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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
847.888.1682

School Office

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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

February 12th Bulletin

Materials Due: **January 30, 2023**

February 19th Bulletin

Materials Due: **February 06, 2023**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Q. & A. Saint vs. Blessed

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

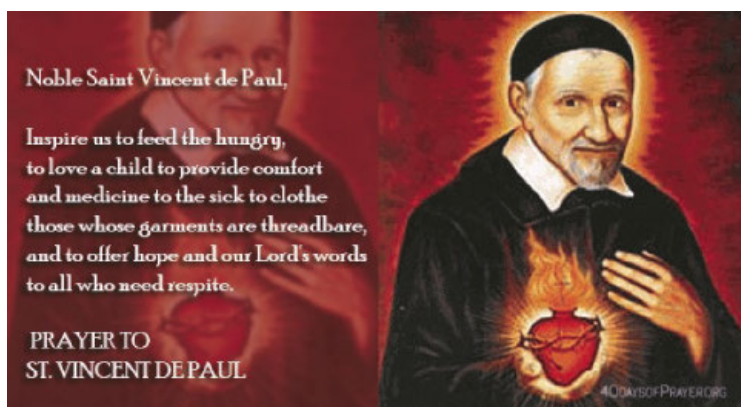
Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

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Thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul. We cannot carry out this ministry without you. For the fiscal year 2022 we received \$88,255 in donations from parishioners through direct donations and fundraisers. In addition, we received \$10,000 in grants. Your contributions allowed us to help 723 families in need in our community. \$69,981 was given for rental emergencies and \$24,542 helped to keep the lights on. An additional \$22,464 provided for miscellaneous needs such as food, medicine, and transportation.

You can donate online at

stthomasmorechurch.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society or by placing a specially marked envelope in the church collection or in the poor box at the back of the church.



MIND

BODY

SOUL

ACTION

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 13
IN-PERSON @9:00AM OR ZOOM @6:30PM

We've developed a 50 Day program that guides and encourages you to make this Lent one of real substance. This program is for adults of all ages. Invite your family and friends to join us, regardless of where they live.

Mondays: February 20 - April 3
Mornings: In person 9:00am
Evenings: via Zoom 6:30pm
Fee for materials: \$25.00
Register at:
<https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/relentless>

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
 † Ryan Bach
 † Ed Bartholomew
 † Mary Cantu
 † Ana Carrillo
 † Louise Coletta
 † Kiley Cox
 † Juanita Cundiff
 † Roger Dombrowski
 † Greg Garfield
 † Mary Genzler
 † Dianna Giardino
 † Angela Guasta

† Vincent Guasta
 † Emmanuel Gumapas
 † Lynn Harper
 † Betty Henderson
 † Ilene Janczak
 † Shirley Kinsella
 † Leona Krocko
 † Angela Loeding
 † Jason Long
 † Tony Long
 † Jeff Martin
 † Fran Meek
 † William Meek
 † Edward Menchaca

† Belinda Mockler
 † Sue Moylan
 † Gloria Neitzel
 † Levi Olson
 † Barb Pruter
 † Linda Rakowski
 † 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

THROUGH GRIEF with Mother Mary

Registration will end on Monday, January 30th.

Are you or do you know someone who may be stuck in the journey of grief? Learn to reduce the pain of grief while growing your relationship with Mother Mary. This group is open to men and women who are grieving the loss of a loved one. You need not be a parishioner of St. Thomas More to participate in this group.

St. Thomas More Church - Canterbury Room

Thursdays from 9:15am - 10:45am

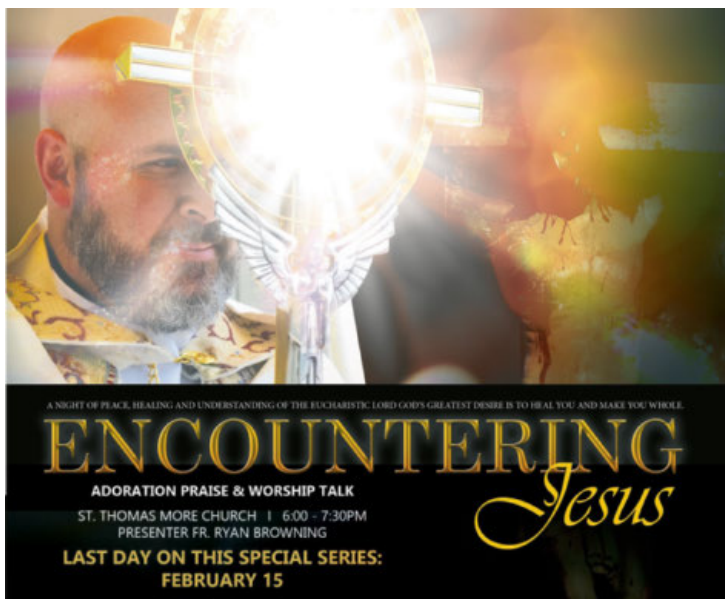
February 2nd - March 30th

\$10.00 fee required for materials. Please sign-up at stthomasmorechurch.org/through-grief-with-mother-mary

Any questions please contact: **Angelina Beaudion**
708-732-9405 or abeaudion@sbcglobal.net

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



Baby Bottle Boomerang

The **Corbella Clinic** is a haven for women seeking physical, emotional and spiritual needs, empowering them to make positive choices for their unborn child. **The Knights of Columbus** will be passing out baby bottles to support the center the weekend of **Feb 4th & 5th**. Please take a bottle and return it the month of February with your donation of coins/ bills or checks. Your support means the world of difference to an unborn child.



St. Blaisé Blessing of the Throats

Following all Masses the weekend of **February 4/5** the priest will bless throats in honor of St. Blaisé.

Tax Letters

Tax Letters will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space this weekend, **January 28/29**.

EDCCW Cookie Sale

The Elgin Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring a cookie sale on **February 11 & 12** after all the Masses. The donation will be \$1.00 a bag with a large variety of homemade cookies to choose from.

Simbang Gabi Thank You

Thank you for all of the donations and continued support. We are grateful that you were able to join us, even with the frigid temperatures.



25th Annual Chili for Charity



Elgin Knights of Columbus
St. Thomas More Gym,
1625 West Highland Ave, Elgin, IL
Saturday, 3:30pm to 7:00 pm, February 25, 2023



Once again the Elgin Area Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Chili for Charity Cook-off and Dinner. This is the biggest fundraiser that the Knights sponsor to benefit: Elgin Catholic Schools, Elgin Soup Kitchen, Elgin Youth Sports, Special Olympics & Elgin K of C.

There are three options to participate in the fundraiser:

OPTION 1 ADVERTISEMENT

Costs for an "Ad" are as follows: \$30 – ¼ page ad (5.5 in. / 2 in.)
\$60 – ½ page ad (5.5 in. / 4 in.)
\$100.00 – full page ad (5.5 in. / 8 in.)
\$200.00 – full page ad **inside cover** or **back cover** of book (first come, first served)
Contact Chris Gulik (847) 931-9641 chrisgulik@sbcglobal.net

OPTION 2 RAFFLE PRIZES

We are looking for prizes for the many raffles. If you could help us by sending a gift certificate or any other item that we could use would be greatly appreciated. Elgin KofC Tax ID 36-3961527
Contact Marshall Spangler 847-606-1605 m.span50@yahoo.com

OPTION 3 CHILI CONTESTANT

Participants must provide (6 to 8) quarts of your favorite **Chili** for the contestant to be eligible for judging. Doors open at 11:00 am, bring in your **"Heated" Chili** no later than 1:00 pm, judging begins at 1:00 pm. Utensils, condiments, serving trays and sterno will be provided.
Standard Contestant Entry Fee: \$20
Over All Best Chili: 1st Prize: \$400/2nd Prize: \$250/3rd Prize: \$100
Best Overall Presentation: 1st Prize: \$90/2nd Prize: \$60
Mail completed entry form to: Terry Green, 2250 Country Knoll Lane, Elgin, IL 60123. For questions call: (847) 652-5900 or email at tlegreen1@att.net also you can visit our web site at: www.kofc654.org

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 30

8:30 AM Mass

Mary Palcowski

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 AM Mass

Virginia Sloan (sp. int.)

Wednesday, February 01

8:30 AM Mass

Vivian Pasholk

9:30 AM Mass

Marilyn Schlaefer

Thursday, February 02

8:30 AM Mass

Karen Hoffman

Friday, February 03

8:30 AM Mass

All Souls

Saturday, February 04

8:30 AM Mass

Irene Rasmussen

5:00 PM Mass

Maynard & Ann Decker

Sunday, February 05

8:00 AM Mass

People of STM

10:00 AM Mass

Bruce Heiser

12:00 PM Mass

William Chwee

Presiders

Saturday, February 04

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Sunday, February 05

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

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Adoration Candles Intentions

January 29 - February 04

The Martineau Family

February 05 - February 11

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