

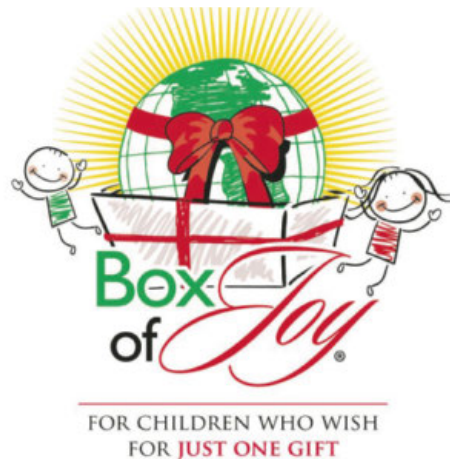
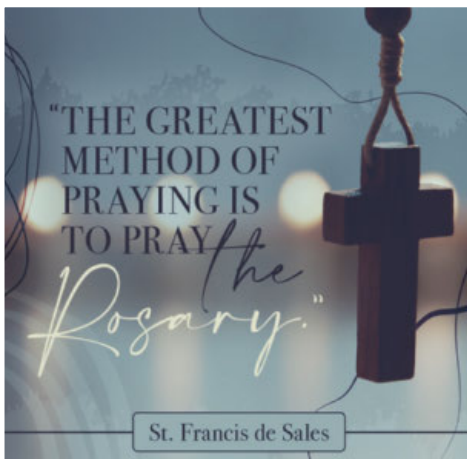
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Mr. David Deitz

## 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  
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## 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](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)

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

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

### Becoming Catholic

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

### October 30th Bulletin

Materials Due: **October 17, 2022**

### November 6th Bulletin

Materials Due: **October 24, 2022**

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# PARISH NEWS

*St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### SPARKING HOLINESS

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid

of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### Annual SVDP Fall Fundraiser Thank You!

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Our Fall Fundraiser was a tremendous success because of all of you!

Because of your generosity the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be able to assist many struggling families in our Elgin community during these difficult time through Christmas.

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity with this event and throughout the year! We couldn't do our ministry without you!

Thank you for your generosity!

### Neighborhood Rosary Walkers

The Rosary is a powerful prayer! During the month of October, we are asking our parishioners to walk in their neighborhood praying a Rosary for ALL the people who live on your street who are in need of prayer.

Your intercessions to Mary for your neighbors WILL make a difference. You can do this alone, as a family, even while walking the dog!

To view the map and sign-up, visit our Gathering Space or [stthomasmorechurch.org/neighborhood-rosary-walkers](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/neighborhood-rosary-walkers) directed to our website map and sign-up to choose a street to let us know where you will be praying.

### Help St. Thomas More Parish Reach OUR 2022 Diocesan Appeal Goal

The parish truly needs your donation to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had an opportunity to pledge and pay, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our goal.

Pledges and payments are down from last year during the same period. As of September 28, 2022, only \$93,731.42 has been pledged toward our goal of \$107,019.00. To reach our goal, St. Thomas More Parish will have to pay \$31,914.68. This amount includes the balance due on pledges, as well as the shortfall of pledges. Any shortfall in pledges and payments is the responsibility of the parish. The shortfall is paid by the parish from Sunday Giving, which will negatively affect parish ministries.

On the positive side, if the parish exceeds the goal in payments, the excess funds are returned to the parish. St. Thomas More continues to apply the refund to campus maintenance projects.

Can we do this? YES, we can! Every donation, no matter the amount brings us closer to our goal. Your generosity of stewardship will make it possible. God bless you for sharing your gifts.



# 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  
 † Mary Cantu  
 † Louise Coletta  
 † Ana Carrillo  
 † Ryan Costelloe  
 † Charles Felski  
 † Tim Felski

† Dianna Giardino  
 † Angela Guasta  
 † Vincent Guasta  
 † Lynn Harper  
 † Ilene Janczak  
 † Beverly Kittler  
 † Leona Krocko  
 † Amelia M. Lara  
 † Christie Laurie  
 † Jason Long  
 † Jeff Martin  
 † Fran Meek  
 † Belinda Mockler

† Gloria Neitzel  
 † Alexandria Pauletto-Dunn  
 † Arlene Pinkawa  
 † Chuck Pruter  
 † Linda Rakowski  
 † Cresenciano Rodriguez & family  
 † Liza Roman  
 † Manuel Roman  
 † Diane Schumacher  
 † Helen Stasukaitis  
 † Patricia Tanner  
 † Imelda Veneracion

## SYMPATHY List

### Rest In Peace

† Beatrice Berthiaume

## 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](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/donate-1)

If you have questions about donations to St. Thomas More, contact Olga Pomella at [finance@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:finance@stthomasmorechurch.org) or 847.888.1682 x213



## SPOTLIGHT

*St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin*

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USAF

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US Army

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Army National Guard

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US Navy

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• **Nick Lange Sr**  
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• **Alexander Litgen**  
Airman, US Army 82nd Airborne

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• **Bryan P. Malm**  
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Staff Sgt., USAF

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Pvt., USMC

• **Ryan Jacob Pechay**  
Sgt., USMC

• **Patrick Puckett**  
2nd Lt., National Guard

• **Sean Sabate**  
USN

• **Jonathan M Suire**  
Capt.; Army National Guard

• **Daniel T. Winters**  
2nd Lt., USMC

# HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

**NEW**

## Photography Ministry

Help us capture amazing moments at St. Thomas More. Be a part of the newly formed Photography Ministry. We are looking for a group of individuals with a sharp eye for seeing the beauty of the moment and capturing it at our various events throughout the year.

### ATTRIBUTES:

- Someone who loves to take pictures
- Capture photos of people, places, events and objects that tell the story of the event with the images
- Not afraid to get creative with your photos. Think outside the box with angles and lighting
- In order for your pictures to be used, they must be downloaded in a shared folder within 24-48 hours of the event

### EQUIPMENT:

- A Camera! DSLR Camera preferred. Must be capable of taking high-resolution photography (300 dpi or higher)
- Understanding of technical photography (lighting, exposure, focus, etc.)
- A method of transferring your photos from your camera to your computer and into a shared dropbox/google drive account

### TIME COMMITMENT:

- Varies for different events. You will be notified in advance of upcoming events

### DISTRIBUTION:

- Your photos will be featured on our parish communications including: website, bulletin, social media, Flocknote, Observer and various external communications.



Have fun with this volunteer ministry! Taking photos should be a fun experience. It means you have captured something interesting, prayerful, exciting, and that something eventful is happening that deserves to be documented!

If interested or have any questions, please contact Angie Young, Director of Communications, at [communications@stthomasorechurch.org](mailto:communications@stthomasorechurch.org).

## Fellowship Club Meeting

On **October 18 at 12noon in the Chelsea Room**, Steve Thornen will do a presentation on automobiles of the early 20th century. If weather is permissible, he will drive his vintage car.

## Remembrance Mass

St Thomas More would like to invite all to a special Mass that will be celebrated **November 10, at 6pm** to remember and celebrate the lives of all our children that have been lost to abortion, miscarriage, still birth, infant death, or death of a child at any age. During the Mass, we will have an opportunity for family members to light a candle in remembrance of the loss of their child(ren). We would like to make sure we have enough candles, so we ask for an RSVP, so we can be prepared. After the Mass, we will offer a light reception in the Chelsea Room, for any that wish to stay. This Mass is open to all, please share with family and friends who may also like to participate. Register at [stthomasmorechurch.org/remembrance-mass](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/remembrance-mass) or call the church office to **RSVP- 847.888.1682**

## Part-time Bookkeeper

Saint Peter Catholic Church in Geneva IL is seeking a part-time bookkeeper (approximately 12-20 hours per week) to perform various accounting duties and budget preparation. A qualified candidate would have a background in accounting/financial management, would work collaboratively with the pastor and finance council, and be a Catholic in good standing. Interested candidates should email Father Bakkelund, Pastor at [frbakkelund@gmail.com](mailto:frbakkelund@gmail.com)

## Box Of Joy

St. Thomas More will be participating in the Box of Joy program through Cross Catholic Outreach.

Box of Joy is a simple service project that brings Christmas in a shoebox to children in the poorest of the poor of developing countries. Boxes must be returned by **November 6<sup>th</sup>** to meet shipping deadline.

See the gathering space for boxes and details, or visit [stthomasmorechurch.org/box-of-joy-1](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/box-of-joy-1)





# 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, October 17

8:30 AM Mass

**Jesse Meek**

### Tuesday, October 18

8:30 AM Mass

**Ed Tomlinson**

### Wednesday, October 19

8:30 AM Mass

**Ruth & Robert Evans**

9:30 AM Mass

**Ernest Breakenridge**

### Thursday, October 20

8:30 AM Mass

**John Derdzinski**

### Friday, October 21

8:30 AM Mass

**Restituta Aldona**

### Saturday, October 22

8:30 AM Mass

**Gaudencio Sarangaya**

**Araceli Olanda**

5:00 PM Mass

**Patricia & Jack O'Connor**

**Christine Baczek**

### Sunday, October 23

8:00 AM Mass

**Robert Allured Family**

10:00 AM Mass

**Michael Geppert**

12:00 PM Mass

**People of STM**

**Nancy Perez Romero**

## Presiders

### Saturday, October 22

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

### Sunday, October 23

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

12:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

## Adoration Candles Intentions

### October 16 – October 22

Deceased Members of the Olanda, Rafael and Sarangaya Families

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John Sloan

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