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2020 Year-End Giving

Dear St. Thomas More Community:

As 2020 quickly comes to a close, we want to remind you of the many opportunities available through the parish and diocese for year-end giving:

- **2020 Diocesan Appeal "Hear His Voice"** – \$36,169.23 is the shortfall in this year's goal of \$106,831. Approximately 11.5% of registered families have contributed to date. Please prayerfully discern your contribution to the Diocesan Appeal. Mail your contribution to the parish office or donate online: <https://www.rockforddiocese.org/charitablegiving/>.
- **St. Thomas More Building Fund** – The balance of the diocesan loan to the parish for the school roofing project is \$186,466.58 as of October 14. Please use the blue Building Fund Envelope

found in your Stewardship packets or give online:

<https://stthomasmorechurch.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/BuildingFund>.

- **Sunday Giving** – Stewardship of Treasure is down for the first quarter of the fiscal year by more than \$30,000. Please prayerfully discern increasing your weekly/monthly contributions or catch up on your yearly donations to the parish. Use your Sunday Envelopes, mail a check to 215 Thomas More Drive, Elgin, IL 60123, or donate online: <https://stthomasmorechurch.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/Sunday>.
- **Guardian Angel Fund** – Help families, needing assistance beyond the parish subsidy, afford a Catholic Education at St. Thomas More School. Guardian Angel envelopes

are available at the Welcome Center or in the Parish Office.

To donate online, visit:

<https://stthomasmorechurch.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/GuardianAngelFund>

Every donation, no matter the size, helps support our community. During this pandemic, the parish continues to support St. Vincent DePaul, PADS, Feeding Greater Elgin Food Pantry, Community Crisis Center, Corbella, Mercy Home, Food for the Poor, ECC Food Pantry, and the Dominican Sisters on your behalf.

Your donations are recorded and will appear on your year-end tax letter. Thank you for your continued support.

Abundant Blessings to all in this season of Thanksgiving!

Fr. Ryan Browning
Pastor

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Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

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www.stmcentral.org

Religious Ed. Office - 847.888.4887

Parish Staff

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

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.

To donate, visit <https://www.kindest.com/donate/society-of-saint-vincent-depaul>

Find us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/SVDPSTM



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 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

• HELEN MORRISEY • BRUCE OSTDICK



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	†Fe Ocampo
†All affected by COVID-19	†Bob Olson
†Brad Abell	†Delphine Ornelas
†Jessica Abell	†Marian Peterson
†Marge Banker	†Deacon Bob Plazewski
†Chuck Benson	†Trini Prieto
†Gracie Canning	†Charles Pruter
†Arie Connell	†Lutie Regan
†Jay Connell	†John Sarto
†Dianna Giardino	†Diane Schumacher
†Dominick Girardi	†James Shumaker
†Lois Homyak	†John Schwartz
†Charles Joseph	†Sonja Smith
†Joan Knott	†Rosemary Sobota
†Maggie Knott	†Helen Stasukaitis
†Amy Lara	†Kyle Stasukaitis
†Dennis Lisiecki Jr	†Susan Stein
†Jennie Lisiecki	†Mary Ann Vandervalk
†Julie Longo	†Isaiah Vergara
†Robert Matejka	†Carol White
†Fran Meek	†David White
†Belinda Mockler	†Louise Wolff
†Gloria Neitzel	†Maria Ybarra
†Sylvia Nickerson-McAlliste	†Joseph Zarccone
†Patty Niemaszuk	

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.

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WHY DO SOME PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION IN THE HAND, WHILE OTHERS HAVE IT PUT ON THE TONGUE? AND IS ONE BETTER THAN THE OTHER?



A:

at the Mass) was allowed to receive the Precious Blood.

Prior to the liturgical reforms that accompanied the Second Vatican Council, it was the universal practice that Catholics would receive communion "on the tongue," meaning that the one receiving would allow the priest distributing communion to place the consecrated host on their outstretched tongue. At this time, only the priest celebrant (and, on special occasions, priests assisting

Since 1977 (with the approval of the Holy See) the bishops of the United States have officially approved two equally valid options for receiving Holy Communion in Masses celebrated according to the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As the bishops' statement *Norms for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds* states:

The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (no. 41).

As we noted, both ways of receiving communion are equally valid in the United States and it is important that we always keep the instructions of the bishops in mind as we reflect on which method we might prefer. ©LPi

Certificate of HOLY BAPTISM

• ELEANOR KELTNER BOGGS

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**.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11
or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]
/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17 - 4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18
or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



All Saints
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
NOVEMBER 1

First Reading:

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. (Rev 7:9)

Psalm:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure. (1 Jn 3:2b-3)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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Arts & Environment

The St. Thomas More Art & Environment Committee is so thankful to Deacon Bill Whitehead for loaning his original works of icons and pastels depicting various Saints for this weekend's display at the altar. His beautiful depictions of these Saints are a prayer in and of themselves, and we are blessed to have him share them with us. Thank you Deacon Bill!

Pro-Life Blanketeers

NEW MINISTRY

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or quilting, please consider joining this rewarding new ministry.

All blankets will be donated to;
Corbella's Pregnancy Clinic, Linus Project, Quilts for Kids and No Child Sleeps on the Floor

Our first meeting will be on **Sun. Nov 8th at 1:30 pm**

The Catholic Corner Store

4 South 6th Street, Geneva, IL

For additional information contact **Cynthia**
at JM47@comcast.net

Thank you!

Your support makes a difference for hungry neighbors.

October 2, 2020

Marilyn Bauman
Saint Thomas More Church
215 Thomas More Dr
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Dear Marilyn:

Thank you for your gift of \$635.00 (Check #67718) on 9/24/20 which will provide nutritious food to Food for Greater Elgin, a member agency of Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The Food Bank has been able to serve our neighbors throughout this crisis thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the dedication of our volunteers and staff, and the determination of our member agencies. In a time of great need, our community has come together to ensure that no one goes hungry in Northern Illinois.

Even in the best of times, Northern Illinois Food Bank serves a half million men, women and children each year. We anticipate an increased need in the coming weeks and months and your support is vital to our efforts. Please visit www.SolveHungerToday.org for updates and more ways to get involved. Thank you for your gift and partnership in our mission.

Sincerely,


Julie Yulka
President & CEO

Northern Illinois Food Bank acquires, sorts, and distributes food through our network of 900+ member agencies across the state of Illinois. Northern Illinois Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All funds received are used to support our mission. Please contact your local agency for more information.

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FEEDING AMERICA





ALL GIFTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Our annual Sharing Tree, which helps those in need in our community, is collecting gifts differently this year. 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:



INFANTS

- **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
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CorbellaClinic.org
Use "Donate" tab
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CHILDREN & TEENS UNDER AGE 15

- **Donate by mail and online only**
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Write "Toy Giveaway" on the memo line
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P.O. Box 1390
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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.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Wreath Sale 2020



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is selling 24" mixed greens Christmas wreaths. These quality wreaths come with pine cones and an optional bow. Proceeds from this sale benefit those in need in the Elgin community this holiday season.

Order:

1. Pre-order by November 20th at our

website: stthomasmorechurch.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society OR

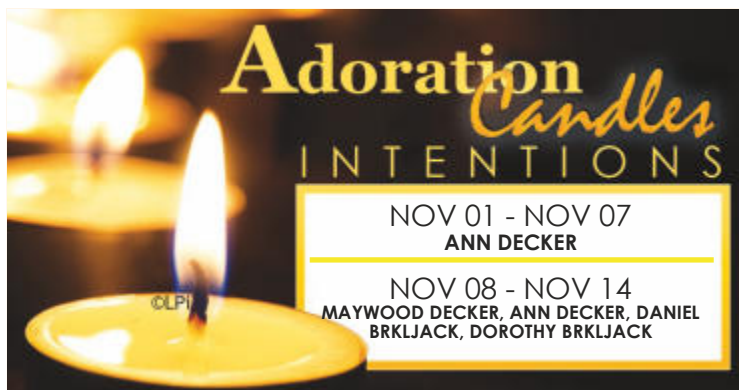
2. Fill out the order form located in the gathering space at church along with your payment (make check out to St. Vincent de Paul). Place order in the container marked Wreath Orders.
3. If there are any wreaths still available after Nov. 20th, you

can purchase them on the day of pick-up on a first come, first serve basis. Please bring a check to pay for the wreath(s).

Cost: \$30.00

Pick-up Date: Saturday, November 21st from 10 am until 11:30 am

Location for Pick-Up: [St. Laurence Catholic Church](#) parking lot, 225 Jewett St., Elgin, IL



Presiders

Weekend for Nov. 7th & 8th.

PRESIDERS

5:00 pm Fr. Browning

8:00 am Fr. Browning

10:00 am Fr. Linster

12:00 pm Fr. Twenty

Bulletin Deadlines

NOV 8TH BULLETIN	NOV 15TH BULLETIN
RESERVED FOR ANNUAL REPORT	Materials Due: November 02, 2020

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 NOV 02	8:30 am Helen Baier, Dorothy Hrovatin
tuesday NOV 03	8:30 am Fay Fiedler
wednesday NOV 04	8:30 am Ann Decker, Frank Boras
thursday NOV 05	8:30 am Stanley Ziolkoski
friday NOV 06	8:30 am All Souls, Louise Coulombe
saturday NOV 07	8:30 am James Robert Galla Sr. 5:00 pm Bernie Sloan, Walter & Mary Sarich
sunday NOV 08	8:00 am Victor & Charlene Centanni, Robert Hartwell 10:00 am Reynaldo Aldana 12:00 pm People of STM, Helen Morrissey

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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Let's keep in touch!

Text "stmelgin" to 84576 or visit
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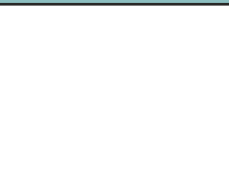
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