

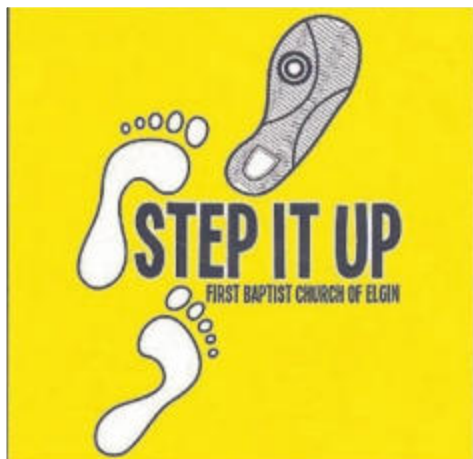
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8AM 10AM 12PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Daily 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Saturday 1 PM

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Sunday 1 PM - **Saturday** 1PM
stthomasmorechurch.org/adoration

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Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 4:30 PM

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PARISH GREETINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

WELCOME Parishioners

Our Mission is to embody the Gospel of Jesus Christ (sacrificial love of God and others) through living a Catholic life strengthened by the Sacraments, nourished by a dedicated prayer life and lived out by loving service to all peoples. Join us and find the purpose and meaning that leads to the fullness of life.

SACRAMENTAL Information

Baptism

stthomasmorechurch.org/baptism

Baptism for children is celebrated Sundays at 1:00pm. See our website for more information.

Matrimony

stthomasmorechurch.org/marriage

Call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest to begin all marriage preparation.

Sick & Homebound

Call the parish office if you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick

stthomasmorechurch.org/anointing-of-the-sick

Call the parish office to make arrangements to receive this sacrament.

RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

stthomasmorechurch.org/becoming-catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey together in search of God.

SUPPORT Information

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Bereavement Ministry

Trained volunteers are available to provide spiritual support and comfort to all parishioners mourning a death loss.

Life Matters

Any woman, who is pregnant and in need, should never feel alone and can find help at Corbella Clinic at **847.697.0200**, The Life Center at **847.622.1235**, or Project Rachel at **800.593.2273**.

CONTACT Us

Are you interested in making St. Thomas More your church? Would you like to learn more about our community? Fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, give to Melissa at our weekend welcome center or contact us online at stthomasmorechurch.org/new-to-st-thomas-more

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

REGISTRATION | PARISH INVOLVEMENT | QUESTIONS | OTHER? _____

PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

EVERYDAY Stewardship

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship - thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough

creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Ushers Needed

Ushers are part of our hospitality at St. Thomas More. Men and women willing to be kind and welcoming as people come into church. They also act as guides at Communion. **We are in need of men and women to usher at our Saturday 5:00PM Mass and Sunday 12:00PM Mass.** We would be most grateful for your help.

Please contact **Sharon Hall** to volunteer today.
shall@stthomasmorechurch.org

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Register for 2021/22 Faith Formation

We will be meeting in-person for Family Faith and Sacraments Pre-K4 through 9th grade information and registration can be found at: <https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/religious-education>

BULLETIN Deadlines

August 8th Bulletin

Materials Due: **July 26, 2021**

August 15th Bulletin

Materials Due: **August 02, 2021**

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PRAYER List

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.

Lord Hear Our Prayer...

†All Souls in Purgatory
 †All affected by COVID-19
 †Brad Abell
 †Jessica Abell
 †Chuck Benson
 †Rita Cox
 †Laura Dicristotano
 †Jamie Dumanski
 †Arie Connell
 †Jay Connell
 †Maria Esperanza Robles Flores
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†Trina Higgins
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 †Ilene Janczak
 †Amy Lara
 †Leticia Lara
 †Rhonda Long
 †Erika del Real Magallanes
 †Cora Manalese
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 †Mary Meek
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 †Isidro Miramontes
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 †Kevin Romer
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 †Gracie Springer
 †Helen Stasukaitis
 †Fr. Urban Osuji
 †Wojcik Family
 †Carol White
 †Dave White
 †Heather Wydra
 †Joseph Zarcone

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

†Betty Molitor

READINGS of the Day

<https://bible.usccb.org/>

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SVDP Monthly

Monthly donations and expenditures

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BAPTISMS

♦ Avery Rose Bobo

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

GOLD & SILVER Wedding Anniversary Mass

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70th or more wedding anniversary? Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on **Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM** celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone **815.399.4300** or online at **www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary** by **August 10th**. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Safe Environment Update for All Active Volunteers

The Diocese of Rockford has implemented an online program called VIRTUSOnline to record, track, and update Safe Environment documents and required training. As you know, all volunteers must complete the required documents and training in order to participate in ministry.

If you have previously submitted Safe Environment documents and are currently in an active ministry, please forward your best contact email address to **Olga Pomella** at opomella@stthomasmorechurch.org. Your VIRTUSOnline account profile will be updated with this email. VIRTUSOnline will generate an email to you providing your USER ID. Go to www.virtusonline.org/virtus/. You will need to request a password reset.

Once your password is reset, log in to review your profile, required documents, and required training. Please complete the required documents and training and confirm the submission has been recorded.

In the future, the VIRTUSOnline program will generate email notifications regarding revised documents and additional training requirements.

Should you require additional assistance, email opomella@stthomasmorechurch.org with a cc: to se@stthomasmorechurch.org. Thank you for your cooperation and your ministry to our St. Thomas More community.

Fox Valley Women's Bible Study

The **Fox Valley Women's Catholic Bible Study** will study the book of **Proverbs** via zoom on Thursday mornings this fall.

The study will begin on **Thursday August 19, 2021** and **go through December 9th**. We will not meet October 7th or on Thanksgiving Day. Participants will gather on zoom beginning at 9:45am. The meeting will start at 10am with a large group opening prayer followed by a brief overview of the week's lesson. We will then break into small groups to go over the questions. Each meeting will end by 11:30. At the opening meeting on August 19th, John McGrath, former director of the Department of Educational Services for the Diocese, will provide an overview of the book of Proverbs. We will be using the *Ignatius Catholic Bible Study* commentary on *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon*.

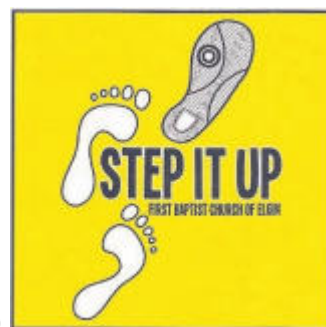
If you are interested in joining the study or have questions, please email **Kathy** at fwvbibles-tudy@att.net before August 11th providing your preferred email address and phone number.

You can order the book at one of our local outlets:

- **The Catholic Shop** in Geneva - 630.457.5466
Order by August 8th.
- **Town House Books** in St Charles - 630.584.8600
- or on **Amazon** at: [Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible](#)

Step-It Up

"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 year 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 August 1st. How can you help?**



There are two ways to help:

- 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.
- 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.

MASS HIGHLIGHTS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

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, July 26

8:30 AM Mass

Nicholas Hyser

Paul & Loretta Heuer (sp. Int.)

Tuesday, July 27

8:30 AM Mass

Nancy Winter

Wojcik Family (sp. Int.)

Wednesday, July 28

8:30 AM Mass

Maeve Burke

Richard Hochstatter

Thursday, July 29

8:30 AM Mass

Sr. Marie Peter Fegan, OP.

Andreas Villegas (Birthday)

Friday, July 30

8:30 AM Mass

John Urquhart

Agnes Gulik (sp. Int.)

Saturday, July 31

5:00 PM Mass

Kevin Milnamow

George H. Dunlap III

Sunday, August 01

8:00 AM Mass

Nettie Hernandez

Virginia Hoynes

10:00 AM Mass

People of STM

Missy Craig

12:00 PM Mass

Annie Mayora

Homero Solano (sp. Int.)

Presiders

Saturday, July 31

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, August 01

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Adoration Candles Intentions

July 25 - July 31

Jerrie S. Brillo

August 01 - August 07

Michael Lukaszewskyj, Kim Albrecht (sp. int.)



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