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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
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847.742.3959

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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

Visit our website above to fill out a form and a priest will contact you with more information.

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.

Becoming Catholic

stthomasmorechurch.org/becoming-catholic

If you are an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic we would like to help you.

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.**

BULLETIN Deadlines

September 25th Bulletin
Materials Due: **September 12, 2022**

October 2nd Bulletin
Materials Due: **September 19, 2022**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

As of August 10, our new Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor is available for you to contribute to the church. This option uses current technology and security standards and allows you to set up recurring contributions easily. It also enables our church to use new tools to become more efficient.

Please go to our parish giving page if you have not switched yet. You will find a link to OSV sign-up. You can then deactivate your online giving with WeShare using the link on the parish giving page. We will also make sure it is deactivated. **https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/donate-1**

Here is an update on our Diocesan Appeal thus far. We have a goal of $107,019. We have 277 pledges made for $91,141. We have an eleven and a half percent participation, helping us reach 85% of our goal so far. If you have not yet donated, please prayerfully consider making one. We want to reach our pledge goal by the end of September. Any amount is appreciated. Any amount we raise over the goal, we will receive back and use it for campus repairs and upgrades. You can visit the parish giving page to give online or contact the parish office or welcome center to request an envelope to make your gift.

I am very grateful for your continued support of St. Thomas More and the Diocese of Rockford. Let us continue to pray for each other.

God Bless,
Fr. Browning

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Sessions 1-5
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Sessions 6-9
Mondays: January 16- February 6

Morning Sessions 9:00-10:30am
Evening Zoom Sessions 6:30-8:00pm
$20 registration fee for materials

Register at **stthomasmorechurch.org/the-gospel-of-john**

Contact **Sharon Hall** with any questions.
evangelization@stthomasmorechurch.org
(847)888-1682x216

Morning Confessions Cancelled 9/17

On **Saturday, September 17** the morning confessions are cancelled due to the Confirmation Mass at 10am.

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
†Ed Bartholomew
†Annette Bimmerle
†Michael Bimmerle
†Nicole Marie Burr
†Joseph Cannizzaro
†Ana Carrillo
†Ryan Costelloe
†Charles Felski
†Tim Felski
†Dianna Giardino
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†Vincent Guasta
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†Fran Meek
†Belinda Mockler
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†Arlene Pinkawa
†Chuck Pruter
†Linda Rakowski
†Cresentiano Rodriguez & family
†Liza Roman
†Manuel Roman
†Diane Schumacher
†Helen Stasukaitis
†Patricia Tanner
†Imelda 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.

GIVING at St. Thomas More

At St. Thomas More Church you are able to share your donations in a variety of ways.

- **AT MASS:** You can drop your weekly offering in one of the baskets at the back of church. We are currently not taking up a collection during the Mass.
- **ONLINE:** You can sign up to make your weekly offering online by visiting our website at Parish Giving; **stthomasmorechurch.org/donate-1**

If you have questions about donations to St. Thomas More, contact Olga Pomella at finance@stthomasmorechurch.org or 847.888.1682 x213

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

BAPTISMS at STM

We welcome these children to God's family.

Lola Rogers
Her parents and Godparents

Ava Papanicolaou
with Fr. Browning on the day of her Baptism.

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

That Man Is You!

All men of the parish and their friends, sons, and brothers! We would like to invite you to join That Man Is You! They are a men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. They address the pressures and temptations that men of all ages face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

- **What:** That Man Is You! - 'All Things New' featuring prominent Catholic speakers Drs. Scott Hahn, Mark Miravalle and John Bergsma
- **Who:** All Catholic men in the Elgin community are welcome!
- **When:** Saturdays from 6:45-8:15 AM beginning September 17th
- **Where:** St. Thomas More - Chelsea Room

For more information or to register for the program, please contact **Bob Nierzwicki** at **773.633-7449** or **bobnierz@sbcglobal.net**

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

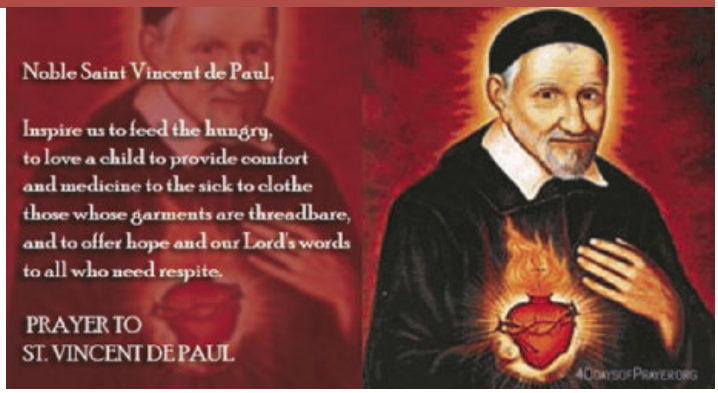
The Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space next weekend for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The proceeds benefit local agencies that help the intellectually disabled. Please be generous, enjoy the candy, and most importantly, help someone in need.

Fellowship Club

Fellowship Club will meet on **Tuesday, September 20th at 12:00 Noon** in the Chelsea Room. Guest speaker Jerry Turnquist, Elgin Historian, will give a presentation, "Elgin in the 50's". All adults over 55 are welcome and encouraged to come. Hope to see you there.

Respect Life Ministry

St Thomas More Respect Life Ministry will be offering a special Rosary for all that have been affected by suicide. This Rosary will take place on Monday evening, **September 26, 7pm**, in the church. We will have candles available, for anyone to light, prior to the start of the Rosary, so that we can have a visual reminder of the prayers we are offering. Please join us, and invite anyone that is interested, to come as well. Rosaries will be available if needed.



SVDP Fall Fundraiser

Annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Fall Fundraiser in honor of The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27th.

Join hands with us in imitating this Saint in helping those in need in our community.

Contributions may be made:

- Using the envelopes located at our table in the gathering space or
- On our website: **www.stthomasmorechurch.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society**

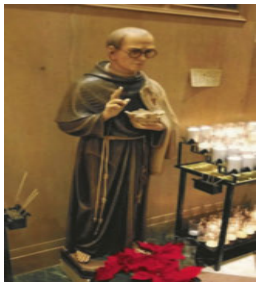
Donations for this fundraiser are accepted from September 17th through September 27th.

Thank you for your continued support!

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Maximillian Kolbe

The Little Flower Prayer Group of St. Thomas More Church invites you to a pilgrimage:

- **Where:** The Shrine of St. Maximillian Kolbe 1600 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048
- **When:** September 24, 2022
- **Time:** 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Meeting Place:** St. Thomas More Church
- **Cost:** $45.00 per person *(includes tour, transportation and lunch)*



Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. There will be 40 available seats for this pilgrimage. Payment is due by **September 20**. Please make checks payable to:

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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 12

8:30 AM Mass

Harold & Laura Heuer

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 AM Mass

Jamie Lloyd

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 AM Mass

Ed Tomlinson

9:30 AM Mass

Michael Gulik (sp. int.)

Thursday, September 15

8:30 AM Mass

John & Elizabeth Schorn

Friday, September 16

8:30 AM Mass

Tom & Evie Thompson (sp. int. 55th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 17

8:30 AM Mass

Florentino Santos

5:00 PM Mass

Fred Taeyaerts

Deceased members of the Curley & McGann Families

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Mass

Juana Vargas & Juan Luna

10:00 AM Mass

People of STM

Allen Hoffmann

12:00 PM Mass

Thanksgiving for the Bayona Family

Betty J. Roush

Presiders

Saturday, September 17

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Adoration Candles Intentions

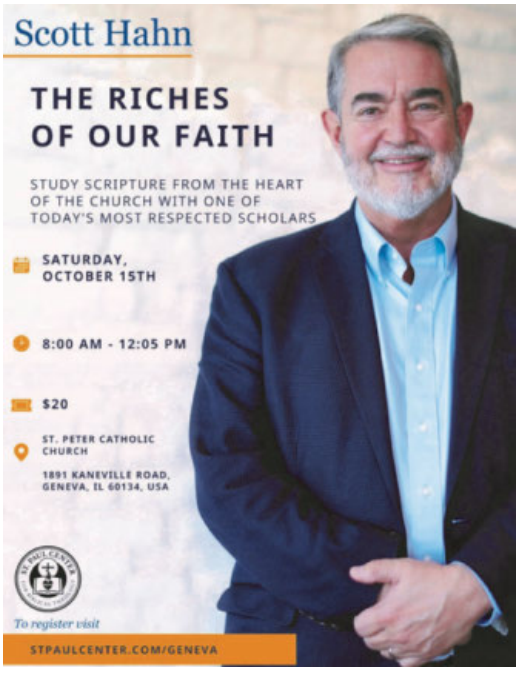
September 11 – September 17

Tom & Evie Thompson (55th Wedding Anniv.)

Peter & Mary Fran Patterson (50th Wedding Anniv.)

September 18 – September 24

Herminio Veneracion



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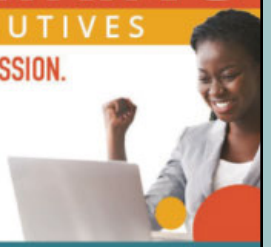

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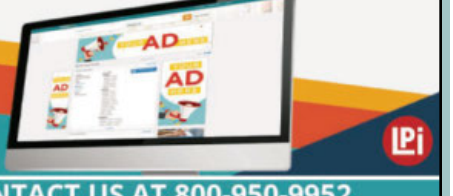

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