

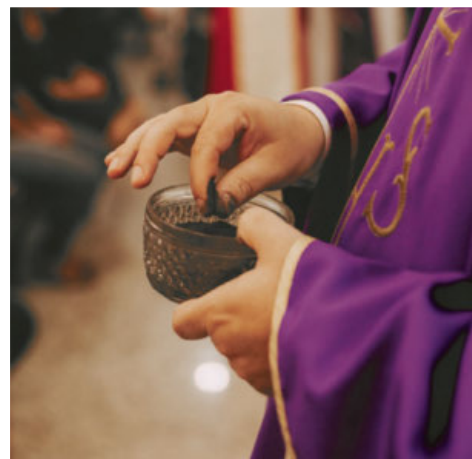
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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
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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

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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

March 5th Bulletin

Materials Due: **February 20, 2023**

March 12th Bulletin

Materials Due: **February 27, 2023**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

The Holy Season of Lent is upon us in a few days. We cannot let this time of grace slip by us because of busyness or laziness. The culture has anesthetized us with social media, tv shows, and all forms of immediate gratification, and we are addicted to comfort.

It's time to invest our time and attention to living our Catholic faith. God is our Creator, and there is an order to His creation. When we order our lives and loves according to God's plan, we will experience the fruits of this ordering of our lives; specifically, peace and joy grow. The increase of negative emotions, depression, and anxiety (outside of chemical imbalances) in our society has a lot to do with the disordering of our spiritual lives. This Lent, let us order them according to God's creative plan.

Sunday Mass must be our priority. Right worship of God is the foundation of our lives. **Frequent confession** of sins is necessary for an ordered life.

Growing deeper in any relationship requires humility and mercy, especially with the All-Holy God. **Daily mental prayer** is essential to increasing virtue and, therefore, necessary for holiness.

Resources for a Holy Lent:

ReLENTless:

<https://stthomasmorechurch.org/relentless>

Make sure you are signed up for STM Flocknote. If not, sign up here: <https://stthomasmorechurch.org/flocknote>. I will be delivering daily mental prayer to your inbox. I ask you to persevere with it through Lent. It is worth it.

Let's go all-in with God. And when we fall, get up and begin again. Never Quit!!

In the Peace of Christ,
Fr. Browning

Chili for Charity is back!

The Elgin Area Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Chili for Charity Cook-off and dinner. Come join us and eat chili on **Saturday, February 25 from 3:30pm to 7:00pm** at the St. Thomas More Gym. For more details, visit stthomasmorechurch.org/knights-of-columbus

Nursing Home Visitors

Would you be available to visit some of our brothers and sisters who are in local nursing homes and not able to join us for Mass? Your visits mean so much to them. Those who volunteer have experienced great reward from their efforts. Details and sign up visit stthomasmorechurch.org/eucharist-to-home-bound

Thank You!

These organizations would like to give a big thank you to all who have donated.



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Thank you again!

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- 7 pm - 9 pm • Trivia/Drinks
- 9 pm - 10 pm • Music/Social Hour

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 20th** in observance of President's Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00AM.

PRAY WITH US

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Masses:

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:10pm, 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Confession/Reconciliation

Tuesdays 5:30pm

Thursdays.....9:00am

Saturdays 9:00am & 1:00pm

Be Reconciled - A Diocesan Day of Penance

Wednesday, March 29 9:00am - 8:00pm

Going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored. @LPI



Daily Lenten Flocknote With Fr. Browning SIGN-UP NOW

Dedicate yourself to the Lord this Lent. Sign-up for Flocknote to receive daily prayers from Fr. Browning during Lent. Over the 40 days of LENT, these prayers will help guide you learn to pray and form the habit of prayer.

To Join Flocknote, scan the QR code or text STMELGIN to 84576.



Fellowship Club

Fellowship Club for our senior citizen, and their friends, will meet this Tuesday February 21 at noon. This month the school children from St. Thomas More will be reading some original stories they have written.

All are welcome.



CHOOSE



We've developed a 50 Day program that guides and encourages you to make this Lent one of real substance. This program will include Fr. Mark Toups Lenten Companion Study. This program is for adults of all ages.



Perpetual Adoration

Sunday - 1pm through **Saturday** - 1pm

Perpetual Adoration is where Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, is exposed in a monstrance, on an altar, in our St. Joseph's Chapel.

Come and pray before the Lord.

Scan the QR code for more information.



Night Prayer & Mass

Night Prayer at 5:45pm and Mass at 6:00pm on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** during Lent, beginning Feb. 28.

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Stations of the Cross

On **Thursdays** at 2:00pm & **Fridays** at 7:00pm during Lent, beginning Feb. 23.

Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us. ©LPI



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Hope For Haitians

St. Thomas More Parish will support the poorest of the poor in the country of Haiti. The Rockford Diocese is funding the building of the 18th St. Joseph Village, in Northern Haiti.

Homes in the village, at a cost of \$9,800.00 each, offer two rooms, a bathroom and solar lighting. Purified water is available in each village as well as a building with a conference room and an education room. Approximately 50 to 70 homes will be funded and the Haitians will construct the buildings.

Envelopes for your donation will be available in the Gathering Space throughout Lent. Put your Haiti envelope in the baskets at the back of Church or in the box on the Haiti table.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 1 5:00pm

April 2 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Thursday - *Mass of the Lord's Supper - with incense*

April 6 7:00pm

Good Friday - *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

April 7 3:00pm

Holy Saturday

April 8 - *Blessing of the Easter Food* 11:00am

April 8 - *Easter Vigil Mass - with incense* 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

April 9 8am, 10am, 12pm

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, February 20

8:30 AM Mass

Mary Lesniak

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 AM Mass

Mary Ellermann

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wed.

8:30 AM Mass

John Jacobs

10:30 AM Mass

Robert Murphy

12:10 PM Mass

Marjorie Banker

5:00 PM Mass

Marilyn Schlaefer

7:00 PM Mass

George Hathaway

Thursday, February 23

8:30 AM Mass

Delphine Ornelas

Friday, February 24

8:30 AM Mass

Lucretia Browning

Saturday, February 25

8:30 AM Mass

Kevin White

5:00 PM Mass

The O'Connor & Evans Families

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Mass

Christine Baczek

10:00 AM Mass

People of STM

12:00 PM Mass

Maeve Burke

Josephine Tischart

Presiders

Saturday, February 25

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Adoration Candles Intentions

February 19 - February 25

Marilyn & Leo Schlaefer

February 26 - March 04

Magdalena Lara (Sp. Int.) & Dianna Giardino (Sp. Int.)

Prayer List

Join us in praying for members of our community who are sick or ailing.

Lord Hear Our Prayer...

†All Souls in Purgatory

†Carlos Avelar

†Ed Bartholomew

†Ana Carrillo

†Mary Cantu

†Ryan Costelloe

†Kiley Cox

†Roger Dombrowski

†Ali Dunn

†Greg Garfield

†Dianna Giardino

†Angela Guasta

†Vincent Guasta

†Lynn Harper

†Shirley Kinsella

†Tony Long

†Steve McCloud

†Belinda Mockler

†Sue Moylan

†Gloria Neitzel

†Elizabeth North

†Levi Olson

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