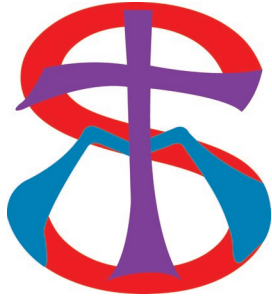


SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Thomas More Parish

**25<sup>th</sup>**  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

"Thus, the last  
will be first, and  
the first will be  
last." - Mt 20:16

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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](http://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](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org) or call the parish office at 847.888.1682.



### SACRAMENTS

For a more in-depth look at the sacraments, please visit our parish website [www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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.

**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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20 c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a  
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5 /Jn 1:47-51  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Are you in need?

In the name of Jesus, we strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential and preserving dignity. Please call our answering machine at 847-628-5170.

**Do you feel called to serve?** We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm alternating between St. Laurence and St. Thomas respectively. For more information, please contact conference president Katrina at [StThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com).



## OUR 2017 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith office of our Rockford diocese has invited the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. Accordingly, **Rev. M. S. Selva Raj** will be speaking to us during all the Masses on the weekend of **Sept 30/ Oct 01**. This diocese has an area of 7823 sq km and is situated in Tamil Nadu, South India with a Catholic population of 213,000 which is just 6% of the total population. It is served by 200 diocesan and 73 religious priests, 568 nuns and 15 trained lay catechists. The Kumbakonam diocese celebrated the centenary of its inception in 1999 by setting certain concrete and meaningful goals for a New Evangelization in the III millennium, like:

1. Establishing 12 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. At present, there are 93 parishes and 621 missions-stations. Many of these are so large that they have to be made independent parishes with a resident priest. But the people are quite unable to support the church, for such pressing pastoral projects. We have enough priests to staff more parishes.
2. Providing all the 126 Catholic schools in remote missions with better facilities tools, Children's Bibles, a projector, catechetical materials in the form of DVDs, pictures, books and workbooks to improve the quality of religious and faith formation of Catholic and non-Catholic students in our schools.
3. Since education is a main means of evangelizations here, the diocese has to provide buildings and infra-structure to our schools in remote villages while the government would pay most of our teachers.
4. Education of 2000 very poor or orphan children from remote villages every year by providing them with free board & lodge. All the above mission projects are 80% dependent on MCP funds each year.

**The mission and spiritual prospects of Kumbakonam diocese are bright but its needs are many and pressing. 60% of its Catholics are depressingly poor. Therefore, your fervent prayers and generous help are earnestly requested for building the Kingdom of God, in and through the diocese of Kumbakonam, India.**

## VERIFYING YOUR NEW WESHARE ACCOUNT

If you currently give online through ParishPay, your account will soon be transferred to **WeShare**, our new online giving provider. This transfer ensures that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish as scheduled.

The security of your personal information is important to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, WeShare requires a one-time security verification to provide you access.

**To successfully complete the verification process you will need:**

- Your ParishPay User Name
- The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

**And ONE of the following two options:**

- The email you used to register with ParishPay
  - A collection name and the specific amount donated in the last six months
- Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to our new WeShare site. **Please bookmark or save this link for future access.**

## HOLY BAPTISMS

**ADDYSON KELLEY JEANNE BARHAM**  
**KATHERINE JEAN KALAT**  
**AUGUST JOSEPH KNEIPPER**  
**AUBREY JEAN KNEIPPER**  
**DAWSON ROOSEVELT NALECK**



**VERONICA GABLE**

(Mother of Ilene Janczak)

## Prayer REQUESTS

†Alice Abbs	†Gloria Neitzel
†Rose Achtien	†Bruce Ostdick
†Valerie Al-Naemy	†Jessica Peterson
†John Alway	†Marian Peterson
†May Alway	†Lutie Regan
†Judy Baggio	†Clarke Renard
†Fr. Bob Balog	†Maria Rivera
†Marge Banker	†Patrice Romano
†Gerard Barnicle	†Jean Ryan
†Linda Becci	†Ethan Santiago
†Shirley Bednarke	†Jack Santiago
†Gracie Canning	†Diane Schumacher
†Alvin Dubiak	†Pat Schuman
†Judy Fowler	†Debra Hershey-
†Dan Hoberg	Stammet
†Michele Ingram	†Deacon Greg Stevens
†Natalie Jorgenson	†Linda Stevens
†Bill Joyn	†Bob Tate
†Michael Keafer	†Judy Van Hanxleden
†Ken Kline	†Mary Ann
†Joan Knott	Vandervalk
†Steve Lange	†Frank Viz
†Reynaldo Mangila	†Sue Wagener
†Eileen Miller	†Heather Wydra
†Kathy Miller	†Kathy Zeek
†Stephanie Mulligan	

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.

## 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**.





## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.



## Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run

September 30, 2017  
Registration: 8:00AM  
Walk/Run Begins: 9:00AM

**WALK/RUN LOCATION**  
St. Thomas More Church  
215 Thomas More Dr.,  
Elgin, IL 60123

**REGISTER/PLEDGE**  
[www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org)

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

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK—ST. JEROME

**Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honored him with a feast on September 30?**

Biblical scholars and translators owe a great debt to the model and standard that Jerome, 345-420, set for all biblical scholarship. Jerome was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence with his contemporaries has survived and gives us a powerful

glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366-384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the

translation of the Bible know as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholic Christians did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible into the languages of the common people. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

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## NEW PARISHIONERS



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Ybarra



Kevin & Lisa Foley  
and (l to r) Brendan,  
Connor and Kaitlyn



Rob & Suzanne Avila  
and (l to r) Josh,  
Annalise and Brendan

### CELEBRITY ORGANIST

On **October 15th at 3:00 pm**, St. Catherine of Siena is hosting a world-class, celebrity organist, Hector Olivera. Located at 845 West Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118 (1 block west of RT 31 on Rt 72, Higgins Rd.)



**Maestro Hector Olivera** is one of the world's top tier organists and his concert which is being sponsored by Allen Organs and Allen Organs of

Chicago (Bolingbrook). The concert is free and a free will offering will be taken to subsidize future organ concerts at St. Catherine of Siena.

As the son of an organist, Hector started playing the organ at age 3 and entered the Buenos Aires Conservatory at age 6. As an adult, he has played every important organ in every important Church and Concert Hall in the world. He is just that good! He is also a story teller and shares humorous quips throughout the concert.

*Sorry*  
WE'RE  
**CLOSED**

The parish office  
will be closed on  
**September 28th.**



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House



**Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2017**  
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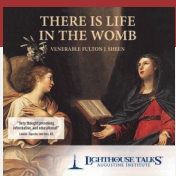


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### SPRED

**Spred is currently recruiting catechists for the 2017-2018 year.** Spred, a ministry to serve those with special needs, is reaching out to you. Our catechists partner with a special needs friend to grow in faith. To learn more, call **Deb Laporte at 630-945-7586.**



### CD'S LOCATED IN THE GATHERING SPACE

#### THERE IS LIFE IN THE WOMB

by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-loved and most influential preachers of the 20th century and author of over 90 books. He reached nearly 30 million people through his weekly program, Life is Worth Living, and his Cause for Canonization was officially opened in 2002. He explains the Church's teaching on life from a philosophical and historical perspective.

## PARISH CALENDAR

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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**Monday**

September 25	9:00 am	Bible Study –Westminster Rm
	4:30 pm	Youth Choir –Lancaster Rm
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir –Cambridge Rm
	7:00 pm	Bible Study –Westminster Rm

**Tuesday**

September 26	6:30 pm	Lector Series –Church
	7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul –Chelsea Rm
	7:00 pm	Adult Confirmation Class –Tudor Rm

**Wednesday**

September 27	9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration –Chapel
	4:00 pm	Benediction –Chapel
	6:00 pm	High School Choir –Lancaster Rm
	7:00 pm	RCIA –Chelsea Rm
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir –Lancaster Rm

**Thursday**

September 28	-----	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	9:00 am	Women's Intercessory Prayer Group –Tudor Rm
	6:30 pm	Spred –Canterbury Rm

**Friday**

September 29	7:00 pm	Filipino Choir –Lancaster Rm
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**Saturday**

September 30	7:00 am	That Man Is You –Chelsea Rm
	7:00 pm	Filipino Choir –Lancaster Rm

**After Masses**

- ◆ Turkey Raffle
- ◆ Knights of Columbus

**Next Week****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!

**1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION—Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 6:30pm**

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

**2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION—Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 6:30pm**

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> SESSION—Wednesday, Oct. 25th at 6:30pm**

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week****Monday, September 25**

8:30 am Jim Aydt, Julie Tasch

**Tuesday, September 26**

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Frank Herrmann

**Wednesday, September 27**

8:30 am Gloria Druzak, Rosemary Larney

**Thursday, September 28**

8:30 am Mary Jo Hasenmiller, Dan Weiler

**Friday, September 29**

8:30 am Amelia Evacula, Terry Townsend

**Saturday, September 30**

5:00 pm People of STM, Kevin Milnamow

**Sunday, October 1**

8:00 am John Sajdak, Rose Rakowski

10:00 am Krystyna Pacocha, Sara Mazzola

12:00 pm Virgil & Lorena Beard

**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: SEPT 30/OCT 1****Presiders**

5:00 pm Father M Selva Raj  
8:00 am Father M Selva Raj  
10:00 am Father Deitz  
12:00 pm Father Deitz

**Altar Servers**

5:00 pm J Roldan, J Roldan, A Tiu  
8:00 am M Brammer L Jackson, M Jackson  
10:00 am F Thompson, G Thompson, L West  
12:00 pm R Bodio, M Dubanowski, J Utanes

**Lectors**

5:00 pm B Freitag  
8:00 am C Gaige, K Ribordy  
10:00 am K Thompson, E Weber  
12:00 pm R O'Neil

**Musicians**

5:00 pm K Lockard, S Ward, M Nguyen  
8:00 am Adult Choir  
10:00 am Youth Choir  
12:00 pm Servant Choir

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm J McCreight, K Stasukaitis, E Thompson, V Sloan, J Taeyaerts, D Schramm, E Reckamp  
8:00 am L Heuer, S Kovac, T Kovac, L Carlsen, M Schultz, J Roder, J Whitchurch  
10:00 am D Varley, L Asmussen, B Burchill, R Bormann, R Calara, S Hall, L Gaston, K Mudgett, B Pruter  
12:00 pm T Kuroski, A Sanchez, A Sanchez, M Pechay, S Matson, F Greene, C Hopkins