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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

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by
appointment

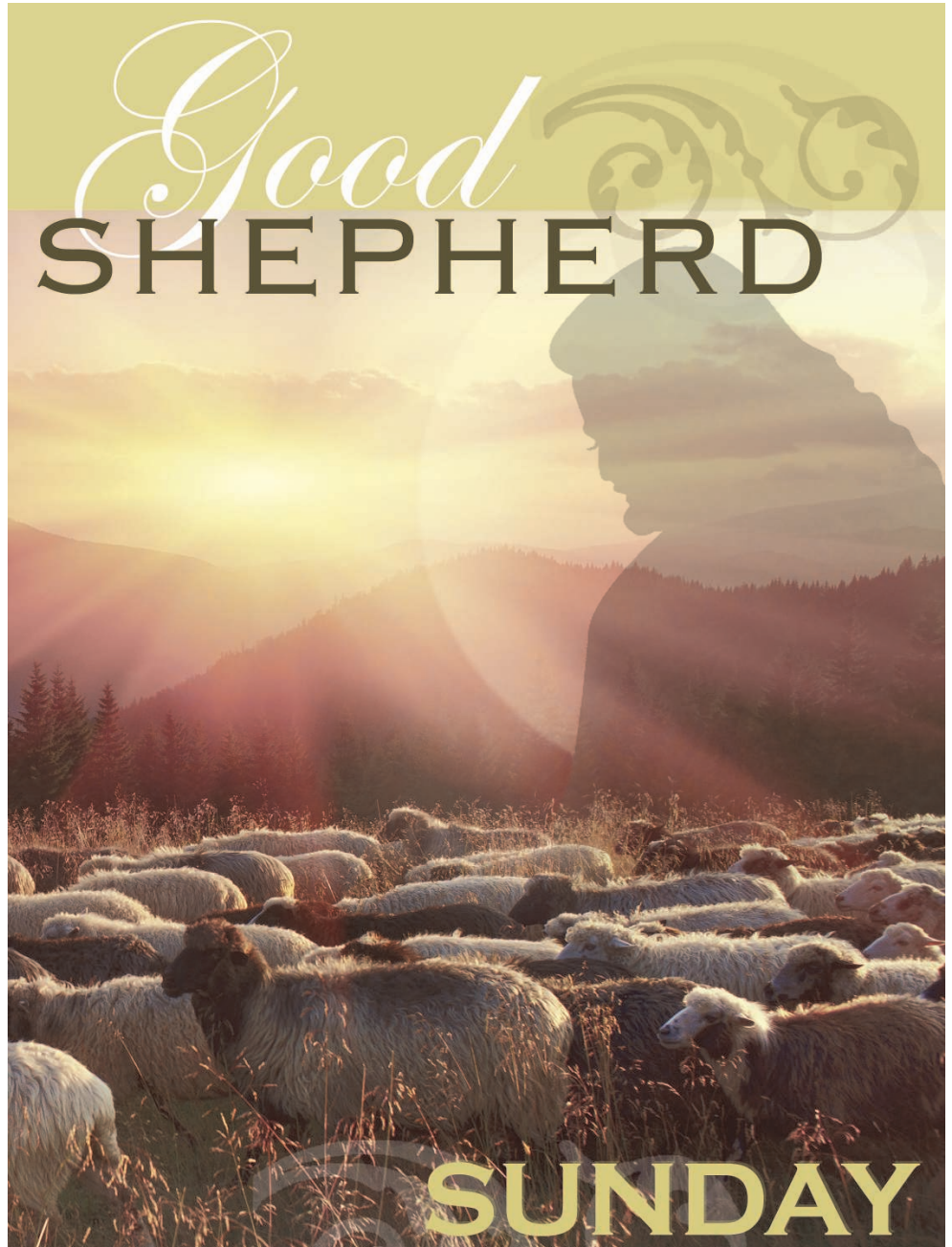
Rosary: prayed before the 8:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 9:00 am
Benediction, 4:00 pm

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MISSION STATEMENT

*As Gospel stewards, grateful for what God has given,
St. Thomas More Catholic Church community commits itself
to the renewal of parish life through evangelization, worship,
outreach to the poor, and community living.*

NEWS & NOTES



PENTECOST RETREAT

What: A retreat open to all women who desire to enrich their spiritual growth. We will spend time in Prayer together. We will spend time in Private Prayer. We will come together to share. The work of the Spirit is to bring the *Image of God Within to Our Likeness*.

Sponsored by: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Where: Nazareth Retreat Center, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL. 60510

When: The retreat begins at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 3rd and ends at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 5th.

Cost: \$100 per person. Space is limited.

For more information or to register, call Linda Isleib at 630-879-1296.



HERBIE'S FRIENDS

Fox Valley Hands of Hope is offering "Memories of Mom," an evening for women who have experienced the death of their mother. The group will meet on **Wednesday, May 4 from 6:00 to 8 p.m.**

Because many adult daughters share a bond with their mothers like no other, when a mother dies, the loss will continue to echo throughout a woman's life as she copes with many realizations and changing roles. This group will offer a safe place where daughters can express their grief, share special memories, learn coping strategies, and discuss redefinition of their role in the family. Within the safety of the group, daughters will also have an opportunity to let go of feelings that may have never been expressed and address unfinished business involving conflicts, regret and forgiveness.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope is a community-based, nonprofit organization. The mission of FVHH is to enhance the quality of life and to provide hope for those experiencing grief or life-threatening illness. All are held at **FVHH offices, 200 Whitfield Drive, Geneva**. The programs are open to everyone in the community and are offered free of charge, but registration is required at **630 232-2233** or info@fvhh.net.



Would you like to make the **Year of Mercy** more meaningful?

During the Year of Mercy Pope Francis asks us to extend mercy to others through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Visiting the sick is a Corporal Work of Mercy. We are in great need of volunteers who would be willing to visit the residents of River View Nursing Home on Jane St. in Elgin. Our volunteers bring the Eucharist to those who cannot join us on Sunday by bringing Jesus to them and offering the prayers and support of the community of St. Thomas More. Your visit brings the Spiritual Work of comfort to all you visit. We will offer training to those who volunteer. You will not be assigned every weekend. Schedules are developed to best fit your availability. This is an excellent ministry for couples or for friends who would like to visit together. Contact Sharon Hall in the parish office at **847-888-1682 ext. 16** to volunteer or for more information.

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**.



Rest in Peace

Betty Mueller

James Musial

Nancy Oldenburg-sister of Cathy Voegtler



Parker Anthony Arnold

Lia Jayne Chanthana

Abigail Rose DeCore

Mary Josephine Geary

Bennett Kristopher Kinnard

Jakejyoss Sanchez Meniado



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,
Milagrof Daquiwig, Edna Enriquez,
Federico Enriquez, Enrico Espina,
Ed Frederick, James Frederick,
Nadine Frett, Mary Fusek, Wilma Gabanit,
Linda Girardi, Josephine Hanson,
Gloria Jean, Gloria Jordan, Bev Kittler,
Karen Kurelo, Carol Legenza,
Reynaldo Mangila, Mike McCall,
Bruce Newberg, Tho Nguyen,
Marian Peterson, Hannah Perkins,
Lutie Regan, Manzella Rocco,
Margaret Scherer, Lynn Schmidt,
Cindy Schoeps, Diane Schumacher,
Frank Scislawski, Dillon Smith,
David Snelson, Larry Sorce, Lee Thomas,
John Urquhart, Judy VanHanxleden,
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.

WORD OF LIFE

"Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me."

"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad,"



TIME, TALENT, TREASURE & NEWS



ST. THOMAS MORE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Underground utility and roadwork has

begun this month in our neighborhood.

Please be aware that Thomas More Drive will be under construction. During construction, there will be NO access to our parking lot from Thomas More Drive. Access to St. Thomas More's parking lot will be from Highland Avenue only. We encourage everyone to practice good driving habits and use caution when entering and exiting the driveways on Highland Avenue.

Note: No City of Elgin traffic detail will be hired by the parish during the roadwork.



FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Come one.....come all to the monthly Fellowship Meeting that will be held on:

- ◆ Tuesday, May 17th at 12 pm noon
- ◆ Chelsea Room

The meeting will be of good cheer and kinship. There will be the election of officers.



CONFESSIONS CONTINUED

Confessions will continue at St. Thomas More Church every **Wednesday from 9-10 am.**



ST. THOMAS MORE NEW WEBSITE!

Go to: www.stthomasmorechurch.org and let us know what you think.



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DIOCESAN APPEAL 2015 WRAPUP

The Diocesan Appeal ended on March 31, 2016. We would like to share with you some of the information from this past appeal.

- 20% of STM families or 565 families pledged and 490 paid in full by the end of appeal.
- The average pledge was \$283.58
- The 2015 Diocesan appeal goal for St. Thomas More Parish was \$139,630.
- The total paid to the Diocese was \$145,401.52, which means St. Thomas More will receive a refund of \$5,771.52! As promised, this refund/credit will be applied to the principal on our parking lot renovation loan! Thank you to ALL the donors who made this possible!



SUNDAY AND BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

Please remember to use your packet of **Stewardship Envelopes for both Sunday Giving and Building Fund Support.** Envelopes for Holy Days and Flowers are included for the corresponding liturgical season. Using your envelopes allows the parish to record your giving and provide a year-end tax letter for your family. ALL donations to the parish are tax-deductible.

Parish boundaries are set, which means the potential for additional growth can come only from new Catholic families registering at St. Thomas More. **We ask that you prayerfully discern an increase in your support of the parish.** The every-day costs of running the parish have increased. In addition, there is the upkeep of campus buildings and need to address major projects at the school—roofing and plumbing issues.

Please, prayerfully consider how to give your first fruits to the Lord. Your giving in thanks of God's many blessings will support the parish as we serve you, our community, and the future of the Catholic Church. Thank you for your sacrificial giving.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The parish is in need of skilled and knowledgeable people to serve on our Buildings and Ground Committee. We need people with engineering, plumbing, roofing, remodeling, painting, and maintenance expertise to oversee pending projects on the school building, rectory, and church. If you would like to serve on the committee to help prioritize projects, solicit bids from contractors according to diocesan guidelines, act as an advisor and/or be a potential project manager, please contact Olga Pomella at 847-888-1682 x. 13.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BAGS.

The Elgin Deanery of Catholic Women will be collecting women's toiletries during the month of April for our Mother's Day gift bags. Please place items in the box in the back of church. Items needed are: combs, sample sized lotions, shampoos, conditioners, soaps, washcloths, razors, small notepads, deodorants, feminine products, etc.

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
For Post-Abortion Healing
Project Rachel 800.593.2273



St. Thomas More will be hosting a **Sole Hope** shoe cutting party on **Sunday, May 22 from 9 am-2 pm in the Chelsea Room.**

Sole Hope is an organization that makes shoes out of used jeans for the people in Uganda to prevent the spread of jiggers on their feet. During April we will be collecting used jeans for our shoe cutting party in May. Please put your donation of used jeans in the box at the back of church. To arrange pick up contact Donna at DLSchelonka@yahoo.com or Kelly at kelly.j.lockard@gmail.com.

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

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.' How blessed we are to be the "sheep" of such a Good Shepherd! Jesus promises that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." When we follow the voice of our Shepherd, he leads us exactly where we want to go. But, of course, it's up to us to make sure that we recognize this voice.

In today's culture, many voices are competing for our attention. The voice of the media is a loud one, entering our homes and families through television, the Internet, print materials, and so on. We are also more and more a culture whose ears are literally filled with the voices of our favorite singers and the sounds of our personal playlists--the sight of people marching through their day with earphones blocking out other sounds is now a common sight. All of this has its appropriate place. We simply need to be sure that we don't allow these voices to become the primary ones in our lives.

To hear the voice of Jesus, we need to encounter his word in the Bible where he speaks to us loud and clear. We need to fill our ears with the message of the Gospel, to listen attentively to the prayers and preaching at Mass, and to "tune in" to the teaching of the Church and of the Holy Father, which is easily available to anyone these days through those same media outlets mentioned above.

All of these things will help us to stay close to our Shepherd, and to avoid going astray into regions where we might get lost in spite of ourselves. Jesus promises of those who hear his voice and follow him that, "No one can take them out of my hand." When we stay near the Lord, we can rest assured that he will fulfill his promises.

World Day
of Prayer for
Vocations

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

In 2016 we mark the 53rd anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Moreover, we celebrate it always on the 4th Sunday in Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the sheep that always know the voice of the shepherd. May we also hear with ears of faith our Shepherd's call to discipleship.

Let us pray...

Jesus, good and gentle Shepherd,
we pray for those among us
who hear your voice and call
to a vocation in the Church.

Help them to be unafraid of that calling from you
of service to the universal church.

Gift them courage to boldly say yes to your call.
Help us to encourage them
in their long journey of discernment and formation.

We offer our thanks to you
for calling us to discipleship in many and various ways,
as married men and women,
as single men and women,
as priests, deacons,
and professed men and women.

We ask all these things
in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus,
our savior and our brother. Amen



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
- Jn 10:27-28a

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself reading a Bible storybook.

Mission for the Week

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.



Puzzle

Find your way through the bible maze.



Read the Gospel and Color



PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS



ST. THOMAS MORE PAINT 'N SIP

When: Saturday, April 30
at 6:15 pm

Where: St. Thomas More
School in Roberts Hall

Cost: \$40 per person - Checks made out to St. Thomas More School. Contact Patty Cardenas at 224-730-3032

Bring your favorite beverages, & glasses will be provided. Appetizers will be served too. Must be 21 to partake and is open to 40 participants. The event is being held by Poly Lolly Crafty Workshops. The proceeds from this event will benefit our school!



SPECTACULAR SICILY WITH A ROME FINALE

When: October 30 - November 8, 2016
Cost: \$3,190 Per Person, Double
Occupancy from Chicago

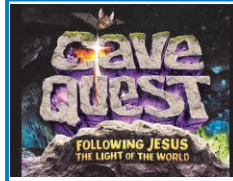
We are happy to announce the upcoming tour to Sicily and Rome with Father Geoff Wirth! Enjoy five nights touring the amazing island of Sicily. We begin with 2 nights in Palermo visiting its most interesting historical sites. Then we travel to the beautiful town of Taormina over-looking the Ionian Sea and famous Mt. Etna. Visit the magnificent Norman sites of Palermo and the fantastic Basilica of Monreale, walk amongst the ancient Greek Temples of Agrigento, follow St. Paul through ancient Syracuse and marvel at one of the most beautiful views from the ancient Greek Theater in Taormina.

Then we spend 3 nights in the Eternal City of Rome where we see the highlights of one of the world's greatest cities. We will visit the Coliseum and see where the gladiators fought, visit the most amazing Cathedrals of Rome such as St. Paul's and St. John's in Lateran. Plus we end with a visit to the Vatican where we see all the amazing treasures including the awe inspiring Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

For more information attend one of our Tour Preview Meetings as follows:

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC
CHURCH
215 Thomas More Drive Elgin, IL 60123

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
10307 Dundee Road Huntley, IL 60142



TOTALLY CATHOLIC CAVE QUEST

VBS will be hosted at St. Thomas More 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. We need leaders for each station to make this Cave Quest successful & teens to lead our crews.

Please come to an information meeting on May 1st at 11:00am (after 10am Mass) at STM-Roberts Hall, enter door 3. Contact the RE department at 847-888-4887, or Michelle at mtack@stthomasmorechurch.org. This will be the best week of summer for your family!



RE PROGRAM 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 from 8:30-9:45 am followed by 10 am

Mass and Sunday from 10:30-11:45 am 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.



STM 13TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2016

When: Thursday, June 9th

Time: Registration & driving range practice at 12:00 pm
Driving range (12:00-12:45 pm)

Where: Elgin Country Club-2575 Weld Road-Elgin, IL.

Cost: \$175 per golfer

Foursome early bird special-\$650 prior to May 1st

Foursome=\$750 after May 1st

Join us for 18 holes of golf with a 19th hole celebration! Register at golf.stmcentral.com



ST. THOMAS MORE NEWCOMERS!

On Sunday, April 10th, we welcomed the following new members to our parish community. Top left to bottom right are: Maureen Hollcraft, Erika Hamlin, Karen & Daniel Kinley, Frank DiNardo, Eve Kist, Chris, Colin and Megan DeRoo, and Wayne & Mary Wade.



CALENDARS & SCHEDULES



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 18

8:30 am Marilyn Bailey
-special intention
Mary Lesniak

Tuesday, April 19

8:30 am Betty Miles
Mary Blake

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 am John Stephen Sloan
-special intention
Ginny Klos

Thursday, April 21

8:30 am Frank Ybarra
Herbert Leinberger

Friday, April 22

8:30 am Bruce Heiser
Virginia Klos

Saturday, April 23

5:00 pm Fred Tayaerts
Patricia L. Meyers

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am People of St. Thomas More
10:00 am Amy Peebles
Raymond Bohne
12:00 pm Alicia G. Perez
Ida & Francis Cox



Anointing the sick

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will have a special Mass to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on **Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m.** for those suffering with pain or serious illness. If you or your loved one would like to receive this Sacrament, please call the church office so we can prepare a place for you. Following the Anointing, light refreshments will be served in the Chelsea Room. Attendance at this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation

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

Monday, April 18

7:00 pm Divorce Ministry-
Canterbury Room

Tuesday, April 19

1:00 pm Fellowship-Chelsea Room
7:00 pm MOM's-Canterbury Room
7:30 pm Young Adult Ministry-
Chelsea Room

Wednesday, April 20

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
9-10 am Confession-Confessionals
4:00 pm Bible Study-Canterbury Room
4:00pm Benediction-Chapel
6:30 pm Bible Study-Westminster Room
7:00 pm Adult Choir-Lancaster Room
7:15 pm RCIA-Chelsea Room

Thursday, April 21

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

Friday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 23

7:00 am Men's Fellowship-
Canterbury Room
11:30 am 1st Communion-Church
7:30 pm Filipino Choir-
Lancaster Room

After Masses Next Week
Reverse Collection



Readings for the Week of April 17th

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7
Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3,
5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,
25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11
Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



WEEKEND: APRIL 23/24

Presiders

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

Altar Servers

5:00 pm M Dubanowski, B Schreurs,
M Witecha
8:00 am M Brammer, L & M Jackson
10:00 am D Empleo, A Goto, M Tendency
12:00 pm R Bodio, R Scumacci, J Utanes

Lectors

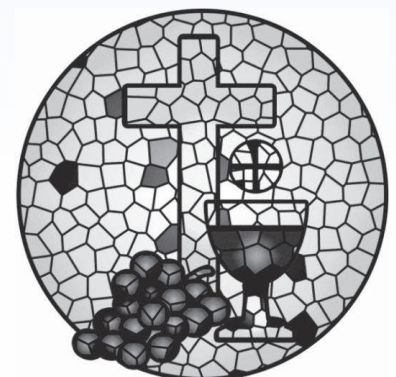
5:00 pm E Weber
8:00 am D Rothgeb, L Carlsen
10:00 am J Wiel, L Dela Merced
12:00 pm G Stover

Musicians

5:00 pm M Weller, C Powers, D Malesky,
C Manheim, C Olson
8:00 am K Lockard, K Davis-Flannery,
H Relihan
10:00 am Adult Choir
12:00 pm Servant Choir

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm L Asmussen, L McEwan,
G Stevens, J Taeyaerts,
E Thompson, R Seisser,
E Reckamp
8:00 am C Hopkins, D Velten,
L Rakowski, S Schultz,
M F Patterson, J Roder,
J Whitchurch
10:00 am R & M Borman, V Sloan,
C Schultz, B Newton, R Wiel,
M J & A Battaglia, M P Berens
12:00 pm B Cruz, R O'Neil, M Thames



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