



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we go about our days, we necessarily label, classify, and prioritize. What's "in" and what's "out" on our priority list? Because humans are social beings, we tend to do the same thing with people. We can only invite six people to the dinner party. Our young child wants to invite certain friends to her birthday, but we're keenly aware of who the parents are, and the prospect of spending several hours with them is enough to give us pause.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples face a classification problem. They've seen another person driving out demons in the name of Jesus. They recognize him, a non-Apostle, as clearly "out." And

yet "Jesus replied, 'Do not prevent him, whoever is not against us is for us.' Jesus recognizes real faith in the would-be exorcist. In our



own lives, Jesus invites us to recognize others' good intentions. They should not be cut off simply because they do not line up with all our personal preferences.

What, then, is deserving of such a fate? "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off, if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

When his listeners blame others, Jesus tends to pivot the conversation to their own lives. In this case, the message is clear. What we really need to cut out is that which keeps us from Jesus. If over-commitment causes us to lose patience with our family, doubt God's providence, and become consumed with self-reliance, cut something out. If certain friendships lead us time after time into gossip and slander, cut it out. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to live intentionally in our discipleship. Are we ready?

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## 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).**



## 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.

## With Sympathy

• LORRAINE CAROL



## Prayer Requests

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 names.

†All Souls in Purgatory  
 †Amy Awe  
 †Shirley Bednarke  
 †Gracie Canning  
 †Ma Clementina Carreon  
 †Frank Celarek  
 †Laura Celarek  
 †Joanne Fletcher  
 †Lucia Gaeta  
 †Maria De Jesus Gaeta  
 †Michele Ingram  
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 †Lisa Mercado  
 †Belinda Mockler  
 †Rose Niemiec  
 †Rose O'Malley  
 †Bob Olson  
 †Delphine Ornelas  
 †Lutie Regan  
 †Mary Schwartz  
 †Brisa Serrano  
 †Daniel Serrano  
 †Jim Shumaker  
 †Mae Thames  
 †Sue Wagener  
 †Tom Witom

## 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.



## Eight-Part Bible Study

Join us on **Mondays from October 1st - November 19th**, in the mornings from **9:00-10:30am** or evenings from **7:00-8:30pm** for an eight-part Bible Study Featuring Dr. Edward Sri. Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer - he wants you to be his disciple and friend. Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. Register at our parish website. For questions or more information, contact **Sharon Hall** in the parish office at **847.888.1682** or [shall@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:shall@stthomasmorechurch.org).



## Ecumenical Brunch

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church**, 2400 Bell Ave. in Rockford, will be hosting it's **22nd Annual Catholic/Lutheran Ecumenical Brunch** on **Saturday, October 6, 2018** from **9:00 – 11:30am** with registration at 8:30am. Cost is \$12.00. The theme will be "Far Away and In Our Backyard – Continuing our conversations...Human Trafficking". For more information, contact Peg Hyser at **815.997.3780**.

## Parish Office Closed

- On Friday, **October 5th** the parish office will **close** at **12 noon**.
- On Monday, **October 8th** the parish office will be **closed** in observance of Columbus Day.

## Annual Christmas Sale

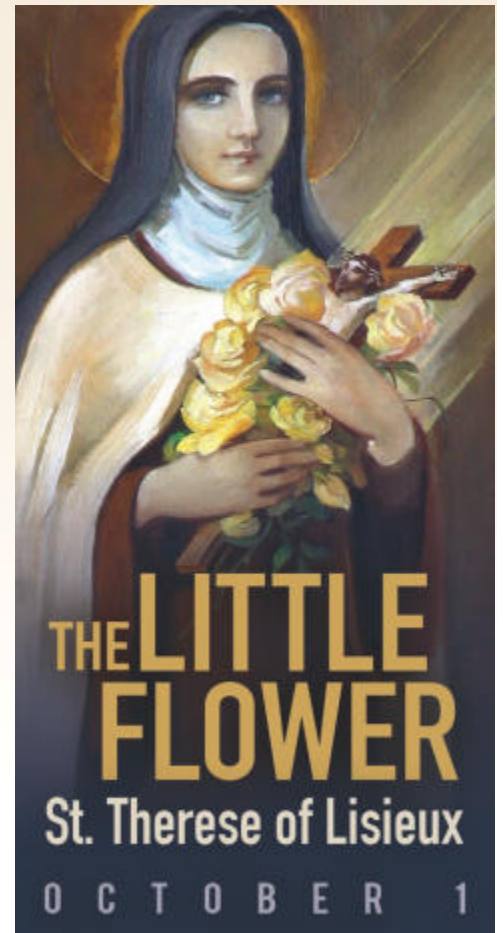
The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas merchandise after all Masses the weekend of **October 6th & 7th**.

## 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**.



### Sunday

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6 /Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3] /Mt 18:1-5, 10

### Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3] /Lk 9:57-62

### Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

### Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab [24b]/Lk 10:13-16

### Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

### Next Sunday

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11 /Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



## SVdP Volunteers

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of “**phone persons**” to help manage their hotline. Computer and basic computer skills required. Interested persons please e-mail **Katrina** at [SfThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com](mailto:SfThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com).

## Ushers

**Do you attend the same Mass each weekend?** Would you be willing to give your parish just a few minutes of your time during that Mass? We are hoping to add some men and women to our team of ushers. If you've noticed our ushers you know they are kind and always have a smile ready for you. The time requirement for this ministry is just a few minutes during the Mass that you already always attend. You can choose to serve as frequently as you like. Visit our volunteer page on our website to volunteer.

[www.stthomasmorechurch.org/ministry-opportunities](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/ministry-opportunities)



## SVdP New Member Meeting

St. Thomas More, St. Laurence and St. Vincent de Paul is having a new member welcome/discernment meeting on **Thursday, September 27th at 7:00pm** in the Chelsea Room at St Thomas More. Please come and learn more about us and how you can be a part of this great group of people. Questions? Leave a message with your phone number at **847.628.5170** or e-mail **Katrina** at [SfThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com](mailto:SfThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com).

## STM Church Hunt 2018

Every month we are going to produce a coloring page from St. Thomas More Church. Answer the questions and color the page for a special drawing. Return to the Religious Education Office by October 25th.

1. **Who is this an image of?**
2. **Where can this image be found?**
3. **During mass, who sits closest to this image?**
4. **How many images of this person do you see in church besides this one?**





## Baked Goods Needed

We are in need of home baked goods for our annual bake sale at the Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 10th**. We have had wonderful turnouts in the past years and hope to repeat it again this year. So if you make a fantastic cookie, brownie, bread, cake, pie, or other delectable items, please sign up to help bake. If you would like to volunteer to work the event, that would be wonderful too!



We will give you a reminder call a few days before the sale to remind you of the drop off times and location. **Drop off** will be on **Friday, November 9th** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the School gym. The Craft Fair and Bake Sale will run Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact **Kim Goto** at **847.791.6575**.



## Craft Fair & Bake Sale

STM PTO is pleased to announce the return of our craft fair and bake sale, **Holiday in The Halls**, on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in participating in this event please feel free to contact Jean Zajicek via text at **708.744.2660** or via email at [praguepair@gmail.com](mailto:praguepair@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Religious Education

Welcome teens to the Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation. This weekend we begin classes for year 1 and Year 2 teens preparation. Please pray for our teens and their parents as we learn more about the faith and how the Holy Spirit fills our lives. Pray also for our teens celebrating the sacrament on **October 13th**.



## Deacon Information Days

The beginning of 2019 reopens the time period of accepting new applications to the Rockford Diocese Permanent Diaconate Formation Program.

Men between the ages of 35 and 55 who are interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Rockford and who would like to apply *must* attend one of the three **Deacon Information Days** scheduled this Fall. For married men, wives must also attend. These days explain both the application process and give an overview of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. While there is no commitment required to attend one of these days, only those who attend will be eligible to apply.

The dates are: **October 13th, November 17th, and December 1st**. All meetings are held between **10:00am and 12:30pm** at the **Diocesan Administration Building** (555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, IL 61125).

Although not required, those interested are encouraged to contact the Permanent Diaconate Office **815.399.300** to indicate which meeting they plan on attending or to ask further questions.

## Presiders

### Weekend for Oct. 6th & 7th.

#### PRESIDERS

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

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 October 17th at 847.888.1682 x16 or shall@stthomasmorechurch.org

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

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.

monday <b>OCT 01</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Rita Isitorio, Ed Quinn
tuesday <b>OCT 02</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Amelda Mikottis, Toni & Jim Geister
wednesday <b>OCT 03</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Patricia O'Connor, Pat Schnell
thursday <b>OCT 04</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Harold & Sylvia Bauman, Eugene Banke
friday <b>OCT 05</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Pasholk Family, All Souls
saturday <b>OCT 06</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> People of STM, Wilfred & Loretta Liebert
sunday <b>OCT 07</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> LaVergne Koc, Don Abbs <b>10:00 am</b> Viateur & Emily Saindon, Kimberly Matusiak <b>12:00 pm</b> Gerry Kinsella, George Saxinger

## Bulletin Deadlines

### OCT 14TH BULLETIN

Materials Due:  
October 01, 2018

### OCT 21ST BULLETIN

Materials Due:  
October 08, 2018

monday <b>OCT 01</b>	tuesday <b>OCT 02</b>	wednesday <b>OCT 03</b>	thursday <b>OCT 04</b>	friday <b>OCT 05</b>	saturday <b>OCT 06</b>
<b>9:00 am</b> @WESTMINSTER Bible Study  <b>4:30 pm</b> @CHURCH Youth Choir  <b>6:00 pm</b> @CAMBRIDGE Bell Choir  <b>7:00 pm</b> @CHELSEA Bible Study		<b>9:00 am</b> @CHAPEL Eucharistic Adoration  <b>4:00 pm</b> @CHAPEL Benediction  <b>6:00 pm</b> @LANCASTER High School Choir  <b>7:00 pm</b> @CHURCH Adult Choir	<b>9:00 am</b> @TUDOR Women's Intercessory Prayer Group	<b>9:15 am</b> @CANTERBURY Women's Rosary Group  <b>12:00 pm</b> <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> @CHELSEA That Man Is You  <b>9:00 am</b> @WESTMINSTER Spred  <b>7:00 pm</b> @LANCASTER Filipino Choir



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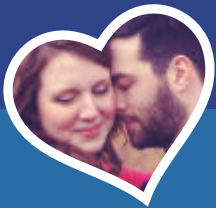
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