visa/MasterCard payment due to lack of funds or available credit.

**By my signature below, I hereby agree to create my Smart Tuition account by July 1, 2016 and pay as scheduled and to work the service hours or pay the fee. I will also comply with the policies, rules, and regulations of the school, as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# SMART TUITION

## ONLINE RE-ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome! To re-enroll online with Smart Tuition, please follow these instructions:

### 1. ONLINE RE-ENROLLMENT

Visit: [www.enrollwithsmart.com](http://www.enrollwithsmart.com). Enter your existing USERNAME and PASSWORD under the “I have a Smart Login from last year” and click the find my account button.

### 2. REVIEW YOUR ACCOUNT

Enter your identifying information and review the account details that you want for the upcoming year.

### 3. SECTION 1 – WHO WILL PAY?

Review the parent, guardian, or bill payer’s contact information. Please verify your telephone number and email address as Smart Tuition regularly communicates important information about your account via telephone and email. Please update the information if necessary.

### 4. SECTION 2 – WHO WILL ATTEND?

Review the names and grades of the children who will attend the school. If you have additional children attending the school this year, you may add them to this section at this time.

### 5. SECTION 3 – HOW & WHEN TO PAY?

Review the payment plans offered by your school and choose one. The plans listed are selected by your school and cannot be changed by Smart Tuition. Select your preferred payment method and due date from the options offered by your school.

### 6. SECTION 4 – SUBMIT

Review Smart Tuition’s terms and conditions. Click SUBMIT ENROLLMENT to complete your online enrollment.

### 7. CONFIRMATION

Upon online enrollment completion, a confirmation page will display and a confirmation email will be sent to you.

### ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

Once your school has reviewed and activated your account, you will receive an email with login instructions.

To view your balance, make payments, update your personal information, or chat with a live representative, access your Smart Tuition account at [www.parent.smarttuition.com](http://www.parent.smarttuition.com).

The Smart Tuition program manages tuition payments and follows the policies established at the school. Decisions regarding tuition amounts, tuition aid, scholarships, and all other tuition related items are made by your school.

We look forward to working with you and your family this year! Our Parent Help Center is always available to assist you. We’re open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call us at **(888) 868-8828**.



## SMART TUITION GENERAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Your School has partnered with Smart Tuition to service your child's 2016-2017 tuition account. To enroll online, please follow the instructions below:

### 1. ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Visit: [www.enrollwithsmart.com](http://www.enrollwithsmart.com)

### 2. FIND YOUR SCHOOL

Enter your school's name in the search box. Make your selection by clicking the green circle.

### 3. SECTION 1 – WHO WILL PAY?

Enter the parent, guardian, or bill payer's contact information. Please provide your telephone number and email address as Smart Tuition regularly communicates important information about your account via telephone and email.

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**SMART TUITION**  
Financial Solutions for Schools and Parents™



St. Thomas More School  
**Student Permission Form**  
2016-2017

**Must be returned with Registration Forms to Complete Registration Process**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Please PRINT]

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. School Directory Consent

A School Directory is created each academic year and will be emailed to parents for in-school use only. It is NOT for outside distribution. The School Directory is used for parent to parent communication (i.e. birthday party invitations, classroom parties, etc.) and STM Parent Association correspondence. Exclusion in the School Directory may result in lack of information to your family.

(Please check ONE):

- I request that my information be included in the school directory.
- I request that **NO INFORMATION** about my family be included in the school directory.

### 2. Photo Release

(Please check ONE):

- I **AGREE** and consent to the use of any photograph or video tape of this student(s) for the yearbook, advertising, promotion, website, online, Facebook, parish bulletin or in any photo for publicity purposes for St. Thomas More School and waive all claims for any compensation. Every effort is taken to protect our student's identity and names are rarely used with the publication of a photo.
- I **DO NOT** want my child/children's picture used for the yearbook, advertising, promotion, website, online, Facebook, parish bulletin or in any photo for publicity purposes for St. Thomas More School.

### 3. Outdoor Classes

There are many opportunities throughout the year to use our immediate environment as an extension of the classroom. With your permission, we may undertake such projects in Community Park, Bieker Woods or the public library. We look especially for an extension of our lab experiences with an outdoor classroom.

(Please check ONE)

- I hereby request that my student(s) attend outdoor classes, even when it means leaving the school grounds. I understand that teachers will supervise students at all times.
- I **DO NOT** want my student(s) to attend outdoor classes, etc.

**I agree to the above consents and releases:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





# St. Thomas More School 2016-2017 Parishioner Status Update

**In order to receive the discounted rate of tuition, you must be an active parishioner. The definition of an active parishioner at St. Thomas More Church is as follows:**

- The family is regularly attending Mass and is contributing to the parish on Sundays using their parish envelopes. Note that there is no specific dollar amount required as a parish contribution. You are asked to contribute an amount that reflects the way you have been blessed. If you are unable to contribute, your empty envelope that you place in the collection basket on Sunday will reflect your attendance. You receive credit for one Mass attended no matter how many envelopes you turn in. Envelopes turned in outside of Mass will not be counted towards your attendance.
- There is a current *Sacrificial Giving Card* on file. All parishioners will be mailed a *Sacrificial Giving Card* in mid February. Complete your card and return it to the Parish Office.
- Each family participates in at least one parish ministry or organization. We understand that many of you volunteer at the school, but you also need to be participating as part of the parish community. We want you to be part of the parish community long after your child graduates. You must complete and return the *Ministries Sign-Up Form*, to the right.

To document your parishioner status, please complete the following:

- Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a completed *Sacrificial Giving Card* on file in the parish office?  
 Yes                      No                      Will complete when received
  - Do you regularly attend Mass at St. Thomas More and turn in your church envelopes (even if there is nothing in the envelope)?  
 Yes                      No
  - Do you live within the boundaries of the Diocese of Gary or was your status grandfathered in?  
 Yes                      No

For Parish Office Use Only  On File _____  No. of Envelopes _____  Confirmed by: _____
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**Please complete the Ministries Sign-Up Form**

**Refer to the Directory of Ministry Programs & Parish Organizations.**

# Ministries Sign-Up Form

*Please use this form to express your interest in any of the Parish Ministries and Organizations at St. Thomas More. When completed, please return this form to the Parish Office. A representative from the individual Ministry will contact you.*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS	BEGIN	CONTINUE	MORE INFO	STEP DOWN	MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS	BEGIN	CONTINUE	MORE INFO	STEP DOWN
Adult Formation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Formation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altar & Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Altar & Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Blue Army	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Army	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# Automated Contributions

Complete only if interested in this service or if you already make your contributions automatically and would like to change the amount or your banking information.

To have your Sunday contributions withdrawn directly from your financial institution, please complete the form below. Withdrawals will be made on the 5th or the 20th of each month (please check the appropriate box below). You will continue to receive your offering envelopes in the mail. If you like, contributions for special collections such as Monthly Green Envelopes & Holy Days can now be withdrawn automatically. If you choose not to make these contributions automatically, please continue to use your regular envelopes for these collections.

## AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize St. Thomas More Church to initiate debit entries to my/our checking account indicated on my attached voided check. I/we authorize such banking institution to honor such debit entries on my/our account. I/we understand this authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Thomas More has received written notification from me/us. I agree to give 14 days written notice of any changes to, or discontinuation of, this program.

I/we hereby authorize St. Thomas More to debit my/our account in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month from my/our checking account (attach a voided check) on the  5th of each month &/or  20th of each month

### Additional Donations

Monthly Green Envelope Amount (5th of the mth) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holy Days (the next business day) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form, along with a voided check to:  
 St. Thomas More Church - Attn: Susan Strain



# Stewardship PRAYER

Almighty God, I give thanks for all the gifts you have given me; my life, my family, all that I have and all that I am. Most of all, thank you for the gift of Your Son Jesus. Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, shows me that by simply loving and trusting in You I need not worry. You created me, and You will sustain me.

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit upon me, bringing knowledge and understanding. Teach me to be a "good" steward of your gifts. Help me to serve joyfully, give generously, follow faithfully, live responsibly, and possess sensibly.

I give thanks for the abundant gifts you have so graciously lavished upon me. In gratitude for the spiritual and material blessings you have given me, I give to you the first fruits of these gifts by acts of service and by generously sharing all that you have entrusted to me.

Heavenly Father, help me to be a gift to others in your name.

*Amen*

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING:

- It isn't about simply writing a check. It is about sharing the gifts God has given us.
- Do something counter-cultural by committing a portion of your hard-earned treasure to St. Thomas More Parish. In return, you won't receive anything of consumer value. You will receive a change of heart — your faith life will change for the better.
- Make a leap of faith; take the challenge. In thanksgiving, share what you have. Just as God has enriched your life, your stewardship enriches the lives of others.

## WEEKLY PARISH GIVING BASED ON MY SALARY

Annual Income	\$26,000	\$52,000	\$78,000
Weekly Income	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
1% per Week	\$5	\$10	\$15
3% per Week	\$15	\$30	\$45
5% per Week	\$25	\$50	\$75
8% per Week	\$40	\$80	\$120
10% per Week	\$50	\$100	\$150

If I were to tithe at 10%, how might my gifts from God be shared?



Sacrificial Giving & Stewardship at

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH  
 8501 Calumet Avenue • Munster, IN 46321  
 (219) 836-8610

Noreen Bickel — Director of Stewardship  
 (219) 836-8610, #330

# Sharing THE JOY OF Stewardship



SACRIFICIAL GIVING BRINGS

*Peace*

OF MIND AND

*Balance*

TO YOUR LIFE



Our giving to the Church should not be about giving to the needs of the Church. It should be about what we as Christians need to give. As we know, all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. These gifts are given to us for a purpose. We are the caretakers of all the gifts He has given us. We are simply re-gifting some of what God has given us.

Through giving, we offer ourselves in service and devotion to God. We become stronger in faith and develop a more personal relationship with God. Through our weekly offering at Mass, we are simply saying thank you to God for all that He has given us.

Often we are tempted to put our Church offering at the bottom of the pile of bills to be paid. Our contributions come from what is remaining, rather than what is first. How much do we spend monthly on gourmet coffee, cable, dining out, cell phone packages, etc.? If all of these items come first, we give to God from our leftovers. By putting our donation to the church first, we are acknowledging that everything we have is a gift from God and we are re-gifting a portion to Him with gratitude.

REMEMBER, GOD IS NOT CONCERNED WITH THE SIZE OF YOUR GIFT. HE IS MORE INTERESTED IN WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU!

"For where your treasure is, there also is your heart."  
Matthew 6:21

Our giving is a powerful statement of faith because we are saying publicly that we trust God to provide all that we need from the remainder of His gifts to us.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."



### A CRUCIAL GIVING IS:

- Planned
- Sacrificial
- Proportionate
- An Offertory of Thanksgiving

It begins with the recognition that everything we have is a gift from God.

### HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

Sacrificial giving doesn't mean giving until it hurts. Rather, it means a willing, planned and proportionate sacrifice of some of our income. Giving to our Church is a practice that we are all familiar with, but many of us are still giving the same amount that we have given for years, out of habit, not considering if our giving is in proportion to what we have received. Sacrificing a significant part of our income requires a conscious decision to return a fair portion of the Lord's gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have.

Some people use the biblical tithe of 10% of all income as a guide for their giving. Each person must determine what is appropriate for himself or herself. Thoughtful prayer, asking God, "What is it that you want me to do to fulfill the will of your Church?", will help you.

Making a weekly offertory to the church that is substantially more than one is accustomed to giving requires a leap of faith, trusting in God's promise...

"... Those who believed—shared."  
Acts



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