

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a

little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.



"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them,

to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well.

Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person he places in your path!

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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

Christa at StThomasMoreElginSVDP@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SVDPSTM

Prayer Requests

Join us in praying for members of our community who are sick or ailing. 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, please contact the parish office to renew names.

†All Souls in Purgatory

+Brad Abell

†Marge Banker

†Chuck Benson

†Karen Brummel

†Gracie Canning

†Ann Marie Carlsen **†Jay Connell**

†Jessica Connell

†Daniel Coyle

+Juanita Cundiff

† John Demstron

†Paulo Ella

†Michael Geppert

†Angela Guasta

†Vincent Guasta

†Kathy Hamilton

†Frank Iori

+Christing Johnson

†Laura Keatina

†Tadeusz Krasowski

†Dennis Lisiecki, Jr.

†Jenny Lisiecki

†Lourdes Manalese

†Reynaldo Mangila

†Bill Matejka

†Ginny Menzel

†Pam Michel

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+Bill Movlan

†Gloria Neitzel

† Delphine Ornelas

†Bruce Ostdick

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†Deacon Robert Plazewski

†Lutie Regan

†Juana Rogel

†Louis Scatena

†Cindy Schoeps

†Diane Schumacher

†Soraya Senang

†James Shumaker

†Remedios Taai

†Florian Tylman

†Mary Ann Vandervalk

+Carol White

† Dave White

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.

"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 vear and the goal increased each year. The need is great and

thus, this year our goal is 1,700 pairs of shoes. Our collection deadline is July 29th. Shoe Giveaway Date: August 3, 2019, 9:00am - 3:00pm.

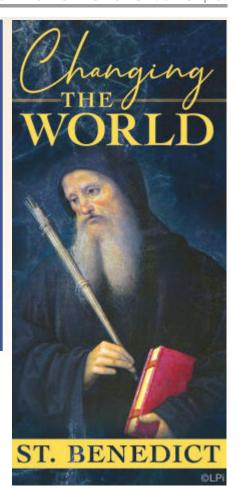
How can you help? There are two ways to help:

- 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. Contact person: Paul Brotzman 847.707.6794



On July 27, 2019, St. Charles Borromeo in Hampshire will host a picnic from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Bruce Ream Memorial Park (299 W. Jefferson Ave., Hampshire, IL 60140) after their 12 noon Mass. Main course will be provided, but please bring a dish to pass. There will be games for the adults (corn hole tournament) and for the kids, including a splash pad. Free will offering. Please RSVP at www.rockfordcursillo.org.



Let's Celebrate!

Come join us for **Saint Patrick Church** 100th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 4:00pm

The Most Rev. David J. Malloy will be presiding along with former Parish Priests. Located at 2505 School Street, Rockford, IL 61101



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.



Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18 /Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab [cf. 2b] /Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a] /Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22] /Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33] /Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



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Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, and 65 or more years of marriage in 2019 are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Malloy at **St. Mary Parish in Huntley**, IL on **Sunday**, **August 18th at 2:30pm**. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. Are you celebrating a special milestone? The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone **815.399.4300** or online at **www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary** by August 5th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.



Every Thursday - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM - Fr. Carse Center

In the Lower Level of the St. Patrick/Downtown Church, 107 N. 4th Street, St. Charles
Contact Mike Zak with Questions or to RSVP at mzak@stpatrickparish.org

July 11th - August 29th - Small Groups by Age -

Join Us for a Light Meal & Video Series Before Concert in the Park

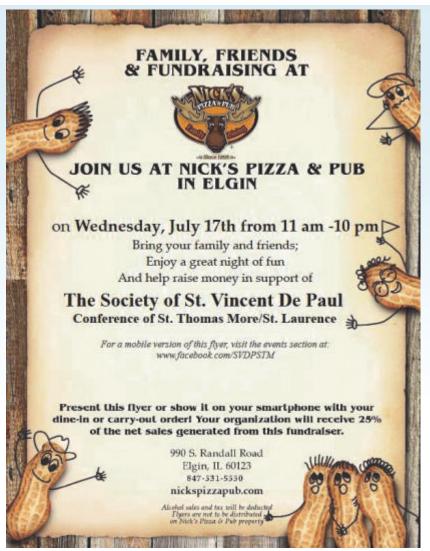
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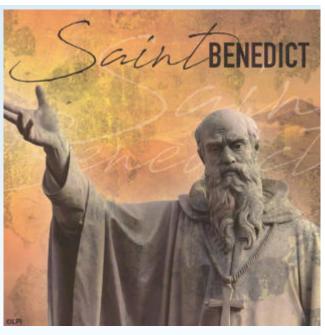
STM Part-time Job Opening

St. Thomas More needs **two part-time receptionists** for our busy and growing parish. First shift is 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Second shift is 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Both positions are Monday through Friday. Qualified candidates must possess the following as they greet and assist visitors, as well as support the parish staff:

- Welcoming and Outgoing Personality
- Punctual and Reliable Attendance History
- Neat Handwriting Cursive and Printed
- Professional Communication Skills
- Excellent Memory and Organizational Skills
- Adaptable Technology Skills

If interested, please contact **Olga Pomella** at **847.888.1682** for an application.





STM School Job **Openings**

St. Thomas More Catholic School is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Library Teacher
- Before Care personnel, part-time
- After Care personnel, part-time

If interested, please contact St. Thomas More School Principal Sonja Keane at 847.742.3959 or skeane@stmcentral.org.



Vacation!

Parishioners Jeannette Russell and Rochelle Sharkey (sisters and choir members) attended Mass in Santa Fe while on vacation. The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi was built in 1869 and is the church of the parish that was founded in 1610.

Stay connected with your faith when you are on vacation or traveling. Download & visit myParish app, click on the "Discover Mass" button to find the nearest church and their mass times in your vicinity. Then, share with St. Thomas More, a picture of you and/or your family at Mass! Send your picture to ayoung@stthomasmorechurch.org with a simple description and your location, and it will be shared in our Sunday bulletin and our social media!

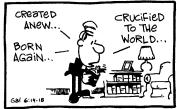
Weekend for July 13th & 14th.

PRESIDERS

5:00 pm Msgr. Linster **8:00 am** Fr. Browning

10:00 am Fr. Deitz 12:00 pm Fr. Browning

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, The kingdom of God is at hand for you." - Lk 10:8-9 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Bulletin Deadlines

JULY 21ST BULLETIN	JULY 28TH BULLETIN
Materials Due:	Materials Due:
July 08, 2019	July 15, 2019

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 JULY 08	8:30 am Virgil Beard, Taling Floresca				
tuesday JULY 09	8:30 am Robert Chapski, Reynaldo Aldano				
wednesday JULY 10	8:30 am Mary Lesniak, Jack Morrissey				
thursday JULY	8:30 am Cathy Zuber, John Akemann				
friday JULY 12	8:30 am Gavin Glazik, Jill Wheeler				
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monday	tuesday	wednesday JUL 10	thursday	friday	saturday
JUL 08	JUL 09		JUL 11	JUL 12	JUL 13
	7:00 pm @ST. LAURENCE St. Vincent De Paul	9:00 am @CHAPEL Eucharistic Adoration 4:00 pm @CHAPEL Benediction	9:00 am @TUDOR Women's Intercessory Prayer Group	9:15 am @CANTERBURY Women's Rosary Group	7:00 am @CHAPEL Summer Men's Rosary Group

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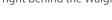
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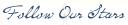




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