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www.stthomasmorechurch.org

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:30 AM 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Daily 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Thursday 9 AM
Saturday 9 AM 1 PM

Perpetual Adoration

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 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

St. Vincent de Paul

stthomasmorechurch.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society

We strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential & preserving dignity. Please call our answering machine at **847.628.5170**.

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: _____

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

EVERYDAY Stewardship

SUBMISSION AS STEWARDSHIP.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so - but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross - the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission - of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Food for Seniors aged 60+

Food for Greater Elgin & Senior Services Assoc. are teaming up to feed local seniors. Call Senior Services Associates to register **847.741.0404**.

August delivery date is **August 27th** with delivery between 1:30PM- 4:00PM.

Traveling St. Joseph



Thank you to the MARY SUIRE for bringing St. Joseph into your home!

If you are interested in the Traveling St. Joseph, sign up for a week of your choosing -pick up and drop off instructions will be sent after you sign up. For more information and sign up go to: [https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/](https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/traveling-st-joseph)

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BULLETIN Deadlines

September 5th Bulletin

Materials Due: **August 23, 2021**

September 12th Bulletin

Materials Due: **August 30, 2021**

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St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

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
 †Arie Connell
 †Jay Connell
 †Maria Esperanza Robles Flores
 †Edward Finnerty
 †Daniel Serrano Gaeta
 †Lucia Gaeta
 †Dianna Giardino
 †Larry Goto

†Emmanuel Gumapas
 †Michelle Haferkamp
 †Trina Higgins
 †Frank Iori
 †Ilene Janczak
 †Erika del Real Magallanes
 †Fran Meek
 †Mary Meek
 †Cecilia Miramontes
 †Isidro Miramontes
 †Belinda Mockler
 †Gloria Neitzel
 †Chuck Pruter
 †Lutie Regan
 †Alberto García Robles

†Gregoria Garcia Robles
 †Maria Aurora Garcia Robles
 †María de Jesús Garcia Robles
 †Janet Roman
 †Manuel Roman
 †Kevin Romer
 †Diane Schumacher
 †Rosario Rodríguez Sosa
 †Gracie Springer
 †Helen Stasukaitis
 †Staudacher Family
 †Wojcik Family
 †Carol White
 †Dave White

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

†Dona-Jo Hausl
 †Robert S. Madsen

READINGS of the Day

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

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB's) mission is to encounter the mercy of Christ and to accompany His people with joy. Visit the link above for podcast audio, videos and daily prayers.

WORD of Life

For all Catholics:
 That we may steadfastly proclaim and uphold
 the dignity of all human life,
 in all stages and circumstances;
We pray to the Lord:

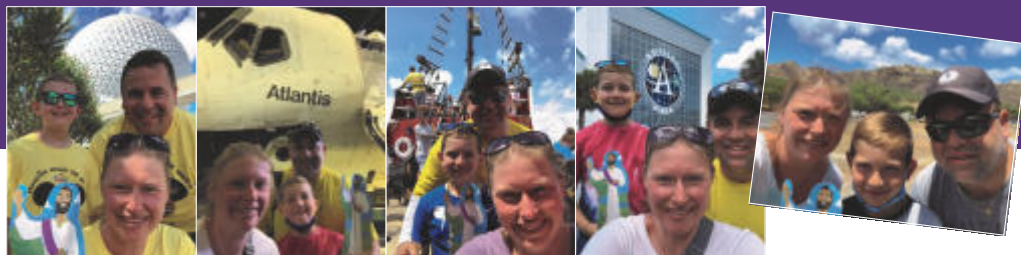
Music Choir Practice

First choir practice will be on **Thursday, 9/2, at 7 pm**, in Church. The choir is open to anyone high school or older, and the ability to read music is not required. We are aiming to have our first choir Mass on Sunday, 9/26 at 10 am. If you are new to Music Ministry, e-mail **Tim Horneman** at music@stthomasmorechurch.org for more information.

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

VACATION with Jesus White/Dugan Family



In early June, we took a trip to FL and Jesus came with us to Epcot at Walt Disney World. While on that trip, we took a drive to Cape Canaveral to NASA where He got to share our visit to Space Shuttle Atlantis! We also traveled to the gulf coast and went to Clearwater Beach where we took Jesus on an afternoon pirate cruise on the Gulf of Mexico! In late July/early August, we went to Honolulu, Hawaii, and took Jesus with us. The picture included is all of us at Diamond Head State Park, with the famous crater in the background. It was a fun Summer of many adventures, and I'm sure Jesus is pretty exhausted from all that traveling! I know I am!

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Women of the Old Testament

Stories are a gift to the imagination. They help us to imagine people and places and experiences different from our own. Biblical stories help us to imagine the relationship of God with human beings. They give us words to describe our own relationship with God. Join us and learn the stories of Sarah, Hagar, Dinah, Tamar, Delilah, Ruth, Esther and even more incredible women from the Old Testament.

- **Registration \$20 for materials**
- **Mondays September 13-November 15**
- Morning session **in person** 9:00-10:00AM
- Evening session **in person** 6:30-7:30PM
- **Zoom** sessions Tuesdays September 14-November 16 6:30-7:30PM

Sign up at stthomasmorechurch.org/women-of-the-old-testament or through your weekly Flocknote.



Contact **Sharon Hall** for more information at shall@stthomasmorechurch.org or **847.888.1682 x216**

Parish Church Directory

Our parish is creating a new pictorial church directory!

Our dates for photography will be:

- **September 13** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 14** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 15** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 16** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 17** - 3:30pm - 8:30pm
- **September 18** - 10:30am - 4:00pm

Sign-up online now at <https://ucdir.com/>

Follow instructions below:

- **Click** on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login
- **Church Code:** IL147
- **Password:** photos
- **Select your date and time** to schedule your appointment

Or **sign-up in-person** in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses.

Adult Confirmation

Classes for all adults over 18 who would like to be Confirmed will be held September 2, 9, 16
6:30-8:00PM

Register at stthomasmorechurch.org
Contact Sharon Hall with questions
(847)888-1682
shall@stthomasmorechurch.org

Sign Up for Adult Confirmation Classes

stthomasmorechurch.org/adult-confirmation

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, August 23

8:30 AM Mass

Fred Taeyaerts
Felipe Kalaw

Tuesday, August 24

8:30 AM Mass

John Henn
Angel Rodriguez (sp. int. - Happy Birthday)

Wednesday, August 25

8:30 AM Mass

Carol Koehler
Glenn Hutchinson

Thursday, August 26

8:30 AM Mass

Jackson Lee
Patty Brillo (sp. int.)

Friday, August 27

8:30 AM Mass

Deacon Robert Plazweski
Zoraida Rodriquez (sp. int. - Happy Birthday)

Saturday, August 28

8:30 AM Mass

Denise Bielejewski (sp. int.)
Sixto Marinas

5:00 PM Mass

Ria & Jan Taeyaerts
Felicisimo Ventocilla

Sunday, August 29

8:00 AM Mass

Steven Thomas Watwood
Andrej & Maria Zak

10:00 AM Mass

People of STM
Maria Mores Mejia

12:00 PM Mass

JoAnne Jochum
Christopher Doyen

Presiders

Saturday, August 28

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, August 29

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Adoration Candles Intentions

August 22 - August 28

Jo Anne Jochum

August 29– September 04

Steve Lange



Stay connected with your faith when you are on vacation or traveling. 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!

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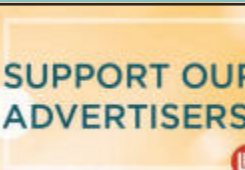
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