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## Parochial Vicar

**Father "Ejay" Edil Jarapa**  
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## Deacons

Mr. Jack Roder  
Mr. David Deitz

## Parish Staff

stthomasmorechurch.org/staff

[www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org)

## Weekend Mass Schedule

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

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Rosary** 8:00 AM  
**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  
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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](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/baptism)

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

### Matrimony

[stthomasmorechurch.org/marriage](http://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](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/anointing-of-the-sick)

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

### RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

[stthomasmorechurch.org/becoming-catholic](http://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](http://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**.

## BULLETIN Deadlines

### May 8th Bulletin

Materials Due: **April 25, 2022**

### May 15th Bulletin

Materials Due: **May 02, 2022**

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# PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## LETTER from Fr. Browning

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Every parish in our diocese will participate in our 2022 Diocesan Appeal commitment weekend next weekend. This vital campaign significantly impacts the ministries and programs offered in each parish and throughout the diocese.

This year's Diocesan Appeal theme is "Do You Love Me?". In growing in our love for Christ, we can love others even more. We can show our love for others by supporting the ministries, programs, and services that make a huge difference to families across the diocese. These programs include Catholic Charities, seminarian formation, Catholic Schools, Evangelization, and so much more.

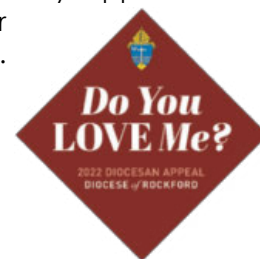
Each parish is given a target amount toward the overall diocesan budget. Our parish's fair share of that budget is \$107,019. We appreciate your help, so please consider a donation of \$300 over the next year. Some may be able to pledge more and others

less. The key to success is high participation. Last year, 15% of registered families participated (365 out of 2,413). Let's strive for 20% participation. Any amount raised over the goal will come back to the parish.

You can make your pledge in two ways. You can pledge online at [www.rockforddiocese.org/donate](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/donate), or you may fill out a pledge card following the instructions and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.

Every gift makes a profound difference in the life of our parish and our diocese. Please know that every donation - large or small - is greatly appreciated. I thank you in advance for your support of our parish and diocese. May God bless you abundantly!

In the Risen Lord,  
Fr. Browning



## Mother's Day Gift Bags

The Elgin Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be collecting ladies personal size toiletry item for their 17th annual Mother's Day Gift Bags. These items will be put into individual bags and then given to local women's shelters. Donations can be dropped in the designated box located in the Gathering Space beginning **Tuesday April 19th – Sunday May 1st**. This year we will assemble the bags at St. Patrick Church at 6N491 Crane Rd, St. Charles at 9:00am. We welcome anyone interested in assembling the gift bags. Bring a dish to pass and join us for lunch after the bags are assembled. We appreciate your help and support.

## Bring Mary into your home



In 2021 the families of St. Thomas More had the opportunity to pray with St. Joseph. **For 2022 we will be bringing Our Blessed Mother into our homes.** The statue will travel from home to home and include a special book of Marian Apparitions, Children's stories, and prayer tools. Mary will begin her travels on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on **May 13th** and continue through Mary Mother of God on January 1st of 2023. Sign up in Flocknote to reserve your week.

## Garden Angels Needed

St. Thomas More is looking for Gardening Angels to help us beautify our campus. We need specific help with the upkeep of our campus signage gardens. Please consider adopting and becoming the caretaker for one of these areas. We would also welcome donations for seasonal flower plantings or gifts cards (home depot/plant nursery) to help make our campus a spectacular sight for our parishioners and guests.

For more information or to adopt, contact **Michelle Tack** [DRE@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:DRE@stthomasmorechurch.org) or **847.888.4887**.



## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Blood drive will be held at St. Mary in Elgin on Sunday, **May 15 from 8:00am - 12:00pm**. For more information or to sign-up, contact **Tim** at **847-695-8987**. Walk ins welcome.

# 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  
 † Albert Albano  
 † Ed Bartholomew  
 † Nicole Marie Burr  
 † Ana Carrillo  
 † Ryan Costelloe  
 † Nick Disanza  
 † Chuck Felski  
 † Tim Felski  
 † Dianna Giardino  
 † Tony Gorzak

† Beverly Kittler  
 † Dennis Kittler  
 † Edwin Klemm  
 † Magdalena Lara  
 † Frank Iori  
 † Maureen M.  
 † Fran Meek  
 † Ute Meyer  
 † Belinda Mockler  
 † Gloria Neitzel  
 † Juliana Neves  
 † Tim Nicholson

† Rick Oros  
 † Liza Roman  
 † Manuel Roman  
 † Conni Schultz  
 † Diane Schumacher  
 † Maria Siazon  
 † John Sloan  
 † Helen Stasukaitis  
 † Douglas Steichen  
 † Rich Sutton  
 † Imelda O. Veneracion

## SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

† All Souls

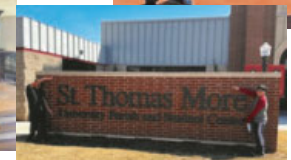
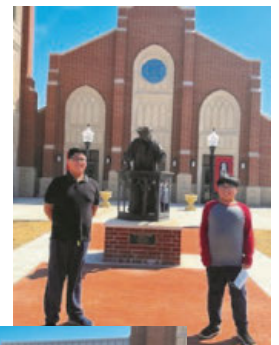
## READINGS of the Day

<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.

## TRAVELING Parishioners

We found St. Thomas More church in Oklahoma where we attended last week's Sunday Holy Mass. This is a nice church in University of Oklahoma.  
 -The Palancas



## SPOTLIGHT

*St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin*

## WINNERS School Essay Contest

6th and 7th grade students at St. Thomas More School participated in the American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. STM is proud to announce the winners in the region from our school. In 6th grade Clara S. received third place, Sophia V. received second place, and Veronica S. received first place. In 7th grade Cayden A. received third place, Genevieve R. received second place, and Addison C. received first place. Addison and Veronica both won first place for their grade in this region, so their papers have advanced to state. Congratulations to all! We are very proud of them!





# HAPPENINGS

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## Who Can Offer Anointing of the Sick?

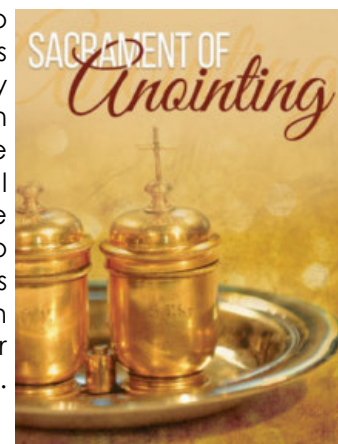
**Question:** Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

**Answer:** The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a

person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through our made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

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Register at [www.stmelgin.org](http://www.stmelgin.org) or scan the QR code.  
Responses due by May 8th, 2022.  
No shows will be charged.

Make checks payable to "STH PTO" to \$100. Drop off check payment during school office hours or mail to: St. Thomas More School 1625 N. Highland Avenue Elgin, Illinois 60120 847-742-2859  
Contact Joe Ratz [joeatz@stmelgin.org](mailto:joeatz@stmelgin.org) if you have any items (company logos, golf items, sports tickets, etc.) that can be donated as prizes.  
Donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state law. All proceeds will benefit St. Thomas More School, a 501(c)(3) organization.



**St. Vincent de Paul's**  
**Mother's Day Flower Sale**



Need a gift for that special someone on Mother's Day?  
Help those in need in our Elgin community by purchasing a beautiful 10" Fuchsia or Red Geranium from St. Vincent de Paul.

- Order by May 6th online at our website:  
[stthomasmorechurch.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society)  
**OR**
- Fill out the order form located in the gathering space at church along with your payment (make check payable to St. Vincent de Paul). Place order in the container marked Flower Orders.
- If there are any flowers still available after May 6th, you can purchase them on the day of pick up on a first come first serve basis. Please make a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul for your total purchase.

**Cost: \$30.00 each**

**Pick-up Date: Saturday, May 7th**

**Time: 10 am until 11:30 am**

**Location: St. Laurence Catholic Church parking lot**  
**225 Jewett St. Elgin, IL.**



# 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, April 25

8:30 AM Mass

**Jesse Meek**

### Tuesday, April 26

8:30 AM Mass

**Evelyn Banwart**

### Wednesday, April 27

8:30 AM Mass

**Renato Turano**

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

**Lloyd Johnson**

### Thursday, April 28

8:30 AM Mass

**Julie Daly**

### Friday, April 29

8:30 AM Mass

**Sheila McMahon**

### Saturday, April 30

8:30 AM Mass

**Lucio Pamplona**

5:00 PM Mass

**Deacon Greg Stevens**

**People of STM**

### Sunday, May 01

8:00 AM Mass

**Flory Tylman**

**Karen Hoffman**

10:00 AM Mass

**Thanksgiving for May Birthday celebrants in the Bayona Family**

12:00 PM Mass

**Ida and Francis Cox & Ella Chafee**

## Presiders

### Saturday, April 30

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

### Sunday, May 01

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

12:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

## Adoration Candles Intentions

### April 24 – April 30

**Josef Staszal**



### May 01 – May 07

**Vega Family**



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