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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,
Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am or by appointment

Rosary: prayed before the 8:30 am Mass

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

Saint Thomas More

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“AND I TELL YOU, ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE;
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE
DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.” - LK 11:9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING WITH RCIA?

You can share the journey of faith by sponsoring an adult who wishes to join our Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. A Parish Sponsor is an active member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church who is willing to be a companion to someone going through the RCIA process. As they get acquainted, they listen, answer questions, pray together, and connect their companion to the parish. Sponsors find their role to be one that enriches and deepens their own faith as well. Sponsors are not expected to have all the answers. Their main role is to be a friend and companion on the journey.

Requirements to be a Parish Sponsor:

- You must be a confirmed, active Catholic in good standing
- You must be a member of St. Thomas More Parish
- You must be at least 18 years old
- If married, your marriage must be valid in the Catholic Church
- You must attend all orientation and training meetings. The first training is on **Wednesday, August 24 from 7-8:30 pm in the Chelsea Room.**
- You are required to attend weekly RCIA sessions (Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm, retreats, rites, and outreach activities).
- You will be a supportive friend and companion

If interested in becoming a Parish Sponsor, please contact **Linda McEwan** at **847-452-2853** or email her at lmcewan@stthomasmorechurch.org



SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2016 are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Malloy at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 21st at 2:30 pm. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow.

Are you celebrating a special milestone? The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone **815-399-4300** or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 5th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

RETROUVAILLE-A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

The word Retrouvaille (re-tro-vi with a long i) is a French word meaning rediscovery. This program helps couples heal & renew their marriages and offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Upcoming weekends: **August 5-7 in Rockford, September 9-10 in Darien, & December 2-4 in Lincolnshire.** Contact **708-802-1830** or go to www.helppourmarriage.com for more information. Invest in your marriage!!

SACRAMENTS

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

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

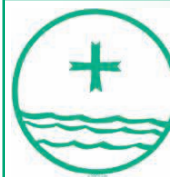
Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the **first and third weekends of the month at 1:00 pm or during the 5:00 pm or 12:00 pm Masses.** Parents need to be registered members and should be faithful in attending Mass. Participation in a baptismal preparation class is required. Please call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



BAPTISMS

Peyton Kenneth Berlin
Alexis Jade Duarte
Genesis Rita Gomez
Emma Brooklyn Legge
Sloan Charlotte Volk



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Christine Baczeik, Helen Baier, Gerard Barnicle, Virgil Beard, Shirley Bednarke, Margaret Brantley, Gracie Canning, Leola Christopherson, Mac Connell, Theresa Cortesi, Milagro Daquiwig, Edna Enriquez, Federico Enriquez, Enrico Espina, Ed Frederick, James Frederick, Nadine Frett, Mary Fusek, Wilma Gabanit, Patricia Ghilardi, Linda Girardi, Cathy Hanes, Josephine Hanson, Michele Ingram, Gloria Jean, Gloria Jordan, Michael Keafer, Dennis Kittler, Ken Kline, Karen Kurelo, Robert Larson, Carol Legenza, Reynaldo Mangila, Mike McCall, Eileen Miller, Gloria Neitzel, Bruce Newberg, Tho Nguyen, Marian Peterson, Hannah Perkins, Chuck Pruter, Lisa Lutie, Regan, Manzella Rocco, Cindy Schoeps, Diane Schumacher, Frank Scislowski, Tim Shelton, Dillon Smith, David Snelson, Larry Sorce, Lee Thomas, John Urquhart, Judy VanHaxleden, Dan Weiler, Carolyn Wisniewski, Sharon Wolf

INTERNATIONAL LIVING ROSARY



Please join us for the **27th Annual International Living Rosary (IRL)** to be held at **St. Mary Catholic Church in DeKalb, IL (302 Fisk Ave.) on Sunday, August 7 at 1:30 pm.**

You are invited to "be a bead" and recite the first half of the "Hail Mary" in English or another language. Women, men and children are all welcome to "be a bead". Organizers are looking for living beads. We need 53! If you would like to participate, please contact **Sandi Schmidt, 815-762-8375** or **Cathy Vendemia, 815-765-3384**, c.vendemia@yahoo.com.

We need your name, phone number and language choice. If you would like to attend and not be responsible for a prayer, we also welcome you.

The Rosary will be followed by light refreshments.



JULY 17 2016

Stewardship of Treasure.....\$ 15,492

PARISH INDEBTEDNESS

Renovation Loan balance.....\$297,175

Interest paid to date.....\$ 14,902

DIAL LOAN-PARKING LOT

Interest paid in July.....\$ 1,141

Principal paid in July.....\$ 7,500



METABOLIC SCREENING

New! Are you at greater risk for Metabolic Syndrome, which is a cluster of risk factors that put you at a higher risk for heart disease, diabetes and stroke? Schedule your personal 30 minute session with an RN who will determine if the risk factors are present in you. *Fasting is required 12 hours prior to your appointment.*

When: **July 28th from 8-10 am**

Where: **Presence St. Joseph Hospital-
Diabetes & Nutrition Department.**

Cost: **FREE**

Appointment required-call **877-737-4636.**

WORD OF LIFE

“Through [the] loving care [of my family and friends], they affirm what I also know- that my life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living.”

- “Maggie’s Story: Living like Dad,”



SUMMER THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a speaker and discussion series for young adults directed towards the needs and experiences of young adults. All young adults in their 20’s & 30’s, single or married, Catholic or not, are welcome to join us. Contact **Dave Meus** at david.meus@gmail.com or 224-623-9755.

Where: **St. Mary Church**

10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL

When: **Session 3-Friday, July 29 at 7 pm**

Presenter is Fr. Keith Romke and the topic will be “What do you seek?” Fr. Romke will also discuss “What do you want?” He will propose how to ask the right questions in order to find the answers that will give direction to your life and that will lead to decisions that result in peace & joy.



2016 DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Parishioners have stepped up their efforts in support of the **2016 Diocesan Appeal!** As of **July 14, 2016, \$140,273.33** has been pledged. It is not too late to make a pledge. No amount is too small. Every pledge brings us closer to meeting our **goal of \$141,779.** Remember, all paid pledges over goal are refunded to the parish. St. Thomas More will continue to direct these refunds to the principal owed on our DIAL loan, which was secured to complete the parking lot last summer. See DIAL Loan update in this bulletin. Please visit www.rockforddiocese.org/donate to pledge and set up your payment. Online giving is secure and easy to navigate. New this year for all diocesan collections is the online feature of creating an account that will allow you to view your donation history. Follow the prompts on the diocesan website to set up your account today!



PARKING LOT

It is hard to believe that it was just one year ago that our parking lot was under construction -- truly an amazing process. **To maintain the integrity of the parking lot surface, sealcoating and restriping were recommended by the contractor for this year. Work will commence the last week in July and the first week in August.** It will be a phased process. Depending upon weather conditions, the parking lot will need to be seal coated and restriped every three to five years to prolong the life of the parking lot, which should last another 30 years!

PARKING LOT

DIAL LOAN UPDATE

Loans were secured through the Diocese of Rockford to pay for the construction of our parking lot. The beginning loan on September 30, 2015, totaled \$400,606.08. **As of July 13, 2016, the balance of the principal on the loan is \$297,175.**

We encourage all parishioners to donate to the **BUILDING FUND** each month. Two **blue Building Fund envelopes** are enclosed in your bi-monthly stewardship package. You may also donate to the Building Fund if you are a donor using ParishPay.

Your donation to the 2016 Diocesan Appeal can also help us pay our debt. Any paid pledges over goal are refunded to St. Thomas More and will be used, once again, to pay our DIAL loan. Thank you for your continued support!

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



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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.svdpcars.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.

His care
is what will
make us
FLOURISH

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the security of knowing that God will take good care of us.

But God's care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this context in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children.

For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

- Lk 11:9-10

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Sharing the Gospel

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me and listening to me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.

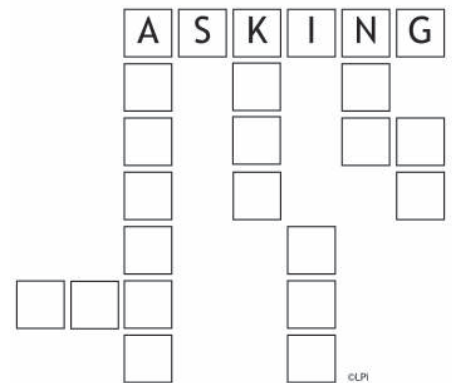
Mission for the Week

Make time to pray every day this week.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not ashamed to keep on asking.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN~YOUTH MINISTRY IN ACTION!



On July 11th, 37 youth and adults from our very own St. Thomas More Youth Ministry spent the morning creating over 26,000 meals with other parishes in the area. The meals are designated to all go to Jamaica. We are sincerely proud of their efforts and commitment to our community!



PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS



2016 CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER SAVE THE DATE!

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Assembly #2381 are hosting their **12th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner** on **Friday, October 14, 2016**. This annual event is held to honor our priests, deacons and sisters from Elgin, Carpentersville, Dundee, Algonquin, Huntley & Hampshire.

The Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held at **St. Mary Parish Center, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL. 60142**. Event begins at 6:00 pm and includes catered dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance before September 23. All are welcome to attend. For tickets, please contact **Keith Williams** at 847-669-4811 or email kawsuncity@yahoo.com. This event will fill up quickly, so don't delay, get your tickets today!!



CHARISMATIC MASS & PRAYING FOR HEALING

*"You Can Have Peace
in the Middle of the
Storm".*

A charismatic Mass followed by prayer for healing will be held on **Monday, August 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm** at **St. Katharine Drexel Church, 85055 Dugan Road, Sugar Grove, IL 60554**. Mass will be celebrated by **Father Bob Jones**, Pastor of St. Katharine Drexel Church, and **Father Chris Kuhn**, Pastor of St. Mary Church, Elgin, and Associate Spiritual Director of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services in the Diocese of Rockford. Private prayer will be available immediately following Mass. For more information contact **Ed O'Connell** at 630-404-4168.



Co-Celebrant
Fr. Bob Jones
St. Katharine Drexel



Co-Celebrant
Fr. Chris Kuhn
St. Mary Church



STEP IT UP SHOE DRIVE THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP!



The First Baptist Church of Elgin is excited to announce it's **8th Annual STEP IT UP Shoe Drive**. The distribution day will be on July 30th. Our area has many children in need of new shoes!

The purpose is to give children the opportunity to start school with a new pair of tennis shoes that fit! In 2009, 408 pairs of shoes were provided; 2015, 1490 were provided and last year 1,550 pairs of shoes were collected.

They are seeking assistance from our parish as the need rises every year. A collection box is located in our STM Gathering Space. This year's goal is to collect 1,660 pairs of new shoes. New Tennis shoes (size child 10 to adult size 11) are accepted. Any monetary donation is also accepted and will be used to purchase shoes. **Checks can be made out to First Baptist Church** or online donations at fbcelgin.com. All donations are tax deductible. Call **Paul Brotzman** at 847-707-6494 with questions. We will indeed be thankful for any help you can offer for our kids!



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ENTERTAINMENT BY: **The Jolinda Boys**, **SYENA POLISH POLK DANCERS**, **EFFECT BAND**, **KRAGOWIACZEK**

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When: **August 21**
Where: **St. Stanislaus Parish**

Call 815-965-3913 or go to:
www.PolishFest-IL.org



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE ROCKFORD DIOCESE

Pray an hour for our priests in one of our diocesan adoration chapels or in a church with First Friday adoration.

When: **August 4, 6:00 pm—August 6, 10:00 am**

All are welcome to attend the Mass that will be offered for our priests on the Feast of St. John Vianney-patron of priests.

When: **August 4th at 5:30 pm at St. Bridget's Church in Loves Park**

For more information and to sign up for a holy hour, go to:
www.rockforddiocese.org/forty_hours

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 25

8:30 am Deceased members of the
O'Rourke Family
In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, July 26

8:30 am Bruce Heiser
Frances Skytta

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 am Mary & James McGann

Thursday, July 28

8:30 am Maeve Burke
Theresa Pitt

Friday, July 29

8:30 am Lydia Tiojanco
Lita Monsod

Saturday, July 30

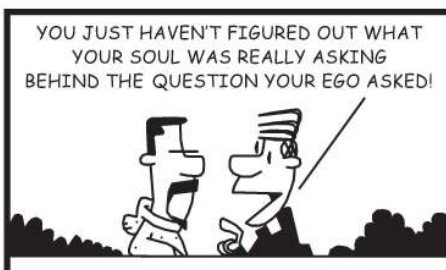
5:00 pm Kevin Milnamow
Patricia L. Meyers

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Richard Sanders
Frank Koc
10:00 am People of St. Thomas More
Rev. Dean Bechard, S.J.
-special intention
12:00 pm Frances Shaw
Ellen Schleicher

*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.*

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 25

9:00 am Book Club-Westminster Room
7:00 pm Book Club-Westminster Room

Tuesday, July 26

2:00 pm Book Club-Westminster Room
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul-Chelsea Room

Wednesday, July 27

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
4:00 pm Benediction-Chapel
6:30 pm Bible Study-Westminster Room

Thursday, July 28

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group
-Tudor Room

Saturday, July 30

7:00 am Men's Fellowship-
Canterbury Room



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6
Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4,
10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16,
30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6,
12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21



WEEKEND: JULY 30/31

Presiders

5:00 pm Msgr. Linster
8:00 am Father Balog
10:00 am Father Rich
12:00 pm Father Rich

Altar Servers

5:00 pm I Burnett, M Dubanowski,
K A Tiu
8:00 am M Brammer, M Darrow,
H I Garcia
10:00 am B Lukowski, B McKee, M Tendy
12:00 pm R Bodio, C Short, K Wang

Lectors

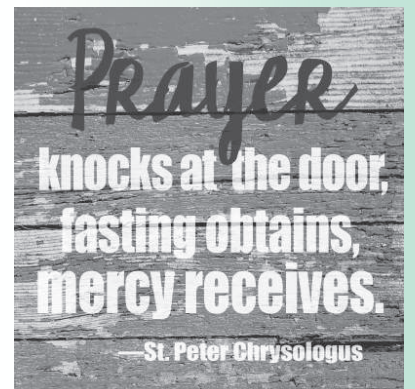
5:00 pm B Freitag
8:00 am S & W Moylan
10:00 am K Goto, B Brown
12:00 pm R Sy

Musicians

5:00 pm J Tendy, S Ward, G Andorka,
J A Aukofer
8:00 am K Davis-Flannery, M Weller,
J A Aukofer
10:00 am B Molitor, C Powers, J A Aukofer
12:00 pm M Lee, R & M Arcales,
E & M Nguyen, N Trevino,

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm E Reckamp, D & T Eternick,
M Suire, J McCreight,
B Newton, L McEwan
8:00 am M Beyer, L Rakowski,
J Hanschmann, L Carlsen,
B Dombrowski, J Roder,
J Obenauf
10:00 am M P Berens, A & S Hall,
R Calara, M Pechay,
A Santarromana, J Radcliffe,
R Wiel, M Hudson
12:00 pm E Rafael, S Matson, G Stevens



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