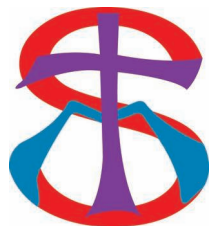


DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



St. Thomas More Parish



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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.



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.

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 DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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.

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - PLACEMENT TEST

St. Edward Catholic High School will offer a placement test on **Saturday, January 6, 2018**, for eighth grade students interested in attending the college-preparatory Catholic High School in the fall of 2018.

The test will begin at **8:30am** and ends at noon. Students are requested to arrive at St. Edward Central Catholic, 335 Locust St, Elgin, IL by **8:15am**. Cost for the test is \$15.00 and can be paid by check or cash on the day of the exam. Walk-ins are welcome.

To register for the placement test, contact **Carolyn Frasor** at cfrasor@stedhs.org or call **847.741.7535 ext.113**.

The placement test is the first step in the registration process. Registration will be held by appointment only on Wednesday, February 21 from 4:30 – 7:00pm. Open registration will occur Saturday, February 24 from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

MARMION ACADEMY - ENTRANCE EXAM

Marmion Academy, located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora, is hosting an Entrance Exam for 8th grade boys on **Saturday, January 6, 2018** beginning at **9:00am**. This exam is for any 8th grade boy who was unable to take the Scholarship Qualifying Exam on Dec. 2, 2017. Students interested should register for the exam at www.marmion.org/admissions.

In addition to academic scholarships, Marmion Academy offers need-based assistance to families that qualify. For the 2017-18 school year, over \$800,000 in tuition assistance was awarded. Contact the **Office of Admissions** at **630.897.6936 ext. 227** for additional information.

While students are taking the exam, parents are invited to join members of Marmion Academy's administration, faculty and staff for a continental breakfast and an informal Q&A session beginning at 9:00am. Parents in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition deposit voucher (valid for the 2018-19 school year).

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**NOVEMBER 2017 TOTALS**

Stewardship of Treasure\$88,666.00
Budget\$81,200.00
Variance.....\$7,466.00

NOVEMBER 2017 TITHES

St. Vincent de Paul received \$650.00 support from the parish.

The following organizations received a tithe of \$670.00:

- PADS
- Easter Food Baskets
- Dominican Sisters

**THANK YOU**

PADS of Elgin would like to thank you for your generous support in helping them provide a lifeline to the homeless in our community. You helped make all of this possible!

KIDS SCHOLARSHIP

The State of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children who choose to attend Catholic schools through the **Invest in Kids Act**.

Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover up to 100% of tuition and eligible fees for next school year for families that qualify.

Empower Illinois is the scholarship granting partner of the Diocese of Rockford. Applications for donor tax credits begin on January 2nd. Applications for scholarships will begin on January 24th.

Visit www.empowerillinois.org for more information.

In Loving Memory**JOE BESTLER**

(Father of Steve Bestler)

FRANK BORAS

(Father of Sonja Keane)

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Brandon & Marisa Broertjes)**HOLY BAPTISMS****THEODORE OWEN KNUDSEN****ADELAIDE JANE MUNES****GABRIEL CRUZ ROMERO**

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† Gracie Canning
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† Darla Singh
† Deacon Greg Stevens
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† Judy Van Hanxleden
† Mary Ann Vandervalk
† Steve Watwood
† Evelyn Wilk
† Donna Young

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**.



THE HOLY FAMILY

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.



Bring the family to THE ANNUAL EPIPHANY PARTY!

On **January 7th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm**
at the Knights of Columbus Hall,
10 N. Villa St. in Elgin.

There will be a telling of the story of the Three Kings plus a magic show for all ages to enjoy.

No cost to attend, juice, coffee and treats provided. Donations of diapers, wipes, baby food or clothes for the TLC Pregnancy Center will be accepted.

Please **reply by January 2nd to Mike Ochs at 847.401.7169 or threeochs@gmail.com**, with number attending and how many of those will be kids, so we have enough treats for everyone.



ADULT FAITH PROGRAM

True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation, is a study crafted to teach about

those who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. In these six sessions, participants will learn about the true benefactors of the human race: **the saints**. The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us just how powerful - and beautiful - is the human heart's free response to God's generous grace. We will study the lives of St. Thomas More, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Philip Neri, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Francis DeSales. Join us for this **free** program on **Mondays, January 15- February 19**, in the mornings at **9:00-10:30am** or evenings at **7:00-8:30pm**. Register online at the parish website or contact **Sharon Hall 847.888.1682** or shall@stthomasmorechurch.org to participate.

Q. & A. OF THE WEEK

Q. January 1, New Year's Day, has a number of liturgical names celebrating a variety of events. Could you sort some of this out?

A. January 1, New Year's Day, celebrates newness. Exactly eight days after Christmas, traditionally it celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. The Greek word for Mary's motherhood is Theotokos, meaning "God-bearer." Becoming official church teaching at the Council of Ephesus in 381, this is one of the most ancient and important titles given to Mary. Chapter VIII of the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium*, which addresses Mary's

role in Christian life, refers to her by that title no less than twelve times. Eight days after the birth of a Jewish male, circumcision was demanded by Jewish law. January 1 also commemorates the circumcision of Jesus. The Gospel reading for the day from Luke recounts the shepherds' visit, the completion of the eight days leading to circumcision, and naming the baby Jesus, according to the angel's direction previous to his conception.

Beginning in 1967, Pope Paul VI requested that this day be set aside as a day of prayer for world peace.

For over forty years popes have issued a message encouraging prayer as well as action toward the establishment of world peace.

If we used today to be as loving to others as mothers are to their children, this might be the year that peace becomes a reality. That reality may move us all to renew our commitment to God symbolized by Jesus' circumcision. So maybe these various celebrations do link together.

Happy New Year!



ENGAGED COUPLES

Blessing

All engaged couples preparing for marriage are invited on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** to the **5:00pm Mass** to receive a special blessing in preparation for their life together.

JOIN US FOR A Champagne Toast

Engaged couples are invited to the Chelsea room for a Champagne Toast following the 5:00pm Mass!

2018 OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Fox River Valley Chapter has announced the selection of **Melissa Craig** from St. Thomas More School as the **2018 Outstanding Teacher of American History Award recipient**. Mrs. Craig will be honored at **1:00pm on Saturday, February 17** at the Fox River Valley Chapter DAR Teacher & Student Awards Reception at American Community Bank, 10101 Illinois Rt. 47, Huntley. Mrs. Craig is currently competing as the Fox River Valley nominee for the Illinois State Outstanding Teacher of American History. Winners at state level then go on to compete at the national level.

ST. EDS SCHOOL REGISTRAR JOB OPENING

St. Edward Central Catholic High School is currently seeking candidates for the position of **part-time school registrar**. The registrar provides administrative assistant support for our school's guidance counselors and Spiritual Director.

Minimum Requirements:

- Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Experience with student management systems or database systems a plus

- Bilingual preferred
 - Practicing Catholic preferred
- Hours: 7:30am - 1:30pm on regular school days, for a total not to exceed 29.5 hours per week. The position work year will begin approximately two weeks prior to the beginning of the school year and end approximately two weeks after the conclusion of the school year. The non-student attendance work days will be scheduled by the Director of Guidance.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SERIES

Attention all Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and novice, join us for 3 live workshops hosted by Liturgical Training Publications in the church. This series of workshops invites you to reflect on your ministry as you learn and review techniques for preparing both practically and spiritually for your role in liturgy. Attend all 3 or as many as you are able!

- **Understanding Christ's Presence in the Eucharistic Celebration**
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
6:30 pm
- **Preparing to Serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
6:30 pm
- **Become What You Receive: Living as a Disciple of Christ**
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
6:30 pm



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish office will be **closed** on:
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

Hourly wage will be based on qualifications and experience. Hourly wage ranges from \$13.80 to \$16.80 per hour. Hours not to exceed 29.5 per week.

Applicants should apply at stedhs.org/employment-opportunities.

Questions may be directed to Barbara Villont, Superintendent /Principal, St. Edward Central Catholic High School, bvillont@stedhs.org.

PARISH CALENDAR

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday		
January 01	----- -	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday		
January 02		
Wednesday		
January 03	9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration –Chapel
	4:00 pm	Benediction –Chapel
	6:00 pm	RCIA –Chelsea Rm
Thursday		
January 04	9:00 am	Women's Intercessory Prayer Group –Tudor Rm
	6:30 pm	Spred –Canterbury Rm
Friday		
January 05	9:15 am	Women's Rosary Group –Canterbury Rm
Saturday		
January 06		
After Masses		
Next Week		



BULLETIN DEADLINES

JANUARY 14TH BULLETIN

Materials Due:
January 2, 2018

JANUARY 21ST BULLETIN

Materials Due:
January 8, 2018



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 01

10:00 am People of STM, Gert Arrington

Tuesday, January 02

8:30 am Isabella Cropsey (special intention)

Wednesday, January 03

8:30 am Ruth & Robert Evans, Jennifer Hauck

Thursday, January 04

8:30 am Mary Moran,
Evangelos Kyritsis (special intention)

Friday, January 05

8:30 am Tom & LaVerne Gibson, Severino Aldave

Saturday, January 06

5:00 pm Petra Mohorich, Frank Golbeck

Sunday, January 07

8:00 am Menke Family, People of STM

10:00 am Carl Hess, Frances Shaw

12:00 pm Bob Cundiff, Jean Jovellanos

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: JANUARY 6/7

Presiders

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

Altar Servers

5:00 pm T Jannusch, T Sheehy, J von Rohr
8:00 am M Darrow, R Griffin, T Sheridan
10:00 am L Rolando, M Terranova, F Wojtas
12:00 pm R Bodio, A Mangoba, A Matson

Lectors

5:00 pm F Celarek
8:00 am S Moylan, W Moylan
10:00 am M Dela Merced, L Dela Merced
12:00 pm L Runyan

Musicians

5:00 pm Handbell Choir, T Pobjewski, C Olson
8:00 am Handbell Choir, J Tendy, H Relihan
10:00 am Handbell Choir, Adult Choir
12:00 pm K Davis-Flannery, K Lockard, S Bestler, M Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm M Suire, C Voris, K Stasukaitis, V Sloan,
E Reckamp, D Schramm, E Thompson
8:00 am L Heuer, T Kovac, S Kovac, L Carlsen,
L Becci, J Roder, J Whitchurch
10:00 am L Gaston, B Pruter, C Flores, M Hudson,
L Asmussen, M Battaglia, A Battaglia,
M Thompson, J Radcliffe
12:00 pm S Matson, P Lublow, F Greene, K Wright,
T Kuroski, S Hall, B Cruz



JANUARY 1
2018

Presiders

10:00 am Father Rich

Altar Servers

10:00 am R Lockard, B McKee, T Sheridan

Lectors

10:00 am K Stasukaitis

Musicians

10:00 am J Garza, JA Aukofer


Eucharistic Ministers

10:00 am M Patterson, T Eternick, D Eternick,
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