



# The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

April 1, 2009



Our Patron Saint

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

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



Blessed be God, the giver of salvation, who decreed that mankind should become a new creation in himself, when all would be made new. With great confidence let us ask him:  
*Lord, renew us in your Spirit.*

Lord, you promised a new heaven and a new earth; renew us daily through your Spirit,  
- that we may enjoy your presence for ever in the heavenly Jerusalem.  
Help us to work with you to make this world alive with your Spirit,  
- and to build on earth a city of justice, love and peace.  
Free us from all negligence and sloth,  
- and give us joy in your gifts of grace.  
Deliver us from evil,  
- and from slavery to the senses, which blinds us to goodness.



## Sacrament of Confirmation

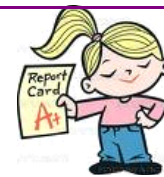
This Saturday, April 4, 2009, His Excellency, Bishop Dale Melczek, will be in our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All are invited to come to the  
**10:30 AM Mass.**

Please remember to pray for those young men and women in the eighth grade who will be receiving the Holy Spirit on Saturday. We are fortunate to have more souls to witness for Christ and His Holy Catholic

Wisdom  
Knowledge  
Counsel  
Fear (Awe) of the Lord  
Understanding  
Fortitude  
Piety

## Report Cards



The children will be bringing home their Third Quarter Report Card on Friday. Please ask for them. I have seen them, you will be very pleased!



**Market Day** is Monday, April 6th.  
We are requesting volunteers from the 1st grade parents.



Palm Sunday is this coming Sunday.  
We begin Holy Week.



## With Heartfelt Appreciation

I would like to thank all of the STMS families for your kind words of sympathy, your prayers, and your generous donations on the loss of my mother, Genevieve Biegel. My family was so touched by the outpouring of support you have shown. I will always remember your kindness.

Mary Jo Biscan



Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps. Luke 9:23

**A Lenten Reflection**

- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- Give up negativism—be positive.
- Give up anger—be more patient.
- Give up pettiness—become mature.
- Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
- Give up sin—turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up—hang in there!



Jump Rope for Heart will take place the week of April 20th in our Physical Education classes.



The Campbell Soup UPC Drive collection will continue through the month of April. The grade level with the highest point total will win an ice cream sundae bar. *“UMMM, Good”*

**EDLINE EDLINE EDLINE EDLINE**



**New Altar Server**  
**Sign-up/Information Meeting**

Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation Program student currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher that is interested in becoming an altar server and their parent are invited to attend a sign-up/information meeting Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7 P.M. in the St. Thomas More Cafeteria  
If you have any questions you may call Susan Burke at 322-6462.

WE LOVE JESUS! What's NEW from T.R.I.P.?

News you CAN use ... From T.R.I.P.

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

	<u>Week</u>	<u>Orders In</u>	<u>Orders Available</u>
4/6/09	<b>NO Special order</b>	<b>TRIP—SUPPLIER HOLIDAY***</b>	
4/13/09	<b>Tues., 4/14</b>	<b>Thurs., 4/16</b>	
4/20/09	<b>Mon., 4/20</b>	<b>Wed., 4/22</b>	

\*\*\*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).

**INCREASES:** From 3/21/09 to 5/1/09, **Shutterfly** will increase from 9% o 14%. From 4/4/09 to 5/1/09, **Burger King** will increase from 4% to 5%. From 4/4/09 to 7/31/09, **Shell** will increase from 1.5% to 2.5%.

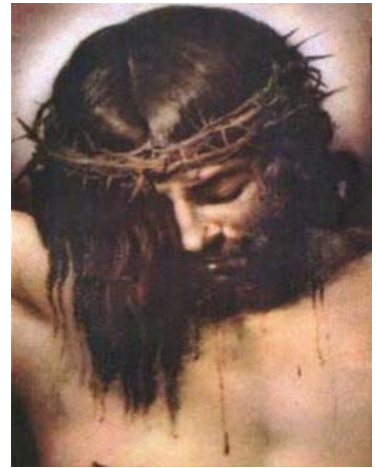




*O Lord Open My Lips,  
and My Mouth Shall  
Proclaim Your Praise.*

Remember, the Holy Mass is offered every Wednesday evening, at 7:00 PM during Lent.

Let us ever glory  
in the cross  
of Christ,  
our salvation and  
our hope.



*“Look at His adorable face.  
Look at His glazed and sunken eyes.  
Look at His wounds.  
Look Jesus in the face.  
There, you will see how He loves us.”  
St. Therese of Lisieux*



Come and join the students on Friday afternoon at 2:15 as they walk with our Lord through the Stations of the Cross.



## Confessions in School

**Eighth Grade: The students in Grade 8 will be able to receive the Sacrament of Penance this Friday to have a clean soul for Confirmation on Saturday.**

**Students in Grades 4 - 7 will receive the Sacrament of Penance on Monday.**



**Sister Mary Arilda, OSF.**

Sister is 102 years old and is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Please remember all Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Deacons in your prayers.

Thank you, Sister, for your life of SERVICE to Mother Church.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE St. Thomas More Parish

### Monday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service *[Please try to come to this service where there will be plenty of priests in attendance to hear your confession!]*

### Wednesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass ["Last Minute Confessions" will be heard immediately after this Mass. When the last confession is heard, the church will be closed and locked. These will be the last confessions heard before Easter.]

### Holy Thursday, April 9

10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass (at the Cathedral)  
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday, April 10

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service

### Holy Saturday, April 11

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Baskets  
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday Masses, April 12**  
**6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon**



# NO SCHOOL



Friday,  
April 10, 2009



Monday,  
April 13, 2009



## Mass of HOLY CHRISM

Next week on Thursday (Holy Thursday), the students in Eighth Grade will represent St. Thomas More at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels for the Mass of Holy Chrism. Father Mike will accompany the students and will give them a tour of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Gary.



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.



## SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN

PLEASE, for the safety of ALL of the children we, once again, must remind all parents to follow our dismissal plans.



1. If you pick up your children, please put your car in line.
2. If you park by the baseball field, you must get out of the car and come and get your child. Way too many are running to the field and an accident could happen. Especially with the young children.



3. Parents should not enter the gymnasium, at dismissal, to get a child. The teachers on duty must get all children to the correct bus.
4. If your child will be riding a different bus home, he/she must have a note from the parent signed by the Principal. Bus drivers will not allow a child to ride a different bus if there is no note.

Especially with the change in weather the children are eager and often do not watch for moving cars. We **LOVE** the children and do not want anything to happen to them. Thanks so much.

*Let us kneel in homage  
at the cross of Christ.*

Save the Date!  
TRIVIA NIGHT

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



## SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

The church is alive with the sound of music!

The Spring Program, featuring our awesome singers in Grades Pre-K through Grade 4, will take place in St. Thomas More Church at 7:00 PM on **April 23rd** and Grades 5-8 on **April 21st**. If there is a problem, or question, please call *Miss Daniel*, Music Teacher, at **836-9151** extension **231**.



# ANNUAL MOTHER-SON DANCE



## You are MY Sunshine!



Mom ...

Please be sure to return your reservation for the Second Annual MOTHER-SON Dance to be held on Friday, April 17th.

A wonderful evening of happy memories is planned for YOU and your son (sons).

Your son (or sons) will want to treat you to an evening of dancing and hor'dorves at our annual Mother/Son Dance for students in Grades 4-8.

## EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS CONFIRMATION REMINDERS ...

**Practice**  
Friday, April 3, 2009  
Arrival: 5:45 P.M.

**CONFIRMATION DAY**  
Saturday, April 4, 2009  
Arrival: 9:45 A.M.

### Dress Code for the Confirmation Mass

**Boys:**  
Dress slacks, dress shirt, tie (jacket or sweater optional)  
No jeans, athletic shoes or T-shirts

**Girls:**  
Dress, skirt with appropriate sweater or blouse, or pantsuit  
No low cut, spaghetti-strap, strapless or backless tops  
No mini-skirts or tight fitting clothing  
Skirts should be at least knee-length.  
Do not wear any ornamentation that denotes non-Christian attitudes and values.  
**PARENTS ... Please assist us in regard to make-up.**

**Questions?**  
Please contact  
**Mrs. Morgan**  
Director of Religious Formation  
836-9151



**LAKE PERCH**

**St. Thomas More's 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington D.C. in June.**

**MY JESUS, I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.**

Call Kathleen at 836-2660 for more info.

**FRIED SHRIMP**

# Calumet Region Science Fair Saturday, March 14, 2009



## SIXTH GRADE

Garrett Smith (BRONZE)

Nasir Cade (GOLD)

Nicholas Zaleski (BRONZE)

Nicholas Bleza (BRONZE)

+ JMJ

## Journeying with our Lord during Holy Week.

Dear Parents:

Our Lenten practices, whatever they may be, are much more than pious devotions. Whether our practice takes the form of "giving up" dessert during Lent, redoubling our efforts at prayer, increasing our contribution to help those in need, fasting, or abstaining from meat, they are all to be understood as a Spirit-assisted effort to empty ourselves of all that would stand in the way of being filled to overflowing with the light and life and love of God. Do we really have room enough for God?

So many of us live amid so much clutter, so much noise. We travel through life at breakneck speed. Lent is the time to empty ourselves not only of the seemingly never-ending stuff, sound and speed in our lives, but also of our pettiness, our prejudice, our anxiety, our fear. It is an opportunity to make room, not only for God, but for those who come our way. How open is our door to those who come to us? Is there room enough in our hearts and our homes for those in need?

To the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus' answer is clear. As his disciples, we are called to attend to the last, littlest, lowest and least in society and in the Church. As we enter Holy Week, join me in committing our Lenten practices to making room for the stranger in our midst, praying for the courage and strength to offer our spiritual ministry to all who come to us, offering our prayer and support for the ones in our midst who, like Jesus, have no place to rest their heads (Matthew 8:20).

Be assured of my prayers as we walk with Jesus.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chet Nordyke".

Chet Nordyke, Principal

**St. Thomas More, pray for us.  
St. Benedict, pray for us.  
St. Scholastica, pray for us.  
St. Francis, pray for us.  
Let us pray for one another.**

# We are the Champions...

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Girl's Basketball team, who defeated St Edward's 12-10 in overtime to win the Diocesan Championship!!

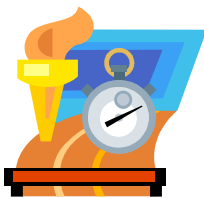
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## Undefeated 12-0 Champs!

Jillian Ackermann, Isabella Pradhan,  
Lexie Lyons, Anna Bilse, Emily Johnson, Lexi Yovkovich,  
Megan Zabrecky, Allison Hajduch, Abbey Kapitan, Emma Trivunovic, and Maggie Anderson  
Coaches: Greg Zabrecky and Mike Hajduch



## Track Registration

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



## **S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2009**

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

### **Monday, April 6**

Chicken Nuggets  
Spanish Rice  
Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

### **Tuesday, April 7**

Hot Dog/Chili Dog  
Baked Beans  
Nachos & Cheese  
Pears  
Fruit Snack  
Milk

### **Wednesday, April 8**

Pepperoni Pizza Slice  
Corn  
Applesauce  
Rice Krispie Treat  
Milk

*Ala Carte: Hot Dog \$1.10*

*Ala Carte: Pizza \$1.40*

### **Monday Volunteers**

Pauline Brett  
Leann Maiolo  
Laura Jo Prucha

### **Tuesday Volunteers**

Marcy Burzynski  
Catharine Olsen  
Jenny Moreno

### **Wednesday Volunteers**

Amy Osmulski  
Cheryl Muta  
Debi Pillarella

### **Thursday, April 9**

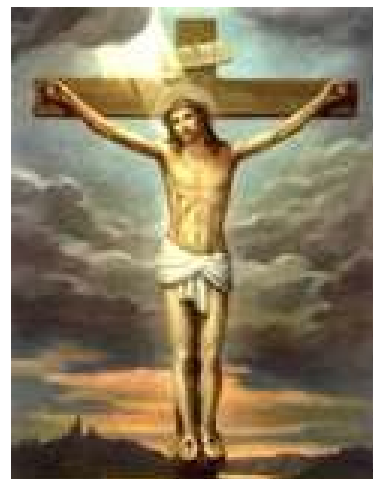
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Turkey Sandwich  
Celery Sticks & Dip  
Peaches  
Vanilla Wafers  
Milk

*Ala Carte: Soup \$1.65*

### **Friday, April 10**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**No School**



### **Thursday Volunteers**

Joy Chronowski  
Anita Hemingway  
Susan Bleza

## **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](mailto:lmurray@stm-school.com)
8. Remember to check Edline for the Monthly Menu/Volunteer List.