



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

March 12, 2009

Blessed Angela Salawa



Our Patron Saint

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



"Heart of Jesus, Who has borne all our grief - Strengthen me. Heart of Jesus, Who has weighed this sorrow before sending it to us - Help me. Heart of Jesus, ever touched by the sight of sorrow - Pity me. Heart of Jesus, beautiful in Thy sorrows - Teach me to become holy by means of this affliction. Heart of Jesus, spending Thyself in the midst of Thy sorrows - Make me unselfish in bearing mine. Heart of Jesus, troubled at the grave of Lazarus - Comfort those who mourn. Heart of Jesus, touched with compassion at the widow's tears - Have pity on those who mourn. Heart of Jesus, softened by the tears of Magdalene - Pity the sorrowful. Heart of Jesus, whose sorrow was ever before Thee - Teach us to unite our grief's to Thine. Heart of Jesus, agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane - Strengthen us in all the sorrows of life. Amen."

Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have redeemed the world.

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LIGHTS CAMERA!
BOOK FAIR!
 READING MAKES YOU A STAR

SHOWTIME: Premiering Sunday, March 15th
 after
 8:00, 10:00, and 12:00 Masses

Monday 16th thru Friday 20th
 8:30-3:30

WHERE: STM School Library

EVERYONE WELCOME!
 Bring the Whole Family!!

Any Questions? Please call
 Amy Osmulski @923-8240
 or Anita Hemingway @972-1123





Please don't forget to register for the

2009-10 school year.

Forms may be found on **EDLINE** under "Forms"...
 09-10 Registration.
We will extend the \$100 registration fee until March 16th.
 Thanks.

The 8th grade will be sponsoring a Bake Sale after all Masses on March 14/15th.



Thank you for your support.

Join the students of St. Thomas More School at 2:15 PM during Fridays of Lent, as we walk, with our Lord, through the Stations of the Cross.

Please PRAY for Vocations to Priesthood.

Blessed Angela



Angela gave great service in caring for soldiers wounded in World War I. After 1918 her health did not permit her to exercise her customary apostolate. Addressing herself to Christ, she wrote in her diary, "I want you to be adored

as much as you were destroyed." In another place, she wrote, "Lord, I live by your will. I shall die when you desire; save me because you can."

At her 1991 beatification in Kraków, Pope John Paul II said: "It is in this city that she worked, that she suffered and that her holiness came to maturity. While connected to the spirituality of St. Francis, she showed an extraordinary responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit"

Save the Date! TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 18, 2009
7:00 pm Gym (\$100/table)

SPRING BREAK BEGINS
FRIDAY, MARCH 20th
AT 3:00 P.M.



Circle The
State With Song



Indiana Music Educators Association

Congratulations to seventh graders **Emily Anderson** and **Grace Huss** and sixth graders **Kathleen Gonzales**, **Allison Hemingway**, and **Rachel Jamrose** on a fine performance! This past Saturday, March 7, 2009, these five students participated in the *Circle The State With Song* choral concert in Hebron.

Circle the State With Song is a statewide program in its twentieth year. Elementary and Middle School students from around the state gather at different sites to work with guest choral clinicians and then to perform a concert. This year, the elementary students performed six songs, the middle school students performed seven songs, and they sang a final song with all students combined.

To prepare for this concert, each student was provided with the music and a CD to practice and memorize their own part. They then attended several after school rehearsals.

**Congratulations again
on a job well done!**

SPRING BUSINESS & CONSUMER FAIR AND CRAFTS

Sponsored by Altar and Rosary Society

Saturday and Sunday
March 14 & 15, 2009

9 am to 3 pm

St. Thomas More School Gym

LENTIL SCHEDULE

Remember ... Mass is said each
Wednesday evening, during Lent,
at 7:00 PM.



For the Right to Life

O heavenly Father, strengthen us against the mounting forces of anti-life; enlighten those who walk in this deadly way that they may see the enormity of their sin and return to the generous observance of the divine law. We pray, too, for mothers, that they may prize the great privilege of motherhood; and that they may bring up their children in the holy love and fear of God, thus saving their own immortal souls and furthering the honor and glory of their Maker. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pray for us, St. Gerard, protector of the mother and her unborn child,
that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ!

"And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me"



Jesus loves us SO
MUCH it hurt.



**SPRING
BREAK**



at

St. Thomas More School
begins on

FRIDAY, MARCH 20th at 3:00 P.M.

We return on Monday, March 30th at
8:00 A.M.

Have a GREAT Spring Break!!! Please
travel safely, **WE LOVE YOU!!!**

NO SUN BURNS, PLEASE



**Remember to
go to
Holy Mass.**



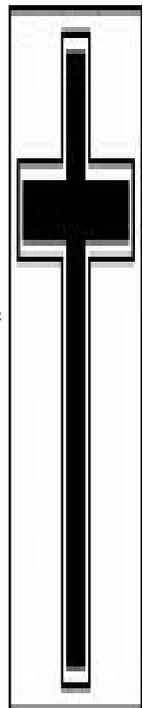
Dear Parents/Guardians:

The journey to the cross begins anew each day. We journey with Jesus and with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do not journey alone. If we pray, fast, and give alms with an open mind and an open heart, then we will discover that Jesus is carrying the cross with us and for us. We, in turn, will carry the cross with and for our sisters and brothers on our journey to heaven.

Happy Journeying!

Walking with you faithfully through
Lent,

Principal



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**'tis the
wearin' of
the Green**

Tuesday, March 17th, is the
Feast of **St. Patrick**. The
students **may** add the color
Green to their school uniform.



**St. Joseph,
Foster Father
of Jesus, we
LOVE you!**

Thursday, March 19th, is
the Feast of **St. Joseph**. The
students **may** add the color
Red to their school uniform.



*The
Sacrament
of
Confirmation*

**His Excellency, Bishop Dale J. Melczek, Bishop
of the Diocese of Gary, will be in our parish to
administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on
the 8th grade Catholic students of our school
and Religious Education Program.**

Saturday, April 4, 2009

10:30 AM

St. Thomas More Church

Everyone is welcome!

Come Holy Spirit

The tape which holds my hair on is not as strong as it looks!



8th Grade Parents ... HELP NEEDED ...

Perhaps you have already noticed ... The teachers and I certainly have ... It appears the dreaded "Eighth-Grade-itis" has arrived, and is taking over various members of our eighth grade class. We (Actually, **your child** needs your help.) are seeing the following infractions happening again and again ...

1. Make-Up - The girls know this is **never** permitted. They are required to scrub it off and, in addition, receive detention.
2. Sweat-Pants - When the 8th grade students are permitted to come out of standard Dress Code, **only** jeans (**AND NOT ONES THAT LOOK LIKE THEY WERE PAINTED ON**) are permitted. Anything else will require the student to call home for uniform pants and, in addition will get to stay after school for an hour on Friday. Pajama Pants - See above, please.
3. Electronic devices/I-pods/Cell phones - should never be out of a backpack/locker. Not allowed to be taken to recess. STMS is not responsible for lost or missing items. Please see page 33 of Parent/Student Handbook. (**Applies to all grades.**)
4. Nail Polish - No, no, no ... Please don't accept the excuse "I forgot I had it on." We won't accept it either. It is removed and an hour after school on Friday is the added reward.
5. Homework - Yes, St. Thomas More School **does** still give homework. It appears, however, that several of the 8th graders feel that they are exempt from doing it. Please, no one is given a free pass. **If your son/daughter comes home without homework, please call me.** (**Applies to all grades.**)
6. Reassessment - In order for **any** student to be considered for reassessment, assignments **MUST** be done. If the student does not do the required assignment, or tutorial, the grade stands as earned. (**Applies to all grades.**)
7. Cooperation/Behavior - I spoke with the 8th grade reminding them that they have been a terrific class, and I expect them to continue to be. However, it appears that cooperation is lacking in some of the Special classes, like Music. I did remind the students that if they didn't wish to cooperate, activities like *Blue Man Group*, Field Trips and alternate Dress Code days would be removed.

We still have several weeks left. We ask that parents check the **approved** Dress Code before your child leaves the home in the morning. With all of us working together, the remaining weeks of school will be enjoyable for everyone. We also ask that parents check **EDLINE** frequently. Thanks, parents, for your help. Hey 8th graders ... We appreciate **YOU**, too!

"Please excuse Susie from doing her homework last night. She said she didn't want to."

Did you remember to check EDLINE?

FIT TIPS

As the weather begins to break, there's no better time than to spring outdoors and get your family moving. The "My Activity Pyramid" provided by the USDA's My Pyramid website suggests that kids and their families should be physically active at least 60 minutes every day or most days of the week. Use these suggestions to help your family reach this goal:

<u>Everyday Activities</u>	<u>3-5 times/week</u>	<u>2-3 times/week</u>	<u>Cut Down On These Activities</u>
Play outside	Biking	Martial Arts	Watching TV
Help with chores around the house (i.e. sweeping, vacuuming, etc)	Playing sports	Jumping Rope	Watching Movies
Picking up toys	Jump rope	Stretching	Playing inactive video games
Walking	Visit local playground	Push ups/Pull ups	Sitting for more than 30-40 minutes at a time without an activity break
Recess	Skateboard/Rollerblade	Strengthening Exercises	
	Swimming		
	Dancing		

Mom, you ARE my SUNSHINE!

Mom,

If you have a son in Grades 4 - 8, you will be soon receiving the long awaited invitation for the annual MOTHER-SON DANCE.

Please be sure to hold FRIDAY, APRIL 17th, 2009 open on your calendar. Your son (or sons) will want to treat you to an evening of dancing and hor'dorves.

The theme of the dance, this year, is "You Are My Sunshine." You know this is the truth! Your boys know how fortunate they are to have YOU as their mother.

So, mark your calendar. If your son is in Grades 4-8 (only) he will be talking to you about the dance. If he "forgets," please talk to him about it.

(Hosted by the St. Thomas More School Student Council)





Washington D.C. 8th Grade Parents



Attention 8th grade parents of students
traveling to DC.

TUESDAY, March 17th @ 7:00pm a meeting at the Cornerstone to discuss the
fish fry.

Plans need to be set before spring break.

See you there.

Any questions? Call Kathleen Pagorek @ 972-0539

St. Thomas More's 8th Grade Class is sponsoring a



Lake Perch/Fried Shrimp Fish Fry

Friday, April 3, 2009

4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Social Center
Adults \$9.00 Children \$4.50

Dinners include:

Lake Perch, Fried Shrimp, or Combo
French Fries, Cole Slaw, Beets,
Bread & Butter, Coffee, & Condiments
Macaroni & Cheese is available.
Desserts available for a donation.

Carry outs are also available!

Thank you in advance for your support!
All proceeds benefit the 8th grade class
trip to Washington D.C. in June.



Call Kathleen at 836-2660 for more info.

FRIED SHRIMP

AWESOME SPEAKER COMES TO STMS!

During our recent celebration of African-American History Month, our school had the privilege of a visit, and discussion, by Mr. Quentin Smith, a Tuskegee Airman from World War II.

Mr. Smith, the Godfather of 6th Grade student Garrett Smith.

Thanks, Garrett, for bringing Mr. Smith to St. Thomas More!



LAKE PERCH

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Week	Orders In	Orders Available
3/16/09	Mon., 3/16	Wed., 3/18
3/23/09	NO TRIP—SPRING BREAK	
3/30/09	Mon., 3/30	Wed., 4/1
4/6/09	NO Special order TRIP-SUPPLIER HOLIDAY*	
4/13/09	Tues., 4/14	Thurs., 4/16
4/20/09	Mon., 4/20	Wed., 4/22

Please plan your orders accordingly (stock up on gas and grocery TRIP on 3/16 and 3/30).

*Select TRIP merchants will be available for purchase on Thursday, April 9 from 8 am to 9 am in the Raven's Roost (next to the principal's office).

**News you can use ...
from T.R.I.P.**

**3rd Quarter ends:
FRIDAY, MARCH 20th!**



Gracious God,
thank You for
the gift of
Catholic
education.

Day after day,
week

after week, You give us
many opportunities to know

Your great love,

peace, and

forgiveness.

Help us respond to

Your Good News

and the

good news of

Catholic education.

Amen.

**"Come Holy Spirit; fill us with the fire of your love."
Remind us that Jesus is our first love and everything else is secondary.**



**FORMER STUDENTS BRING
HONOR, GLORY and FAME
to St. Thomas More School!**

Megan Muta, 18, finds balance in her life through music.

An accomplished violinist, she played with the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony and was selected for the 2008 All-State Orchestra. She's won gold medals at Indiana State Music School Association contests and this past summer gained ensemble experience at the Valparaiso University Chamber Music Intensive.

"Music gives me the opportunity to express what can't be expressed in words, to share something I've worked very hard to accomplish. It's very enjoyable and helps provide a balance between school work, music and community service," she said.

Muta, the daughter of Ted and Cheryl Muta of Munster and a senior at Andean High School, is an honor student with a 4.7 grade-point average. She is currently ranked first in her class, named to the Andean Society honor roll and is a member of National Honor Society. Muta is taking all Advanced Placement and honors classes while finding time to be a peer tutor, involved in Science Olympiad, YARC and Latin Club. She is co-captain of the English team for Academic Super Bowl, co-editor of the school newspaper. She has applied to six colleges and was recently interviewed by Princeton University.

Family is important to Muta as is her involvement at St. Thomas More Parish. An altar server for 12 years, she is now Master of Ceremonies and a Eucharistic minister to the homebound.

"It's one of the most rewarding opportunities I've had when it comes to working with people," she said. "I get the opportunity to give the Eucharist and what I've received is so much more."

News from the Eagle's Nest...

**Good Luck to our Dribblin' Eagles in the finals
of the Diocesan Tournament!**

St Thomas More's 5th Grade Eagles

(coached by Greg Zabrecky & Mike Hajduch)

Vs.

St Edward's 5th Grade Knights

**On Saturday, March 14th at 2:00pm
St John the Baptist, Whiting**



Track Registration

Registration Fee: \$20 payable to 'STM Athletics'
Registration/Physical Form available in the
school office and on-line at www.nwicyo.org.



If you have already played a Fall or Winter sport, the form is not required.

Form and Fee due by **Friday, April 3rd.**

Practice will begin in mid-April.

Coaches: Paul Capriglione, Roger Jachna, Tom Bolanowski and Lillie Beckman

GO EAGLES!

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2009

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads – Large \$2.20, Small \$1.75; Yogurt - \$0.65; Milk - \$0.40

Monday, March 16

Corn Dog
Tater Tots
Green Beans
Peaches
Cake
Milk

Ala Carte: Corn Dog \$1.10

Tuesday, March 17

Mini Sub Sandwich
Shredded Lettuce
Goldfish Crackers
Celery Sticks w/ Dip
Applecrisp or Fruit
Milk

Ala Carte: Sandwich \$1.40

Wednesday, March 18

Chicken Fryz
Corn
Bread Slice
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk

Monday Volunteers

Pauline Brett
Leann Maiolo
Rosa Maldonado

Tuesday Volunteers

Marcy Burzynski
Maria Garcia

Wednesday Volunteers

Cheryl Muta
Adriana Valdes

Thursday, March 19

Taco Salad
Carrot Sticks
Pears
Muffin
Milk

Friday, March 20

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Dip
Salad
Mixed Fruit
Milk

**(SPRING BREAK
BEGINS AT
3:00 P.M.)**

Ala Carte: Bosco Stick \$0.85 (1)

Thursday Volunteers

Cathy Lyons
Lori Whelan
Amy Lee

Friday Volunteers

Cynthia Becker
Jane Surd
Dan Rusnak



The cross was two pieces of dead wood; and a helpless, unresisting man was nailed to it; yet it was mightier than the world, and triumphed, and will ever triumph over it.

St. Thomas More School Lunch Program 2008-2009

1. Menu subject to change.
2. Hot Lunch Prices: Student - \$1.80/day 5 days = \$9.00 20 days = \$36.00
Adult - \$2.45/day
3. Cash or checks made payable to STM are accepted. NSF checks will be charged a \$25 fee.
4. 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.
5. Days not used are credited for future use. There is a \$-9.00 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 peanut butter or cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.
6. Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information: Lunch Money, Student First & Last Name, Teacher Name, Amount Enclosed.
7. E-mail Mrs. Murray for lunch account balance inquiries: lmurray@stm-school.com
8. Remember to check Edline for the Monthly Menu/Volunteer List.