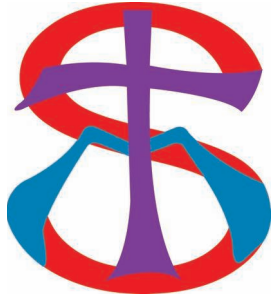


JULY 23, 2017

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas More Parish

16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

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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.

CONNECT WITH US



St Thomas More Catholic Church

OUR WEBSITE

www.stthomasmorechurch.org

ROSARY

prayed before the 8:30 am Mass

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Weekday: Monday-Friday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am,

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by

appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday, 9:00 am

until Benediction, 4:00 pm

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Interested in becoming a member, registration forms are on the website at www.stthomasmorechurch.org or call the parish office at 847.888.1682.



St. Vincent de Paul - In the name of Jesus, Vincentians, strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential preserving dignity. Call 847.628.5170 and leave a message on the 24 hour answering service.

Life Matters - Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. Never feel alone, call Project Rachel at 800.593.2273 the Life Center at 847.622.1235 or Fox Valley Pregnancy at 847.697.0200.



SACRAMENTS

For a more in-depth look at the sacraments, please visit our parish website www.stthomasmorechurch.org.



Reconciliation: Confessions are heard every Wednesday 9:00-10:00am and Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm. Appointments can also be made for confessions to be heard when needed.



Baptism: Children of all ages and adults are welcome to the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism for children is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:00pm. 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 arrangements. Adults seeking Baptism should contact Linda McEwan at lmcewan@stthomasmorechurch.org.



Matrimony: Baptized Catholics are called to be married in the Catholic Church. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. If you were married outside of the Catholic Church and would like to have your marriage blessed, we would be happy to guide you in that process.

Call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest to begin all marriage preparation.



Anointing of the Sick: The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness, for those having surgery, and for those near death. Call the parish office to make arrangements to receive this sacrament.

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Trained volunteers are available to provide spiritual support and comfort to all parishioners mourning a death loss. Please call the parish office at 847-888-1682.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

HOW CAN I HELP?

We are in need of more volunteers to bring Holy Communion to patients at Sherman Hospital on Thursdays. We will provide training and we schedule volunteers to go in pairs. Usually teams visit in the morning. You will be scheduled about once every four-five weeks. If this ministry sounds interesting to you please call the parish office for more details or to volunteer today!



SEEKING FUNDS TO REPLACE NATIVITY WISEMAN STATUE

After an unfortunate accident sustained by one of our nativity "Wisemen" this past Christmas season, the parish has placed an order for a new statue. The statue shattered when it fell in the Gathering Space, and some of the pieces were impossible to find despite our maintenance staff's best effort to locate all the pieces and put our "Wiseman" back together. Upon investigation of a replacement, we discovered that the cost of the statue to match our current nativity set is double the original cost. If you would like to contribute to the replacement of this statue, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please make your donation payable to St. Thomas More Parish and write "Wiseman" in the memo. Your contribution will be recorded and appear on your 2017 year-end tax letter.



GENEVIEVE ROHEN

(Mother of Kathleen Kuroski)

RICHARD "DICK" FITCHIE

HOLY BAPTISM

- Nathan Jon Aquino
- Liam James Aubert
- Madelyn Rae Mikula
- Avery Philomena Pulido
- Gemma Lucia Wozniak



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 †Rose Achtien
 †John Alway
 †May Alway
 †Judy Baggio
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 †Bruce Ostidick
 †Theodore G. Pearson
 †Jessica Peterson
 †Marian Peterson
 †Lutie Regan
 †Clarke Renard
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 †Denise Zimmer

To add or remove a name on our prayer list, please call the parish office 847-888-1682. To keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 3 months. After that time, if you would like a name to stay on the list, please contact the parish office to renew your loved ones name.

St. Thomas More CATHOLIC SCHOOL

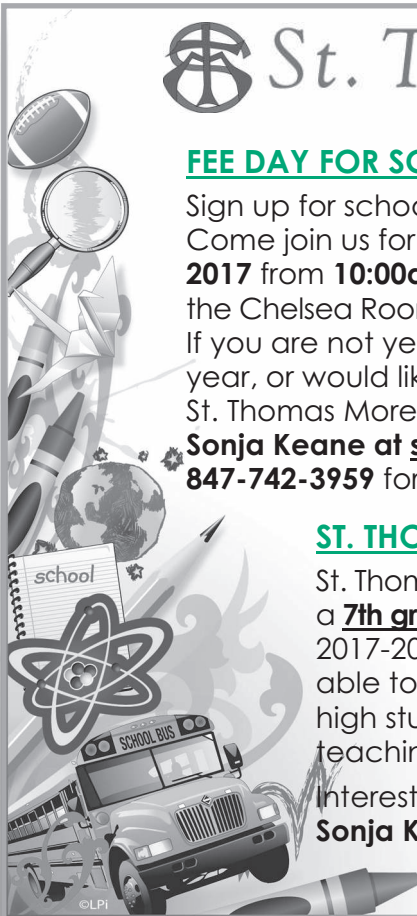
FEE DAY FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

Sign up for school activities and programs. Come join us for Fee Day on **Monday, August 7, 2017** from **10:00am - 2pm or 4:00pm - 7:00pm** in the Chelsea Room/ Gathering Space in the church. If you are not yet enrolled for the 2017/2018 school year, or would like more information about St. Thomas More Catholic School, please contact **Sonja Keane at skeane@stmcentral.org** or call **847-742-3959** for a school tour.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking a **7th grade teacher** for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Applicant must be able to teach Science classes to all junior high students and hold a valid state of IL teaching license.

Interested applicants please contact **Sonja Keane at skeane@stmcentral.org**.



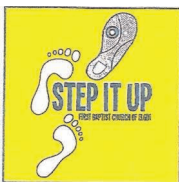
FATHERly ADVICE

**I wonder...
I always wanted to know why...**

What questions have you always wanted answered
in regards to the faith and church life?
Now is your chance to ask! Here are 3 ways.

- **DROP** your questions in the Sunday Collection in a sealed envelope labeled "Fatherly Advice"
- **E-MAIL** questions to ayoung@stthomasmorechurch.org
- **POST** your questions on our Facebook page @St. Thomas More Catholic Church!

**KEEP AN EYE OUT THIS FALL FOR
FATHERS ANSWERS IN THE BULLETIN!**



"WHAT IS STEP IT UP?" AND "HOW CAN YOU HELP?"

"Step It Up" began by First Baptist Church in 2009 with 403 pairs of shoes being given to children in August, so they would have a new pair of shoes to start school. We have continued each year and the goal increased each year. The need is great and thus, this year our goal is 1,660 pairs of shoes. **Our collection deadline is July 31st.**



There are two ways to help:

1. Purchase **new tennis shoes** in any size between child's 10 and adult 10 for boys and girls. There is a box in the lobby collection area to collect your shoes.
2. If you cannot or do not have time to shop, you can make a financial gift to First Baptist and mark it for "Step It Up". The committee will then use the money to purchase new shoes. Please send your gift to your church office or mail to FBC, 1735 W. Highland, Elgin 60123.

**Thanking you in advance for whatever you are able to do. Remember
no amount is too small and all financial gifts are tax deductible.**

Save the Date

Liturgical Minister Retreat
Saturday, September 23rd - 9:00am - 3:00pm

*All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Music
Ministers are invited to a day of enrichment and
refreshment in the church. Lunch Provided.*

SAVE THE DATE

2017 CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Assembly #2381 is hosting their **13th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner** on **Friday, October 13th at St. Mary Parish Hall, Huntley.** This event honors our priests, deacons and religious sisters from Elgin, Carpentersville, Dundee, Algonquin, Huntley and Hampshire. The evening begins at 5:45PM, appetizers and cash bar 6:00pm, catered dinner at 7:30PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and must be purchased before September 26th, tickets purchased on or after September 27th will be \$40.00. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact **Keith Williams at (847)669-4811 or kawsuncity@yahoo.com** or **Randy Rakowski in the parish office on Monday-Friday from 9am-12 noon.**



CAFE 215 Presents...

Café 215 presents **The Wild Goose**, a three part series on the The Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God's love and transforming power. Father Dave Pivonka presents this exciting & engaging video program. Join us on July 16th, August 6th & August 20th from 11:00am - 12:00pm. The session will meet between the 10:00am and Noon Mass.

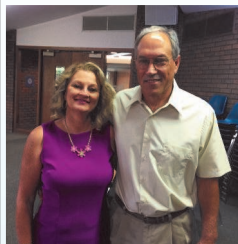
THIS PROGRAM IS FREE TO EVERYONE. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, SO YOU CAN JUST SHOW UP!
CONTACT SHARON HALL IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION 847-888-1682 OR SHALL@STTHOMASMORECHURCH.ORG



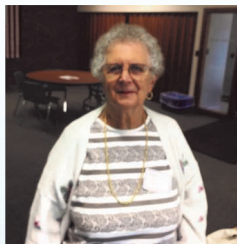
St. Thomas More School children and parents marched in the Elgin 4th of July parade. Thanks for proudly representing our parish and our country!

Welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS



**Janet and Joseph
Griessler**



Marlene Kanok



**Tim and Tonya
Sauer**



**Jose and Ivan
Luna**



**Tracey and Jenna
McGladdery**



**Dennis and Kathy
Kowalski**



**James and Barbara
Lapetina**

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Hello, my name is Keith Carver. I'm a Life Scout with Troop 128 and I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project. For my project, I'm doing a school supply drive for Highland Elementary School. I went to Highland and the people there impacted my life and made me who I am today. Highland is a low income school and a lot of students come to school in August with nothing or very little. I want to help these students out so they can receive the best education possible.

Your donation of any supplies listed below, would be greatly appreciated.

- No. 2 Pencils
- Notebooks
- Erasers
- Folders
- Lined paper
- Ruler
- Pens
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Crayons

Pick up date: August 13th between 2:00-4:00PM

Please leave donations on your doorstep this day, we will pick up between the hours listed. We will also accept cash donations. Please give those directly to the Scouts or call me at the number below for pick up.

If you need me to come pick up the supplies at a different time please contact me at (224)-276-4727.

Again thank you for your donations!
Keith Carver



CD'S LOCATED IN THE GATHERING SPACE

GREEN SEX BY JASON EVERTFIRST

First comes loves, then comes marriage ... then what? If sex is natural, why are we so eager to make it artificial? In this presentation, Jason Evert presents the case for Natural Family Planning as he unveils the beauty of God's plan for sexuality. Jason has spoken about chastity to more than one million people around the world and is the author of more than a dozen books.



Vocations CORNER

THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER

The other day I was out walking while praying my rosary. As I proceeded along my route I came upon some trash sitting a few feet off of the sidewalk. I'll admit that I walked right past, but about half of a Hail Mary later, my conscience was screaming at me. Now, in case you didn't know, allow me to say that the Holy Spirit works through our conscience in a big way! The last thing that I wanted to do was to turn back and pick up that garbage – but it's better to have garbage temporarily in your hand than it is to have garbage compiling in your heart! So I went back and I picked that trash up. If I hadn't the world wouldn't have ended and most likely no one would have known... but I would have been passing up an opportunity to practice virtue and to do something for God. The reality here is that if we don't practice following the Holy Spirit's movements in little things, then we're probably going to pass it up when the bigger and more crucial things come along! Always say yes to God and follow your conscience because God always notices and, in the end, even the little things matter.

PARISH CALENDAR

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Monday July 24 | 9:00 am 7:00 pm | Bible Study –Westminster Rm Bible Study –Westminster Rm |
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| Tuesday July 25 | 7:00 pm | St. Vincent de Paul -Chelsea Rm |
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| Wednesday July 26 | 9:00 am 4:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration –Chapel Benediction—Chapel |
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| Thursday July 27 | 9:00 am | Intercessory Prayer Group -Tudor Rm |
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Friday
July 28

Saturday
July 29

After Masses
Next Week

BULLETIN DEADLINES

JULY 30TH BULLETIN

AUGUST 6TH BULLETIN

Materials Due:
July 24, 2017

Materials Due:
July 31, 2017

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS!

Live Webinar series hosted by Liturgical Training Publications to take place in the church on these 3 days. Plan to attend all 3 sessions, or as many as you are able. The sessions are for all lectors, experienced or novice. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your ministry to our parish as proclaimers of the Word!

1ST SESSION—Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm

Techniques for Effective Proclaiming: Public Speaking Skills to Bring God's Word to Life

2ND SESSION—Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm

The Word of the Lord at Mass: Understanding the Lectionary for Lectors

3RD SESSION—Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 pm

Literary Genres in the Lectionary: Proclaiming the Different Forms of Scripture



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| Monday, 8:30 am | July 24 Patricia & Rock Beard |
| Tuesday, 8:30 am | July 25 Rosanne Abbotte, Bill Daugherty |
| Wednesday, 8:30 am | July 26 Maeve Burke, Mary & James McGann |
| Thursday, 8:30 am | July 27 Romeo & Marion Béchar |
| Friday, 8:30 am | July 28 St. Jude, John William Dunn |
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | July 29 Kevin Milnamow, The Bellisario Family (<i>special intention</i>) |
| Sunday, 8:00 am | July 30 Bruce Heiser, Jose Quiambao & Luz Simbahon |
| 10:00 am | Frances Shaw, Valentine Thompson |
| 12:00 pm | People of STM, Brian Smith |

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

LITURGICAL ROLES –WEEKEND: JULY 29/30

Presiders

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

Altar Servers

5:00 pm C Kriens, T Sheehy, M Witecha
8:00 am L Jackson, M Jackson, T Sheridan
10:00 am J Glazik, A Meyer, M Tendy
12:00 pm C Costales, M Dubanowski, H Herrero

Lectors

5:00 pm M Cannizzaro
8:00 am W Moylan, S Moylan
10:00 am J Wiel, J Walsh
12:00 pm C Arciuch

Musicians

5:00 pm M Newton, D Malesky, C Olson
8:00 am K Davis-Flannery, K Lockard, JA Aukofer
10:00 am B Molitor, M McCarty, M Zimmerman,
JA Aukofer
12:00 pm M Weller, M Lackemacher, JA Aukofer


Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm J McCreight, D Eternick, T Eternick, R Seisser,
E Thompson, K Stasukaitis, K Newton
8:00 am L Boehm, L McEwan, J Whitchurch,
C Holze, L Holze, J Roder, M Gogoel
10:00 am M Berens, K Mudgett, D Varley, R Calara,
B Pruter, R Wiel, M Thompson, I Janczak,
C Puchek
12:00 pm B Cruz, J Gutierrez, M Zarccone, A Sanchez,
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