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stthomasmorechurch.org/staff

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
/religious-education
847.888.4887

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

October is an exciting month at St. Thomas More. Don't miss out.

On October 3, we have the Pet blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day at 1:30 pm. Bring those pets for a blessing.

Then join us from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. We will host Life Chain in front of St. Thomas More along Highland Avenue. "Since 1987, LIFE CHAIN has sought to lead the body of Christ in repentance and prayer regarding legalized abortion. We exist as a call to the Church—to humble, pray, seek, and turn. When we gather together, and come before our God, we believe that hearts will change." We join together to pray and witness to the Right to Life for the unborn. We need this witness more than ever today. Please join us. Bring your Rosary. There will be signs with prayers

on the back of them - more information:
<https://lifechain.org>.

On the weekends of October, the homilies will be breaking open The Story of what God has done for us in Jesus. Getting the Big Picture will help us see the life-changing, extraordinary news of Jesus. We will dig into The Story each weekend, and on Wednesdays 13, 20, and 27 at 7:00 pm, we will go deeper. Let's pray these weekends will draw many to a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Don't forget to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to hear the extraordinary news of the Gospel. It is for everyone.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Browning

We are looking for your help!

St. Thomas More volunteers at the Soup Kettle held at Zion Lutheran on Griswold St in Elgin. We are looking for help with preparing and packing meals that are given to patrons at the door. We have groups that volunteer once a month on the 1st Tuesday of the month, and another group on the 4th Tuesday of the even months of the year. The time involved is 4:30 - 7pm. If you are able to help or have questions about this ministry, please contact **Ann** at **847.742.8078**.

Traveling St. Joseph



Thank you to CHRIS AND AGNES GULIK 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

October 10th Bulletin

Materials Due: **September 27, 2021**

October 17th Bulletin

Materials Due: **October 4, 2021**

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PRAY WITH US

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
 †Mabel Allen
 †Michelle Bailey
 †Chuck Benson
 †Lauren Calo
 †Rita Cox
 †Laura Dicristotano
 †Sophia Ernst
 †Tim Felski
 †Edward Finnerty
 †Jake Fowler

†Dianna Giardino
 †Emmanuel Gumapas
 †Angela Guasta
 †Vincent Guasta
 †Michelle Haferkamp
 †Trina Higgins
 †Frank Iori
 †Logan J.
 †Fran Meek
 †Jesse Meek
 †Belinda Mockler
 †Gloria Neitzel

†Chuck Pruter
 †Lutie Regan
 †Janet Roman
 †Manuel Roman
 †Diane Schumacher
 †Teresa "Pat" Schuman
 †Helen Stasukaitis
 †Staudacher Family
 †Douglas Steichen
 †Heather Wydra

LECTORS Meeting

There will be a required meeting for all current lectors on **Wednesday, September 29**, at **7 pm** in church. Please let **Tim music@stthomasmorechurch.org** know if you are unable to attend.

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.

LIFE Chain

Join us for the National Life Chain.

Date: Respect Life Sunday, October 3rd

Time: 2-3pm

Where: Along Highland Ave, outside of St. Thomas More Church and School

Mission: "To make a public, prayerful, peaceful witness against legalized abortion. When we gather together, and come before our God, we believe that abortion will end."

Signs will be provided. Strollers, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. If you have any questions email

Rebecca at mammalaughs@gmail.com

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Pet Blessing

October 3rd ■ 1:30PM

Bless your pet! Fr. Browning will meet all pets in the church parking lot to give your precious pet a blessing.

Enjoy last years pictures!



HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Knights of Columbus Elgin Council 654

Thank you, Father Browning for this opportunity to talk about the Knights of Columbus and what our local council the Monsignor Henry Schryer Council 654, does here in our parish and community.

In 1882 Father Michael McGivney started the Knights of Columbus to uplift his parish in New Haven. His vision was for councils to put programs of faith into action that would protect families and build a better world. Our gift to you is "A Family Prayer" prayer card. Please pick them up as you leave mass today.

Knights of Columbus membership offers countless opportunities for Catholic men and their families to live and grow in faith. Through our support of critical societal needs, we Knights have the opportunity to leave a positive and lasting impact in our communities and around the world. Here in our Elgin council alone, we donated over \$55,000 and provided more than 31,000 volunteer hours per year consecutively in the past 3 years helping those in need.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic service organization for adult men. The Knights serve communities on a local and global scale through many activities including coat drives for kids, Special Olympics, soup kitchens, Tootsie Roll drive, Chili for Charity and assisting people who need

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disaster relief. We are everyday people helping people every day. Whether it is aiding the less fortunate, local volunteering, networking with others of shared values and beliefs, or participating in fun, family-inclusive events, the Knights of Columbus welcome

and value Catholic men seeking community and ways to put their faith into action.

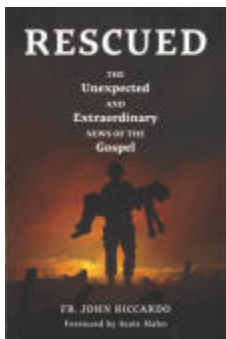
Often times we hear that people are too busy with family and work to help out. This is really not the case! We do not want you to leave your family to participate in a charitable program, but we want you to lead your family in charitable action. What we have found was that just an hour here or an hour there could make a big difference to people in need, while putting our common faith into action:

Today, we have a great opportunity for you to take a test drive, so to speak. Please feel free to talk to one of the Knight Ambassadors at the back of the church if you have any questions or need more information. You can also join now for free by simply using your smart phone and scanning the bar code above, but be sure to put in our council #654 where asked. If you prefer, you can visit <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and simple as that, you are in. You can also provide your email address and we will be happy to send you information about charitable outreach projects. We encourage you to join the Knights during our next exemplification in the **Chelsea room, Sunday, October 10th at 1 PM** when our Pastor, Fr. Browning and Fr. Ejay join our council. The date will be sent when available.

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.

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@stthomasmorechrch.org or 847.888.1682.



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.

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 27

8:30 AM Mass

Antonio Bernabe, Jr
James Putz

Tuesday, September 28

8:30 AM Mass

Isabel Maria Galla (sp. Int.)
Julie Daly

Wednesday, September 29

8:30 AM Mass

Terry Townsend
Marylou Hochstatter (sp. Int.)

9:30 AM Mass (School staff and students only)
Ernest Breakenridge

Thursday, September 30

8:30 AM Mass

Anna Trusz
Lucy Cardonas Crespo

Friday, October 01

8:30 AM Mass

All Souls
Stephen Durrant

Saturday, October 02

8:30 AM Mass

Ilominda Apura-Salting
Jacquelyn Lee Spoka

5:00 PM Mass

Kathy Hamilton
Betty Molitor

Sunday, October 03

8:00 AM Mass

JoAnne Jochum
Crystal Kirnse

10:00 AM Mass

Viateur & Emilie Saindon
Richard Hochstatter

12:00 PM Mass

People of STM
Mary Anne Fout

Presiders

Saturday, October 02

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Sunday, October 03

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Adoration Candles Intentions

September 26 - October 02

Crystal Kirnse

October 03 - October 09

**Deceased members of the Pomella,
and Pettenuzzo families**



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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