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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
847.888.1682

School Office

stmelgin.org
847.742.3959

Faith Formation Office

stthomasmorechurch.org
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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

LETTER from Fr. Browning

You're invited! When someone invites us to an event, it means our presence is welcomed and appreciated. We are wanted there. Being a part of the celebration will be better because they invited us. The best parties are those with all kinds of people who are joyful and excited to be together. Every week Jesus offers us an invitation to celebrate with Him and be joyful and thankful for all we have. Our Sunday Mass celebrations would be even better if more people came to the celebration. Who is missing? I am sure you could make a list of all the people you know who would make our celebration even better. Jesus is asking you to invite them to His celebration. Let them know they will be welcomed and appreciated. It doesn't matter if it's been a short or long time since they last came to Mass. Just come.

In the next few weeks, we will be preparing you to invite the Catholics you live near, are friends with, or with whom you work to Mass. Holy Mass is the great banquet in which God invites us to become one with Him. We become one with Him in Holy Communion. That is why Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Heavenly banquet is our goal, and the Eucharist is our participation

in the goal already here in this life. Yet, so many of our fellow Catholics are not here. God wants us to play a role in their story. Inviting others back to Church is our challenge to you. We will equip you for this mission over the next few weeks. We will prepare you to invite them to Mass, especially in October. In October, we will preach the Gospel, The Story, in all of its Wisdom and Power.

The first thing we need to do is pray. We need to call in the big Gun for this work, The Holy Spirit. He will do all the heavy lifting. So let's ask Him to start preparing the hearts of those that we will invite so that they will say yes. Here is our daily prayer for this effort.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, ~ Fr. Browning

Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Event



The Knights of Columbus will be outside the church the weekend of **September 18 & 19** for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Proceeds are used to help those intellectually disabled.

Traveling St. Joseph



Thank you to DENISE MARTELL 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:

www.stthomasmorechurch.org/traveling-st-joseph

BULLETIN Deadlines

September 26th Bulletin

Materials Due: **September 13, 2021**

October 3rd Bulletin

Materials Due: **September 20, 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
 †Chuck Benson
 †Rita Cox
 †Laura Dicristotano
 †Sophia Ernst
 †Tim Felski
 †Edward Finnerty
 †Jake Fowler
 †Dianna Giardino

†Emmanuel Gumapas
 †Angela Guasta
 †Vincent Guasta
 †Michelle Haferkamp
 †Frank Iori
 †Fran Meek
 †Mary Meek
 †Belinda Mockler
 †Gloria Neitzel
 †Chuck Pruter

†Lutie Regan
 †Janet Roman
 †Manuel Roman
 †Kevin Romer
 †Teresa Schuman
 †Helen Stasukaitis
 †Staudacher Family
 †Heather Wydra

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

†All Souls

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.

RCIA

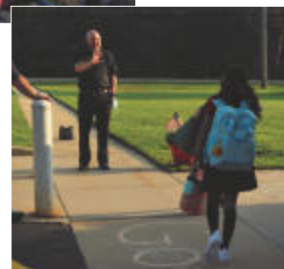
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey - a journey one makes together with the Catholic community in search of God. The RCIA presents non-Catholics with an in-depth study of our faith. Some of the topics include The Mystery of God, Mary, the Communion of Saints, the Commandments, the Bible, and for Catholics seeking their sacraments of initiation (baptism, first communion, and/or confirmation). If interested please, contact **Fr. Browning** at rbrowning@stthomasmorechurch.org.

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

SCHOOL at STM First Day of School

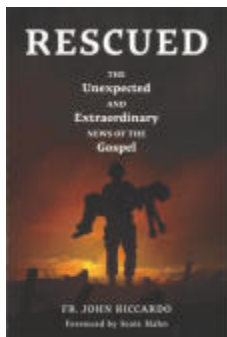
Last week St. Thomas More School opened its doors for the 2021-2022 school year. The teachers, staff, and students were all very excited to begin another school year together.



HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

RESCUED



Rescued coming to STM!

Book on sale **THIS weekend** after all Masses in the Gathering Space. \$10.00 each.

Homilies & Wednesday Night Series with Fr. Browning to follow in October.

Questions? Contact Sharon

Hall at shall@stthomasmorechurch.org or 847.888.1682.

Carpet Cleaning at STM Church

On **Monday, September 20, 2021** the Church building will be closed for necessary cleaning. The Parish Office will be closed, there will be no Mass that morning, and Adoration will not begin Sunday, September 19, it will begin Tuesday, September 21 at 9:00 am after the 8:30 am Mass.

Wills & Trusts

St. Thomas More Parish is hosting an educational program, **"Wills & Trusts - Which is better for you?"** On **Thursday, October 7, at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm** in the Chelsea Room. The guest speaker is **Mr. Ted Kuczek**, of the Law Firm of Kuczek & Associates.



Theodore D. Kuczek received his bachelor's degree in Business Finance from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater School of Business and received his law degree from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Anyone interested in protecting their family from the confusion, complications and legal fees of an incomplete estate plan should attend.

Parish Church Directory

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A program for men who are looking to explore their Catholic faith and grow in the spiritual life. **Saturdays from 6:45 - 8:15 AM**, starting **Saturday September 18** in the **Chelsea Room**. There will be a light breakfast followed by video and small group discussion

If you have any questions, contact **Bob Nierzwicki** at bobnierz@sbcglobal.net

- **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.

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, September 13

8:30 AM Mass

Jim Lloyd
Olivia Ybarra

Tuesday, September 14

8:30 AM Mass

Kathy Hamilton
Betty Molitor

Wednesday, September 15

8:30 AM Mass

Stephen Lange
Miguel & Bruna Vallesterol

Thursday, September 16

8:30 AM Mass

Tom & Evie Thompson (sp. int. 54th Anniv.)
Eufemia Kalaw (sp. Int.)

Friday, September 17

8:30 AM Mass

Michael Gulik (sp. Int.)
JoAnne Jochum

Saturday, September 18

8:30 AM Mass

Marilyn Girka
National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn

5:00 PM Mass

Fred Taeyaerts
Ray & Virginia Hunt

Sunday, September 19

8:00 AM Mass

People of STM
Judy Fowler

10:00 AM Mass

Bob & Theresa Brown & Family (sp. Int.)
Fr. James Parker (sp. Int.)

12:00 PM Mass

Frances Fiedler
Tom & Della Langan & Mary Killman

Presiders

Saturday, September 18

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, September 19

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Adoration Candles Intentions

September 12 - September 18

Marilyn Zimmer (sp. int.)

September 19 - September 25

Thankful for gifts given for Amanda/Jacqueline



God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren. Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace. We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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