

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hording, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the

person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit. GLPI

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Parish Staff

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 Tuesday 5:30pm until all heard, and Saturday 1:00pm until all heard.

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.ora.

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

Doug at StThomasMoreElginSVDP@gmail.com.

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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

†All affected by COVID-19

†Brad Abell

†Jessica Abell

†Marge Banker

†Chuck Benson

†Gracie Canning

†Arie Connell

†Jay Connell

†Dianna Giardino

†Dominick Girardi

†Lois Homyak

†Charles Joseph

†Joan Knott

†Maggie Knott

†Amy Lara

†Dennis Lisiecki Jr

†Jennie Lisiecki

†Julie Longo †Robert Mateika

†Fran Meek

†Belinda Mockler †Helen Morrisey

†Gloria Neitzel

†Sylvia Nickerson-McAlliste

†Patty Niemaszyk

tFe Ocampo **†Bob Olson**

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† John Sarto

†Diane Schumacher

†James Shumaker

†John Schwartz

†Sonja Smith **†**Rosemary Sobota

†Helen Stasukaitis

+Kyle Stasukaitis

†Susan Stein

†Mary Ann Vandervalk

tlsaiah Vergara

+Carol White

†David White

†Louise Wolff

†Maria Ybarra

†Joseph Zarcone

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 HAPPENS IF SOMEONE DROPS A CONSECRATED HOST?

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers

of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly. ©LPI



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 Corbella Clinic at 847.697.0200.



Sunday

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10 /Mt 22:34-40

Monday

Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1] /Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35 Friday

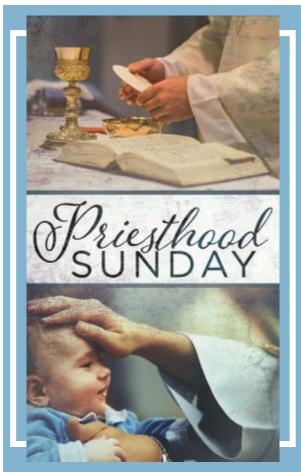
Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6] /1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



First Reading:

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry.

My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword." (Ex 22:21-23a)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit,

so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1 Thes 1:6-7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him,

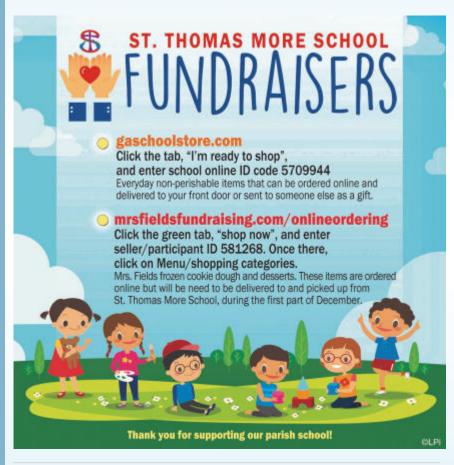
"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-39)

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Christmas Merchandise



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas merchandise again this fall with brochures to take home. Contact **Tim at 847.695.8987** with your order. Orders are due **October 28th**. We will have a second order in late November.



ALL GIFTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Our annual Sharing Tree, which helps those in need in our community, will collect gifts differently this year. Beginning this weekend, parishioners can give their gifts of cash, checks and gift cards by mail, online or by depositing them in the labeled boxes in the Gathering Space. Organizations receiving gifts include:



- Cash, checks and Walmart gift cards
- Make checks payable to: Corbella Clinic
- Donate by mail: **Corbella Clinic** 101 E. State Street South Elgin, IL 60177
- Donate online: CorbellaClinic.org Use "Donate" tab
- · Donate at church: Deposit donations in the labeled box in the Gathering Space.



CHILDREN & TEENS UNDER AGE 15

- Donate by mail and online only Cash, checks, NO GIFT CARDS
- Make checks payable to: **Community Crisis Center** Write "Toy Giveaway" on the memo line
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- Donate online: https://www.crisiscenter.org/ donation files/donateonline.asp Note "Toy Giveaway" in the Comments box
- Donate at church: No donations accepted at church.

- **MEN & WOMEN** • Cash, checks and Walmart gift cards
- Make checks payable to: **Elgin Mental Health Center** Write "Volunteer Services" on the memo line
- Donate by mail: **Elgin Mental Health Center** c/o St. Thomas More Church **215 Thomas More Drive Elgin, IL 60123**
- . No online donations
- Donate at church: Deposit donations in the labeled box in the Gathering Space.

Contact Kathy at 847.363.8440 or Luann at 847.697.2097 with any questions.



Greetings and God's Blessings St. Thomas More Parish!

My name is Deacon David Deitz and Bishop David Malloy has officially assigned me to serve at St. Thomas More as of October 10, 2020.

I feel very blessed to become part of your parish family. I was ordained in 2016 to the permanent diaconate for the Rockford Diocese, and have served the past four years at St. Thomas the Apostle in Crystal Lake.

My wife Michelle and I have been married for 38 years. God has blessed us with four beautiful children: Amy, Father Deitz, Anna and Aaron. We have also been blessed by God with a son-in-law, Brad, and a beautiful grandchild, Abel.

I feel so blessed and welcomed by Father Browning and all of you at St. Thomas More. Thank you for all you do. I am looking forward to serving you, by the grace of God.

God Bless You, Deacon David Deitz

Presiders

Weekend for Oct. 31 & Nov 01.

PRESIDERS

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

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

Bulletin Deadlines

NOV 1ST BULLETIN	NOV 8TH BULLETIN
Materials Due:	RESERVED FOR
October 12, 2020	ANNUAL REPORT

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.

:30 am r. Frank Timar MSC, Ben Larsen ::30 am
:30 am
xlec Nelson Porter
i:30 am im & Ted McGann, Rudolph Ciffo
tephen Branz
:30 am udy Fowler
i: 00 pm Andy & Mary Lou Petmezas, Ayrna & Lucio Pamplona
erry Kovac, Bill Caughlin 0:00 am eople of STM, Raymond Nierzwicki 2:00 pm ealph Joseph Ruiz
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The parish office and all parish gatherings/events are cancelled until further notice. Masses are limited to 120 people.

Confessions are Tuesday at 5:30 pm and Saturday at 1:00 pm in the church.

Join our Social Media Community FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION



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