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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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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

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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

January 22nd Bulletin

Materials Due: **January 09, 2023**

January 29th Bulletin

Materials Due: **January 16, 2023**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

A great way to grow in your faith this year is directly below this article. Fr. Mike Schmitz is reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church in a year and commenting on it: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>. I recommend his Bible in a Year podcast if you have not yet listened: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>. These are two great ways to grow in the knowledge of God and our Catholic faith

Our Catholic faith has three pillars: Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium (teaching office of the Church). These two podcasts bring these three pillars of our faith together. The Catechism quotes thousands of scripture verses and many

Church Fathers, Doctors of the Church, and Saints to express her teachings. The beauty of the Catechism is that it brings the Church's teachings together in one place and gives the references to dig deeper.

Make sure you have a good Catholic Bible and a copy of the Catechism, settle in with Fr. Mike's podcasts, and allow it to immerse your mind and heart in the Catholic Faith. Listening and following along will be more rewarding than any movie or tv show. Make some time to grow in your knowledge of the faith this year. You will not regret it.

In the knowledge and love of God,
Fr. Browning

Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year Podcast* with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

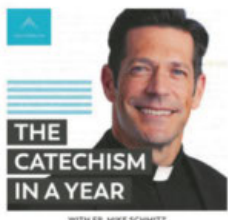
By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

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The spring session of That Man Is You! begins **Saturday, January 28th** in the Chelsea Room. Visit stthomasmorechurch.org/that-man-is-you-1 to sign up and view the complete schedule.

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of the whole
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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
 † Ryan Bach
 † Ed Bartholomew
 † Mary Cantu
 † Ana Carrillo
 † Louise Coletta
 † Kiley Cox
 † Juanita Cundiff
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 † Dianna Giardino
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 † Gloria Neitzel
 † Levi Olson
 † Liza Roman
 † Manuel Roman
 † Helen Stasukaitis
 † Rich Sutton
 † Patricia Viz
 † Fr. Geoff Wirth

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

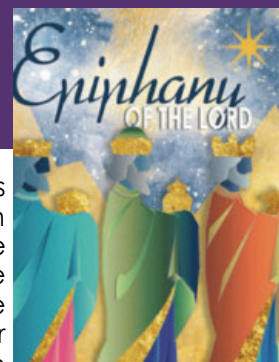


SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by. In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner

and to what end is not always clear. This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.



HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



Congratulations

Kristi Guetschow on retirement!

Kristi has been the administrative assistant to the Religious Education Department (Family Faith, RE, CCD, Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation) for 35 years! In that time she has assisted four different directors, ten different pastors and gotten to know every family in the St. Thomas More community. We will miss her dedication and organization, but mostly her friendship. Retirement will give her the opportunity to spend time with the people she loves most – her family.

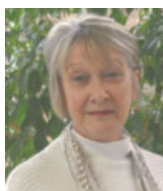
Welcome Janet Coyle



The new part-time evening/weekend assistant to Religious Education.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Janet Coyle and I have been a parishioner at St. Thomas More since 2005. I have three grown children, however, when they were younger two of them attended STM school while one attended Religious Ed classes. I was fortunate to see the benefits of both types of learning. As a volunteer, I worked with the Religious Ed classes for a few years. It was such a great experience. I now am currently working with the Family Faith group and loving every minute. Even though I went to 12 years of Catholic schools myself, everyday I feel my position here at the church is giving me a chance to grow and learn something new everyday. Thank you for welcoming me into our community.

Welcome Jayne Rodgers



The new part-time weekday assistant to Religious Education.

My name is Jayne Rogers, I'm married to my husband Barry and we have four children. I moved to America in 1988 from England, when we got married.

I love to take care of my home and family and enjoy reading, walking our dog, and traveling. I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

BY COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

If ... It's a surprising little word - if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses. Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word "if" to explain away my own flaws. "If I wasn't so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren't always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn't so hard."

If, if, if. I don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked,

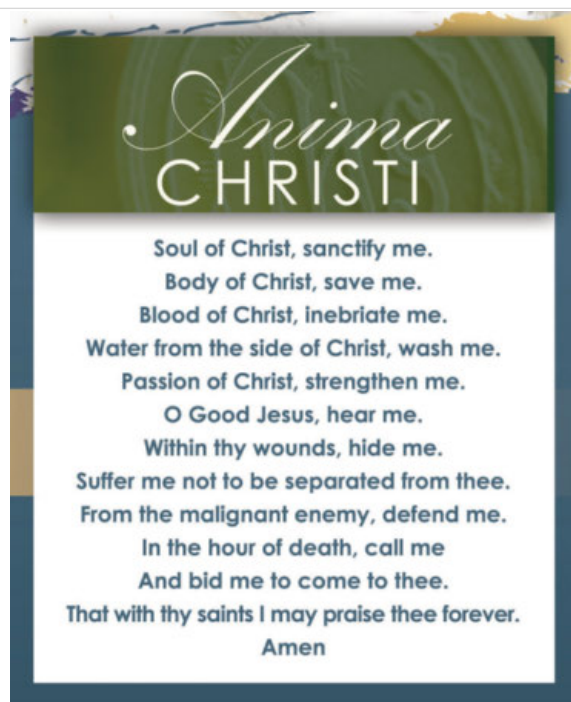
and accompanying my neighbor - doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable.

But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

"If" can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."
— Matthew 5:14



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, January 09

8:30 AM Mass

Dolores Hildebrandt

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 AM Mass

Evlyn Aguzar (sp. int.)

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 AM Mass

Fred Taeyaerts

9:30 AM Mass

David Coover

Thursday, January 12

8:30 AM Mass

The children of Robb Elementary in Uvalde, TX

Friday, January 13

8:30 AM Mass

Marilyn Foster

Saturday, January 14

8:30 AM Mass

Virginia Lisiecki

5:00 PM Mass

Leonard Pasholk

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Mass

Debra Emerick

10:00 AM Mass

David Thompson (sp. int.)

12:00 PM Mass

People of STM

Presiders

Saturday, January 14

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Adoration Candles Intentions

January 08 - January 14

Geraldine Lukaszewskyj & Heather Wydra (sp. Int.)

January 15 - January 21

Teresa Palacios, Greg Lemma, Baby Sam Reading, Baby Francis Bishop

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