



# The Barrister

*"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."*

October 3, 2013

*The Year of Faith*



Our Patron Saint

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



## St. Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi (born Giovanni Francesco di Bernardone; 1181 – died: October 3, 1226) was an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. He founded the men's Franciscan Order, the women's Order of St. Clare, and the lay Third Order of Saint Francis. Though he was never ordained into the Catholic priesthood, Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Assisi, and he lived the high-spirited life typical of a wealthy young man, even fighting as a soldier for Assisi. While going off to war in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he lost his taste for his worldly life. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he begged with the beggars at St. Peter's. The experience moved him to live in poverty. Francis returned home, began preaching on the streets, and soon amassed a following. His order was endorsed by Pope Innocent III in 1210. He then founded the Order of Poor Clare's, which was an enclosed order for women, as well as the Third Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance. In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan. By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the order. Once his organization was endorsed by the Pope, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas manger scene. In 1224, he received the stigmata, making him the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died in 1226 while preaching Psalm 141.

On July 16, 1228, he was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX. He is known as the patron saint of animals, the environment and one of the two patrons of Italy (with Catherine of Siena), and it is customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4 October. He is also known for his love of the Eucharist, his sorrow during the Stations of the Cross and for the creation of the Christmas crèche or Nativity Scene.



coming soon!

GREAT KIDS  
GREAT SCHOOLS

**Friday, October 4, 2013**

**Spirit Wear Day**

(Show your STMS PRIDE.)

**Monday, October 7, 2013**

**MARKET DAY PICK-UP**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

7th & 8th Grade to join Bishop Melczek in Right to Life activity at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital, Dyer

**Thursday, October 10, 2013**

**First Penance (Confession)/First Communion Meeting for all Catholic parents 7:00 P.M. Gym**

**Friday, October 11, 2013**

**\$1.00 Wear "PINK" dress down for Breast Cancer Awareness**

**Monday-Friday, October 14-18**

**Quarter Exams for Grade 6.**

**Friday, October 18, 2013**

**End of First Quarter**



We will be picking the winning raffle tickets and the tuition credit winner at the conclusion of our 2<sup>nd</sup> beer & wine tasting! Please save the date and plan to join us at the Centennial Park banquet facilities on Friday, October 18, from 8pm-midnight for food, beer, wine, & fun! Look for a flyer and e-mail next week regarding purchasing tickets, which will be limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis. If you have any questions, please reach out – [krishanemiller@yahoo.com](mailto:krishanemiller@yahoo.com) or 312.909.8156.

Thanks,  
Eric & Kris Miller



## **SPIRIT WEAR DAY AT STM!!!!**

**Tomorrow, FRIDAY, is a**

**St. Thomas More School *SPIRIT WEAR DAY.***

*Spirit Wear clothing may be purchased at the Raven's Roost (if you don't already have some!)*



## **PARENTS: IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Parents,  
It is our school policy, printed in the Handbook, to **please send a note to school TO THE TEACHER IN THE MORNING** for the following reasons:

- **ABSENCE**
- **LEAVING EARLY** (DR, ORTHO, OUT OF TOWN, FUNERAL, ETC.)
- **CHANGE IN DISMISSAL** (CAR RIDER, BUS RIDER, KIDS TIME, WALKER, ETC.)

**WE ARE HAVING TOO MANY CLASSROOM  
DISRUPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY!**

**October:  
is  
the  
Month  
of the  
Rosary**

**Please attempt  
to pray the  
Rosary each  
day, as a family.**

Save Our STUDENTS



**TEXTING  
WHILE  
DRIVING IN  
OUR SCHOOL  
PARKING  
LOT?**

**PARENTS: PLEASE DO NOT  
TEXT WHILE DRIVING IN THE  
SCHOOL PARKING LOT.  
AGAIN, LITTLE CHILDREN  
SOMETIMES FAIL TO LOOK  
WHEN CARS ARE MOVING.  
THANK YOU.**



## Mom's Calendar

The STMS Student Council will host  
its annual *Mother - Son Dance* on  
**Friday,  
November 8, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Formal invitations coming next week. Watch  
your mail.

Reservations are  
necessary.



## St. Theodora Guérin



Indiana's Very Own Saint



The founder of the  
Sisters of Providence



# WE TEACH IT TO OUR CHILDREN...

Please remember to  
check the Handbook for proper  
procedures. I can assure you that the  
faculty and staff of STMS know what  
is proper for the safety of all children.

If you become annoyed because you  
don't know the proper procedure of  
something you need/want, DON'T  
TAKE IT OUT ON THE STAFF.  
Ask to see me, the Principal.

Please re-read the last paragraph on  
page 4 of the Handbook.



**Grades 7 & 8  
Tailgate  
Dance and Game  
Party!  
Saturday, October 12, 2013  
7:00 - 9:00 PM**

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DANCE. Wear your favor-  
ite team jersey and other sports memorabilia.

Games, MUSIC, and prizes.  
Pictures will be taken for \$1.00

**St. Thomas More School 7h & 8th grade  
students ONLY**

Permission slips due by Wednesday, October 9,  
2013



**Monday-Friday,  
October 14-18  
Quarter Exams for  
Grade 6.  
Study, Study, Study...**

*Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary,  
Pray for us.*

**FIFTEEN PROMISES OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN TO CHRISTIANS WHO FAITHFULLY PRAY THE  
ROSARY**

1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some special grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.
4. The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovoked death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.



**MUNSTER  
POLICE INVITE  
PUBLIC TO  
"COFFEE WITH  
A COP" EVENT  
AT  
MCDONALD'S**

The Munster Police Department will be holding a "Coffee with a Cop" event on Saturday, October 12th from 8:30AM to 10:30AM at McDonald's, located at 515 Ridge Road. Several Munster officers, including Chief Steve Scheckel, will be inside the restaurant that morning and will be available to discuss concerns, answer questions, or just to talk with area residents if they wish to do so. For more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 836-6639 or [jghrist@munster.org](mailto:jghrist@munster.org).



*Third  
Grade  
Catholic  
Parents:*



**For BAPTIZED ROMAN  
CATHOLIC CHILDREN.**

Please remember the First Penance and First Holy Communion parent Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday October 10 at 7:00pm in the Gym.**



Second Graders ...

Be sure to practice your Math Facts with Mom and Dad.

# WELLBITS

Help your children play their way to a healthier lifestyle! 60 minutes of activity every day is all it takes.



A child's mind can be refreshed and energized by play to enrich the important things in life, including friends, family and school. Play can help inspire you to be creative with the time you have with your child even in the busy world we live in. It is about carving out options in life for your child — every day and any way. Here are a few ideas to put the PLAY back into your child's life:

**Coach of the day:** Pick a family member to be “coach of the day.” He or she can choose what game the family will play (be it kickball, hoops or a dance-a-thon). The family member can even make up his or her own game, complete with rules. Take turns and see who can be the most creative.

**Join STM Athletic Teams:** St. Thomas More offers WONDERFUL opportunities for children to play on sports teams. Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, and Track not only provide the needed physical activity, but also provide lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, and of course building self confidence.

**Bring back ‘traditional’ games:** Head out to one of the local parks with some neighbors and play games like kickball, running bases, steal the bacon or just play tag on the park grounds



Need more ideas...

**www.VERBnow.com** is an engaging program created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help get your kids active. The campaign was developed to generate excitement for your kids around activity and it invites them to jump in and play.

Walk-A-thon  
Fundraiser

Please remind your children to bring in their **Walk-A-Thon** contributions. Total amount coming soon. **THANK YOU**



**Please help us find something.**

*A Pandora bracelet was left in STM GYM Saturday. Please, it has great sentimental value.*



***If it is found, please give it to Mrs. Steele, in the Main Office.***



## 3rd Grade Parents ...

Parents should have their Third Grade child read to them for 20 minutes every night. When they are finished reading, ask your child questions about what he/she has read.

### Peer Tutoring Student Development

#### Peer Tutoring Is In Full Swing!

Peer Tutoring has begun. Unfortunately we do not have any spaces available. If you feel your child is in need of this service, we do have a waiting list.

**If your child is sick or will not be able to attend a session for any reason, it is mandatory that you email Mrs. Callahan at [rcallahan@stm-school.com](mailto:rcallahan@stm-school.com). If a student misses two sessions without the proper notification, they will no longer be able to attend any Peer Tutoring sessions this year.** It is not fair to the NJHS students who are volunteering their time to help their peers if a tutoree does not come to a session without having notified us.

**Students are required to bring work they need help in to the session.** It is NOT the responsibility of the NJHS Tutor to supply work. Thank you for taking advantage of this volunteer program.

**Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the Rosary daily. Can we do it - at least in October?**



### MUNSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

The Munster Fire Department invites all residents to their annual Open House at Fire Station No. 2 (550 Fisher Street) on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-4PM. The event will include equipment demos, a live fire demonstration at 3PM, extrication demos, food, door prizes, fire engine rides, fire safety information, the fire safety house, a haz-mat display, music, free parking, Sparky the Fire Dog, a jump house, and fire hose demonstration. For more information please call 836-6960.



### MUNSTER POLICE SEEKING DONATIONS FOR "COPS AND KIDS" HOLIDAY SHOPPING PROGRAM

The Munster Police Department and Munster Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #147 are now seeing donations (through mid-November) towards their annual "Cops and Kids" holiday shopping program. Last December, Munster Police officers were able to take over 60 pre-selected underprivileged children shopping for toys and clothing thanks to the generosity of many residents, businesses, and community service organizations you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: Cops and Kids) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. For more information please contact Officer Ghrist at 836-6639. Thank you in advance for your support this holiday season.

**“I came so that all might have life and have it to the full.”**



## **VISITING AFTER MASS**

Dear Mom, Dad, Grandma, Baby Brother/Sister

The most important part of our day on Tuesday is attending the All School Holy Mass. Sometimes after Mass, I run to you for a hug, to see the baby, or just to say hello. I love seeing you at Holy Mass, but I must remain with my classmates. We all know that the Blessed Sacrament, present in the Tabernacle, deserves our love and respect, and we should not be running all over and being loud. So, when I don't come for that hug, kiss or just to hold your hand, I know you will understand. Of course I still love you! God bless you! Love, *The children of STM*

**Our Blessed Mother asked at Fatima that we pray the Rosary daily. Can each of us spare 20 minutes?**



## *Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary*

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V after the Christian victory over the Turks in 1571 and celebrates the powerful intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary to those who are devoted to praying the Rosary and meditating on the mysteries of the life of Christ.

In the 1570's Pope Pius V had united the Christian armies against the Turks who were invading Europe from the east, and the outcome was the miraculous victory of the Christian fleet in the battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The island of Malta was attacked by the Turkish fleet, and nearly every man defending the fortress was killed in battle.

The Pope sent out a fleet to meet the enemy, requesting that each man on board pray the Rosary and receive communion. Meanwhile, he called on all of Europe to recite the Rosary and ordered a forty hour devotion in Rome during the time of the battle. The Christian fleet, vastly outnumbered by the Turks, inflicted an impossible defeat on the Turkish navy, demolishing the entire fleet.

In memory of the triumph he declared that day as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary because of her intercession in answering the mass recitation of the Rosary and obtaining the victory. For this reason he has also been called 'the Pope of the Rosary'.

Pope Clement XI, after another important victory over the Turks this time gained by Prince Eugene on August 6, 1716 in Hungary, extended the feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the Universal Church.

**WOW!**



**4-H DOES THAT?**

Join 4H: 4-H is a national program that helps youth in grades 3 through 12 develop knowledge and skills in a variety of areas, provide service to the community, and have fun in a group setting. 4-H members work on projects both at meetings and at home that they can enter in the Lake County Fair. They also complete service projects as a group. In addition, they go on fun outings.

Meetings are once a month, usually the third Friday of the month, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Solar Room. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions or would like to join, talk to Mrs. Javorka or e-mail her at [ljavorka@stm-church.com](mailto:ljavorka@stm-church.com).



**4-H News**



Four members of Girl Scout Troop 10006 received their Silver Award. The girls did their project by operating children's games at the St. Thomas More Festival. They needed to have at least 50 volunteer hours. They then were required to fill out paperwork and seek approval from the scout council. (Julie Buksa, Leader of troop 10006.) Pictured above with their award are Olivia Lerma, Sophia Becker-Toro, Elizabeth Buksa, and Sydney Hamill.

*Congratulations!*

+JMJ  
St. Theodore Gurien, S.P.



Dear Parents:

Thank you for the many, many cards and emails of well wishings I received as a part of my recent heart procedures. I do feel good I am happy to tell you there were no blood clots found in the valves of the heart, but my Cardiologist was unable to shock my heart into a regular rhythm, it remains in A FIB (Atrial Fibrillation).

Your children are FANTASTIC! You have been so graced and gifted by God. Going into classrooms and seeing the children so excited about the new white boards and the lessons presented by the terrific teaching staff. Watching the eyes of a second grader light up, the hand of third grader wiggle in the air for the teacher to call upon because he knows the answer! I could continue and write example after example. Thanks, mom and dad, for ALL you do each day for St. Thomas More School. God bless you!

*Chet Nordyke*

Mr. Chet Nordyke  
Principal

# S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF October 7, 2013

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.30; Small-\$1.85

Yogurt--\$0.70

Milk--\$0.50

## Monday, Oct. 7

Chicken Fries  
Buttered Noodles  
California Mixed Vegetables  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

## Monday Volunteers

Alice Balbo  
Chris Balbo  
Kelvin Bowman

## Thursday, Oct. 10

Chicken Noodle Soup  
PB&J Sandwich  
Veggie Sticks/Dip  
Fresh Fruit/Pears  
Cookie  
Milk

*Ala Carte Soup: \$1.55/1.80*

## Thursday Volunteers

Kelli Galanos  
Susie Kinsella  
Jennifer Feddeler

## Tuesday, Oct. 8

Corn Dog  
Curley Fries  
Baked Beans  
Mixed Fruit  
Fruit Slushie  
Milk  
Milk  
*Ala Carte Corn Dog: \$1.25*

## Tuesday Volunteers

Gina Cipowski  
Karen James  
Arlene Bridges

## Friday, Oct. 11

Grilled Cheese or  
Cheese Quesadilla  
Sweet Potato Waffle Fries  
Peas/Corn  
Applesauce  
Milk

*Ala Carte Sandwich: \$1.25*

*Aka Carte Quesadilla: \$1.55*

## Friday Volunteers

Hillary Hanas  
Tara Hurubean  
Katie Fesko

## Wednesday, Oct. 9

Mostaccoli w/or w/out  
Meat Sauce  
Cheese Stick  
Green Beans  
Bread Slice  
Peaches

## Wednesday Volunteers

Ellie Martinez  
Dawn Fehr  
Scott Fehr



"Level with me! Will there be schools in heaven?"

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change.

Hot Lunch Prices: **Student - \$2.00; Adult- \$2.60**

Cash or Checks made out to STM are accepted.

Families with more than one student eating hot lunch are encouraged to send in ONE check (or cash) in one envelope.

Money will be divided between siblings accordingly.

**There is a \$-10.00 charge limit per account.** If students do not bring in money after 5 charges, they will not be allowed in the hot lunch line until payment is made. However, students will be offered a cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.

Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information: **LUNCH MONEY, STUDENT FIRST AND LAST NAME, TEACHER NAME, AMOUNT ENCLOSED.**

Check **STM School website** for the monthly menu under Student tab/Nutrition; check the Barrister for the weekly menu and volunteer list.

Go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to check student account balances and to make credit card payments.

*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.*