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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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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

March 12th Bulletin

Materials Due: **February 27, 2023**

March 19th Bulletin

Materials Due: **March 06, 2023**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Q. & A. Lenten Reading

Question:

Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer:

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team - successful or not - will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially

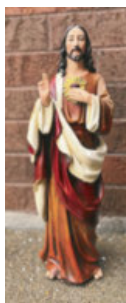
your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Cizek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ. ©LPi

Catholic Schools Week

STM School students planned and filled the liturgical ministry roles at the noon Mass last Sunday, kicking off Catholic Schools Week. After Mass, an Open House was held for former, current, and prospective families. Everyone was able to tour the building and visit with school staff. The great turnout at both events provided a wonderful start to STM's CSW celebrations! If you missed the Open House and would like to tour the school please call the school or email Principal Sonja Keane at 847.742.3959 ext. 151 or skeane@stmcentral.org.



Traveling Sacred Heart of Jesus



February 26, 2023 - February 11, 2024

A Statue of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will travel into family homes. The statue will travel from home to home with the focus of prayer, either individually or with family members.

To sign up, visit www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAFAA2EA5FB6-traveling

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MARCH 4TH

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

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? Those who volunteer have experienced great reward from their efforts. Details and sign up visit stthomasmorechurch.org/eucharist-to-home-bound

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

† 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

† William Meek

† Belinda Mockler

† Sue Moylan

† Gloria Neitzel

† Elizabeth North

† Levi Olson

† Barb Pruter

† Linda Rakowski

† Liza Roman

† Manuel Roman

† Helen Stasukaitis

† Rich Sutton

† Patricia Viz

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

† Zoey Grassel

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.



Shane Camry Canada Tan Castro
His parents Camilo Jr. and Sherry Rose Anne



Elianna Cali Cobarrubias
Her parents Felix and Pilar, brother Lorenzo, and Godmother Marlene Delgado.



Saul Anibal Acevedo
His parents Saul & Veronica and sister Camila

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



Are you looking to grow closer in your relationship with God? Are you in need of tools to help you put Christ first? Please consider attending a

Cursillo Weekend. The weekends are held at St. Mary's Community Center in Oregon, IL. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Melanie Marcordes at melmarc814@gmail.com or (224) 639-0910 for further details or you can visit the website at www.rockfordcursillo.org. Please prayerfully consider attending this life-changing weekend.

Men's Weekend: April 20 – 23, 2023

Women's Weekend: April 27 – 30, 2023

St. Edwards High School

New student registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open for students at all grade levels. If you are interested in registering your son or daughter as an incoming freshman or transfer student, please contact Michelle Kaufman, Director of Recruitment & Marketing at mkaufman@stedhs.org or call 847.741.7535, ext. 108. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** St. Edward CCHS 2023 Spring Open House will be hosted on Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 1 - 3 PM. Register at www.surveymonkey.com/r/F9RTB8D



Tickets available online at www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-st-charles-il-tickets-419027461417 or after all Masses after all Masses this weekend.



We invite you to continue your spiritual growth by participating in our Lenten activities.

Night Prayer & Mass

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

Stations of the Cross

On **Thursdays** at 2:00pm & **Fridays** at 7:00pm during Lent.

Rosary

Every **Weekday** (Church) 8:00am

Every **Monday** (Church) 7:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession

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

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 27

8:30 AM Mass

Margaret Creighton

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 AM Mass

Stanley & Mary Dziemburski

Wednesday, March 01

8:30 AM Mass

Margaret Mason

9:30 AM Mass

Debi Grassel

Thursday, March 02

8:30 AM Mass

Stanley Wrona

6:00 PM Mass

Steve Francois

Friday, March 03

8:30 AM Mass

All Souls

Saturday, March 04

8:30 AM Mass

Diaz De Leon Family (sp. Int.)

5:00 PM Mass

Patricia McGann

Sunday, March 05

8:00 AM Mass

People of STM

10:00 AM Mass

Constance M. Schultz

12:00 PM Mass

Helen Lynch

Johnny Santiago

Presiders

Saturday, March 04

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Sunday, March 05

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Fr. Ejay

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Adoration Candles Intentions

February 26 - March 04

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

March 05 - March 11

Concepcion Ochoa (Sp. Int.)

& Mariana Diaz de Leon (Sp. Int.)



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