

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on childlike faith. We're reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are. Jesus' response goes further back then the Mosaic law. "From the beginning, God made them male and female - the two shall become one flesh - what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus cites

a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence.



How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We

become hardened to the beauties of life. We're quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence. The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today's Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today now! -- by grace. Indeed, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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Religious Ed. Office - 847.888.4887

Visit our website for a staff listing www.stthomasmorechurch.org/staff

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 Imcewan@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.

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.

With Sympathy

- PATRICIA FLYNN, Mother of Dennis Flynn
- FATHER BILL KNOTT GERALD MARES

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

†Frank Iori

tllene Janczak

†Richard Kastel

†Michael Keafer

†Sue Keller

†Dennis Kittler

†Ken Kline

†Stephen Lange

†Wilson Lazzar

†Annette Lewis

†Jenny Lisiecki

† Jeanne Matsukis

†Charles McKittrick †William McLauahlin

†Lisa Mercado

†Belinda Mockler

†Rose Niemiec

† Rose O'Malley

†Bob Olson

† Delphine Ornelas

†Deacon Robert Plazewski

†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.

WeShare Online Giving

FORMERLY PARISHPAY

It has come to our attention that many parishioners giving online have not logged in to their WeShare account to verify the transfer of their information from ParishPay. Please go to http://stthomasmorechurch.org/donate-1. You will be directed to "What Best Describes Your Situation". Go to I've **Used ParishPay.** Select **Verify My Account** and follow the instructions provided. You will need the following information to verify your account:

- Your ParishPay User Name
- Last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used for ParishPay
- Your email registered with ParishPay
- A collection name and a specific amount you donated in the last 6 months Have questions or need assistance? Call 800.950.9952, option 1. WeShare support staff is always available to assist you.

Coming to ALL Masses...

OCTOBER 20-21, 2018, IS MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION WEEKEND.

Each registered family will receive in the mail a letter from Bishop Malloy, which explains the combined collection for the Universal Catholic Church. You are encouraged to read Bishop's letter and prayerfully consider your donation in supporting this combined collection for the Universal Catholic Church. You may place your Mission Appeal Envelope in the Sunday Collection Basket. Donation may be made online at https://www.rockforddiocese.org/charitablegiving/ mission-appeal.

In addition, a missionary from Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of October 20-21, 2018. Missionaries from various parts of the world visit yearly for the parish Mission Co-Op, which is separate from the Mission Appeal. We ask that you come prepared to share your gifts with those less fortunate in support of the work of Brother Jose Rodriguez. The parish will take a second collection for the benefit of the Franciscan Province Mission after communion.

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: 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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5] /Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday**: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26 **Saturday**: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Parish Office Closed

On Monday, October 8th the parish office will be **closed** in observance of Columbus Day.



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 StThomasMoreElginSVdP@gmail.com.

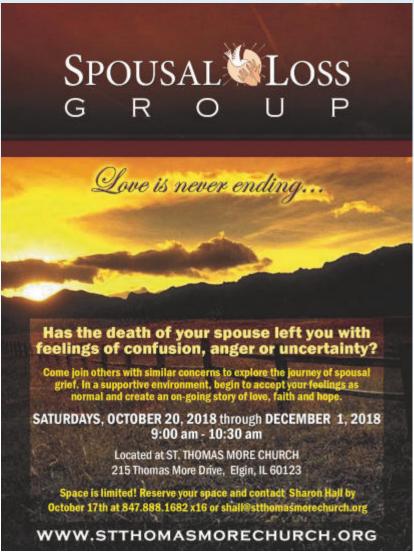
Friendship Sunday

Do you wish you knew more people at St. Thomas More?

One easy way to meet more of your fellow parishioners is to volunteer for Friendship Sunday. The first Sunday of each month, after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses, between October and May, will be Friendship Sundays. Coffee and doughnuts are offered to all your hungry friends from the pews! Such a fun and casual way to meet people. Volunteers set up, serve, and clean up. You can choose to be a part of the team after the 8:00 or 10:00 Mass. This is a great opportunity for couples or whole families to be a more active part of St. Thomas More. Visit our volunteer page on our website to volunteer. www.stthomasmorechurch.org /ministry-opportunities

Eucharistic Ministers

Our beautiful celebration of the Mass on the weekends could not happen without the men and women who volunteer to assist the priest with sharing The Eucharist with us. Often called Eucharistic Ministers these volunteers receive training and then choose which Mass times they are available to serve. Those interested should contact **Sharon Hall** at **shall@stthomasmorechurch.org**

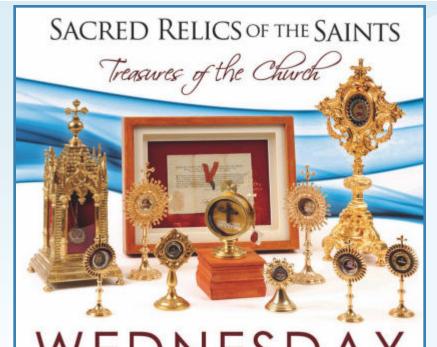




for all the support you provided for our walk this past weekend.

We were able to raise \$6,147.54 to help those in need in our community.





WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31ST at 7PM

St. Thomas More Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. Over 150 relics will be shown. Some believed to be as old as 2000 years.

We are in need of **four volunteers** to help assist Fr. Martins. Contact Sharon Hall at shall@stthomasmorechurch.org

What is Family Choir?

Family Choir is open to anyone 5 years old (with a parent/ guardian present) and older. We sing at the Noon Mass once a month, usually every other month. Rehearsals are 45 minutes before Mass at 11:15 a.m. in the Lancaster Room.

Family Choir is designed to give families the chance to sing together. Kids, parents, and grandparents can come together and join in singing praises to God. The choir is not limited to families, however. The entire family of God is invited. We hope that all

members of our church who like to sing will feel comfortable to join. To join, simply come to our rehearsal before Mass or visit our church website to complete the Membership Form.



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 9:00am 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 praquepair@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Baked Goods Needed

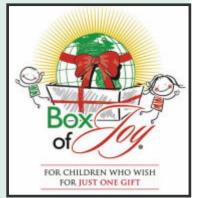
We are in need of home baked goods for our annual bake sale at the Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10th. We have had wonderful turnouts in the past years and hope to repeat it again this year. So if you make a fantastic cookie, brownie, bread, cake, pie, or other delectable items, please sign up to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

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 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Goto at 847.791.6575.

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The Box of Jov is comina to St. Thomas More! Visit the gathering space for more information.



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?



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.

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monday OCT 08	8:30 am Rev. Bob Balog, Carol Koehler						
tuesday OCT	8:30 am Cristina & Diana Brubaker (sp.int.), Josephine Hanson						
wednesday OCT	8:30 am Gerald Carter Family, Mary Aydt (sp.int.)						
thursday OCT	8:30 am Bob Chapski, Ann Ossola						
friday OCT 12	8:30 am Thaddeus W. Mitrenga, Sam Capasso						
saturday OCT 13	5:00 pm Maynard & Ann Decker, Phyllis Brockman						
sunday OCT 14	8:00 am Esther Smith, Karen Hartwell 10:00 am People of STM, Agnes Brown 12:00 pm Joseph Rosinski, Matthew Lynch						

Presiders

Weekend for OCT 13th & 14th.

PRESIDERS

5:00 pm Father Rich 8:00 am Father Rich

10:00 am Father Rich 12:00 pm Msgr. Linster

monday OCT 08	tuesday OCT 09	wednesday OCT 10	thursday OCT 11	friday OCT 12	saturday OCT 13
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am @WESTMINSTER Bible Study 7:00 pm @CHELSEA Bible Study	7:00 pm @ST. LAURENCE St. Vincent De Paul	9:00 am @CHAPEL Eucharistic Adoration 4:00 pm @CHAPEL Benediction 4:00 pm @CANTERBURY Bible Study 6:00 pm @LANCASTER High School Choir 7:00 pm @LANCASTER Adult Choir	9:00 am @TUDOR Women's Intercessory Prayer Group 6:30 pm @WESTMINSTER Spred	9:15 am @CANTERBURY Women's Rosary Group	7:00 am @CHELSEA That Man Is You 7:00 pm @LANCASTER Filipino Choir

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