

Easter Sunday  
*of the* Resurrection  
*of the* Lord

# NEWS & NOTES

## Saint Thomas More Church

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*"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life"*

*-Troparion, Orthodox Liturgy*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the great and glorious Feast of the Resurrection, I wish to extend to you and all those you love my greetings and blessings. This day is truly a day of great rejoicing for all of us who call ourselves Christians. This is the day that gives us **HOPE**, that this world is not all there is; **FAITH** that life is a gift from God; and **TRUST** that we are loved by God. It is the day that we see that nothing can separate us from God; not even death.

As we celebrate this gift of redemption, salvation and life; we must always be grateful to God for what God has done for us. As a parish family, we celebrate this holy season with 50 days of prayer and song. In our individual lives though, we must celebrate this feast each and every day. Long after the flowers have faded and the decorations are gone, we must still sing our **Alleluia** by how we live our lives. We begin this each day by how we see God all around us and how we respond to that presence. We challenge ourselves to show God our love by how we love those around us; even when that is hard to do. In this way, we show ourselves to be followers of the Risen One.

My prayer for all of us is that we can appreciate the gift of Easter and demonstrate our commitment to God not just now but at every moment. To truly be stewards of the gifts that God has entrusted to us to be used and shared; not out of a sense of obligation but out of love and gratitude. May our Lord Jesus Christ, Risen from the dead-living now and forever, keep you all in His love. Please join me in prayers for peace in our hearts, peace in our parish, peace in our country and peace in our world. I remain,

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Christ,  
Father Rich Rosinski  
Pastor



 *Rest in Peace*

Sandra Hallas



We pray for those who are ill:

Christine Baczeik, Helen Baier, Virgil Beard,  
Margaret Brantley, Gracie Canning,  
Laura Christenson, Mac Connell  
Lee Coombs, Theresa Cortesi,  
Milagro Daquiwig, Edna Enriquez,  
Federico Enriquez, Enrico Espina,  
Ed Frederick, James Frederick,  
Nadine Frett, Mary Fusek, Wilma Gabanit,  
Linda Girardi, Josephine Hanson,  
Gloria Jean, Beverly Jelen,  
Gloria Jordan, Bev Kittler,  
Karen Kurelo, Carol Legenza,  
Reynaldo Mangila, Mike McCall,  
Betty Mueller, Bruce Newberg,  
Tho Nguyen, Marian Peterson,  
Hannah Perkins, Lutie Regan,  
Manzella Rocco, Margaret Scherer,  
Lynn Schmidt, Cindy Schoeps,  
Diane Schumacher, Frank Scislowski,  
Dillon Smith, David Snelson,  
Larry Sorce, Lee Thomas,  
John Urquhart, Judy VanHaxleden,  
Perry Wells, Dan Weiler,  
Carolyn Wisniewski, Sharon Wolf

*Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal  
salvation of those who believe in you, hear us on  
behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we  
humbly beg the help of your mercy so that being  
restored to health, they may render thanks to you in  
your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** By appointment.

**Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third weekends of the month at 1:00 pm or during the 5:00 pm or 12:00 pm Masses. Parents need to be registered members and should be faithful in attending Mass. Participation in a baptismal preparation class is required. Please call Sharon Hall at the parish office to make an appointment: 847.888.1682 extension 16.

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Couples must meet with a priest to set a date and must participate in a marriage preparation program.

### SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office: 847.888.1682.

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## Parish Office

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

## Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 pm;  
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm  
Weekday: Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Rosary: prayed before the 8:30 am Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 9:00 am

Benediction, 4:00 pm



## Congratulations to our STM students!

The following 7th grade students had their papers submitted for regional judging: Connor Franczak, Nathan Mesina, Monica Darrow, Taylor Jannusch, Brian Lagtapon, Madison Schueler, Justin Maniago, Andrea Rivera, Decla Foley and Andrew Stapay.

The following students' posters have been submitted for regional judging at NIU: Connor Franczak, James Head, Lauren Kuryla, Taylor Jannusch, Matt Brady, Madison Schueler, Ezekiel Rolando, Tyler Zemko, Erik Hill, Reece Brigiglio.

Listed below are the 8th grade History fair students advancing to state: Matthew Brammer, Chris Costales, Erin Cruz, Anthony Holte, Mary Ellen Kessuvan, Carly Lacher, Erika Mendoza, Jake Middleton, Haley Mohr, Samantha Ottinger, Molly Peebles, Patrick Sabio, Grace Sajdak, Ralph Scumacci, Angel Stuart, Isabelle Talaga, Ashly Valeriano, Julissa Valazques, Jlna von Rohr, Kathleen Wang, and Joe Zdybel.

Sixth grade students advancing are Olivia Brown, Isabel Galla, Max Kaufman, Cortney Kriens, and Charlie McQueeney.

## FOR OUR MILITARY

With prayers and gratitude this Easter Sunday to all who serve our country with integrity and courage...

Airman 1st Class Alex Arciuch, USAF; Maj. Ryan Bauman, USMC; Nathan Brammer, USAF; Miguel Carrillo, US Army; Brig. Gen. Robert Castellvi, Airborne; Master Sgt. William J. Guth, USMC; Lance Corp, Brandt Johnson, USMC; Specialist Philip B. Johnson, US Army; Airman Alexander Litgen, US Army 82nd Airborne; Maj. Nick Lange, Sr., Airborne; Sgt. Andrew B. Egger, US Army 112th Signal Battalion, Special Operations USAF; Staff Sgt. Steve Olson, USAF; Airman 1st Class Bryan P. Malm, USAF; Lance Corp. Ryan C. Meyer, USMC; Corp. Ryan Jacob Pechay, USMC; Master Sgt. Greg Popejoy, USMC; PV2 Patrick Puckett, National Guard; Sean Sabate USN; Lt. Col. Henry Voegtler, USAF.



## LIFE MATTERS

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. She never has to feel that abortion is an option. People anywhere in the country can find assistance at the following numbers:

The Life Center	847.622.1235
Fox Valley Pregnancy	847.697.0200
Catholic Charities	800.759.7626
National Life Center	800.848.5683

## For Post-Abortion Healing

Project Rachel	800.593.2273
	815.387-3379
	877.467.3463



Vincentians, in the name of Jesus, strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential preserving

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847.628.5170



Donate your car to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork will be sent to you, and the donation stays in the community: [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com), or call (800) 322-8284.

## WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS MORE!

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Thomas More, registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space-OR-call the parish office at 847.888.1682 to request a form. Return your completed registration form via mail or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

## CYCLES OF FAITH

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"But Peter got up and ran to the tomb." Peter was unique in this response to the news of Jesus' resurrection. The other apostles disregarded the reports from the women who had seen the empty tomb and heard the angels because "their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them." But Peter took action. He got up and ran to see the evidence and "went home amazed at what had happened."

On this Easter day, we have a choice to make. We too have heard a remarkable report. We have been told that two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave. To many people in today's world, this sounds like nonsense, just like it did when it first happened. Some would like to dismiss the story entirely as a myth at best, or an outright lie at worst. Others try to spiritualize the miracle, suggesting that the Resurrection narrative is a story that is meant to symbolize the power of God, but whether or not Jesus actually rose from the dead is irrelevant. Finally, there are those who simply believe--those who, with Peter, make an act of faith and choose to take the Gospel literally.

This of course is the Christian way. It was not the Crucifixion that brought confidence to the early followers of Christ; it was the Resurrection. This momentous event has always made all the difference! We will only water down our faith if we reduce Easter to anything other than a true miracle. But to accept it as such will bolster our faith. As St. Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." This Easter, may we experience the great joy of new life in the risen Christ.

## EN THEOS

**Q:** After attending the Easter Vigil for a friend's baptism, I was struck by the Litany of Saints. I was impressed by the list and was wondering: why do we pray the Litany?

**A:** The chanting of the Litany has always been one of my favorite moments of the Rite of Baptism. The Litany reminds us of the long history of faith that is the real fabric of our church. And if you know the story of just a few of those saints' lives, you get a feel for the struggle and the courage and the faith that comes down to us through the ages and is actually the foundation of our own faith.

The saints are models of fidelity to the Gospel, of determination and of faith, hope and love. We are part of that community of faith and by chanting the Litany we make the memory of the saints present. It is the church universal and the church of all ages in which we are baptized. With that same church we share in the Eucharist and we are the body of Christ. Each of us takes our place within the church and carries on the mission and work of Jesus in community with all the faithful: past, present and future. The Litany is but a sampling of the great men and women whose holiness and faith is our heritage. Chant proudly!



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

- Lk 24:1b-3

## FOR OUR CHILDREN

## Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

## Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

## Something to Draw

Draw how surprised Peter and John were when they saw Jesus' empty tomb.

## Mission for the Week

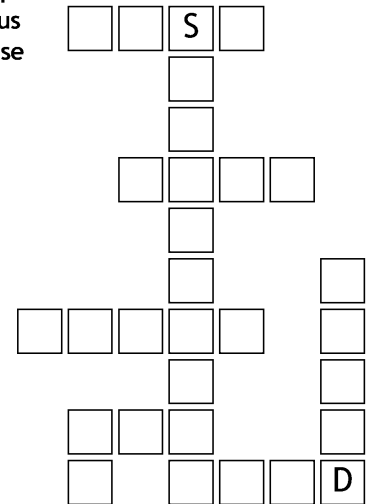
Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at [homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie](http://homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie)

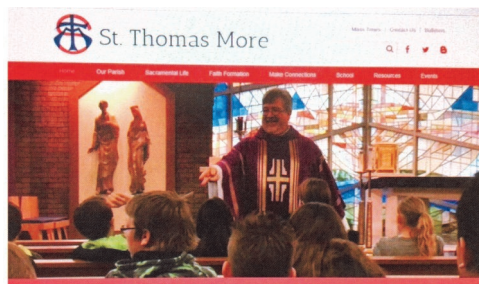
## Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

## The Scriptures

said Jesus  
would rise  
to life.





## St. Thomas More has a new website!!!!

We have updated our website and it looks great!! The address is the same; [www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org). We hope you will visit soon and let us know what you think.



Totally Catholic Cave Quest Vacation Bible School will be hosted at STM from **June 6-10th**.

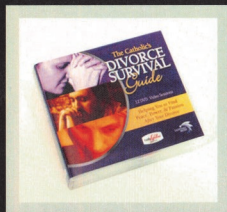
At Cave Quest, kids

explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one of a kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cave Quest Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they learned.

Got preschoolers? Cave Quest also offers "Tad's Preschool Pool". We are looking for a director to make this program possible. We also need volunteers to run Cave Quest. Please contact Michelle Tack at [mtack@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:mtack@stthomasmorechurch.org) or call her at 847.888.4887. This will be the best week of summer for your family!

## NEWS FLASH!

This Fall there will be MORE formation options for families. What we want most for the children of STM is for them to develop a deep, knowledgeable, loving relationship with Jesus. Classes for 1st-8th grade will be on Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm, Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:45 followed by 10 am Mass and Sunday morning from 10:30-11:45 followed by noon Mass. Pre K and K will remain at 10 am. Ninth grade is Year 2 Confirmation and will remain a 12 class Sunday schedule. Registration for 2016/17 opens May 1! For more information, please call the RE Office at 847.888.4887.



The Catholic's **DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide** is a **POWERFUL DVD** series to help **YOU** find peace, power and renewed passion for life.

### WEEKLY PARISH GROUP

- Monday, March 28 to June 27, 2016
- 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 13 weeks for only \$25 register at [evangelization.com](http://evangelization.com)
- Call Sharon 847-888-1682 for more info

## DIVORCE ISN'T ALWAYS BLACK & WHITE

### Let's face it . . .

For a variety of reasons—some (sadly) legitimate and some DEFINITELY not—Catholics DO find themselves civilly divorced. No matter who "left", for everyone it can be a time for panic, fear, anger, depression, rage, anxiety, and sometimes...a temptation to even lose faith.

So where do you stand with the Church? Do you struggle with the unfairness of it all?

Are you feeling relieved and guilty?

Are you excommunicated?

Is loneliness driving you crazy?

Want to know if you can marry again?

How long should you wait for your ex to return?

What's going to happen to the kids?

Where WAS God in all this?

Can I get an annulment?

How can the Church say if my marriage was valid or not?

All these...and MORE...are legitimate questions. The Church has the answers and can help. You're invited to join a weekly support group and find the direction you need.

### Top Catholic Experts

help to bring you HOPE and HEALING



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Fr. Donald Calloway • Fr. Steve Porter • Fr. Mitch Pacwa

You'll laugh, cry, and be consoled knowing that YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

**Warning! All content and teachings are 100% faithful to the teaching Magisterium of the Catholic Church.**

## IF YOU ARE NEW TO STM...

We hope you will contact us so we can provide you with information you need to become an active part of our community. We have Bible studies, prayer groups, music ministry, youth ministry and outreach to the sick and needy. We will help you make a difference in your life and the lives of others. There are more than 50 ministries to choose from at St. Thomas More. Visit our brand new updated web site [www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org), or call us in the parish office at 847.888.1682 for more information.

## BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month. No matter the age, if your child has not been baptized, contact Sharon Hall at the parish office to start planning your child's baptism.

## RECONCILIATION

Our priests are happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Confessions are heard on Saturday from 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment.

## MATRIMONY



Couples who would like to be married at STM need to call one of our priests at least six months in advance of the wedding and definitely before booking the reception! If you have a civil marriage and would like it blessed in the Church, call one of our priests to begin the process.

## BE A CATHOLIC TECHY!

Pope Francis tweets and has a Facebook page! Following is a partial list for you to get started! **Web sites:** [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)-Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops, (contains the complete NAB, complete Catechism of the Catholic faith and official Church documents) [www.rockforddiocese.org](http://www.rockforddiocese.org), [www.catholicmom.com](http://www.catholicmom.com), [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)-Catholic Answers (a good resource for answers to questions), and [www.wordonfire](http://www.wordonfire)-Bishop Barron. **Apps for your smart phone or tablet:** *Laudete* (daily readings, complete Bible, prayers) *Confessions: A Roman Catholic App*, and *iRosary*. **Facebook Likes:** Pope Francis, St. Thomas More Church, Diocese of Rockford, Relevant Radio, Father Rocky from Relevant Radio, Our Sunday Visitor, and Word Among Us. **Podcasts:** Father Michael Schmitz, Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop David Malloy, and Relevant Radio



# CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Monday, March 28**

8:30 am Alfredo Kairuz  
Salvatore Porcello

**Tuesday, March 29**

8:30 am Jose H. Perez  
Betty Miles

**Wednesday, March 30**

8:30 am Mary Lesniak  
Mary Rakowski

**Thursday, March 31**

8:30 am Mary and Daniel O'Shea

**Friday, April 1**

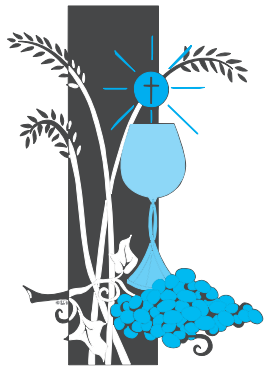
8:30 am All Souls

**Saturday, April 2**

5:00 pm Maynard and Ann Decker  
Viateur and Emilie Saindon

**Sunday, April 3**

8:00 am Sr. Peresita Canivelnic  
Joyce Pellicore  
10:00 am Bob Cundiff  
Valentine Thompson  
12:00 pm People of St. Thomas More  
Amy Peebles



*If you would like to have a Mass  
said for someone, please call the parish  
office to schedule the date and time.  
The contribution for reserving the  
intention of a Mass is \$10.00.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday, March 29**

7:30 pm Young Adult Ministry-  
Chelsea Room

**Wednesday, March 30**

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration-  
Chapel  
4:00 pm Bible Study-  
Canterbury Room  
4:00pm Benediction-  
Chapel  
6:00 pm RCIA-  
Chelsea Room  
6:00 pm High School Choir-  
Lancaster Room  
6:30 pm Bible Study-  
Canterbury Room

**Thursday, March 31**

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group-  
Tudor Room  
6:30 pm SPRED-  
Canterbury Room

**Friday, April 1**

9:15 am Women's Prayer Group-  
Westminster Room  
7:30 pm Filipino Choir-  
Lancaster Room

**Saturday, April 2**

7:00 am Men's Fellowship-  
Canterbury Room  
7:30 pm Filipino Choir-  
Lancaster Room

## AFTER MASSES NEXT WEEK

Friendship Sunday  
Right to Life Info

## Readings for the Week of March 27,

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  
Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9  
Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9  
Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27  
Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21  
Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16  
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
Jn 20:19-31

## LITURGICAL ROLES



## WEEKEND: APRIL 2/3

### Presiders

5:00 pm Father Rich  
8:00 am Father Rich  
10:00 am Father Louis  
12:00 pm Father Louis

### Altar Servers

5:00 pm M Dubanowski, E Rolando,  
B Skog  
8:00 am M Brammer, H Garcia,  
J Lococo  
10:00 am M Astudillo, F & G Thompson  
12:00 pm EJ Ave, R Bodio, R Scumacci

### Lectors

5:00 pm Sarah Schultz  
8:00 am L West/C Gage  
10:00 am K Thompson/B Haton  
12:00 pm May Mangondaya

### Musicians

5:00 pm Adult Choir  
8:00 am P Sajdak, M McCarty,  
JA Aukofer  
10:00 am Youth Choir  
12:00 pm Servant Choir

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm J Taeyaerts, M Roman,  
G Stevens, D & T Eternick,  
K Newton, J McCreight  
8:00 am M Schultz, S Bednarke,  
J Whitchurch, MF Patterson,  
J Hanschmann, J Roder,  
D Velten  
10:00 am D Varley, E Rafael. I Janczak,  
V Sloan, B Newton,  
M Hudson, B Pruter,  
C Schultz, R Calara  
12:00 pm Paula Lublow, J Gutierrez,  
C Voris

