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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  
stthomasmorechurch.org/adoration

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4:30 PM  
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## School Office

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## Faith Formation 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](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)

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## SUPPORT Information

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[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

### March 26th Bulletin

Materials Due: **March 13, 2023**

### April 2nd Bulletin

Materials Due: **March 20, 2023**

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# PARISH NEWS

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## Q. & A. Easter

### Question:

**Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?**

### Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before - our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. ©LPI

## Palm Weaving Workshop

Join us for one of two 2-hour workshops where we will learn to make a palm cross, a cross with the crown of thorns, Roses, pineapples, woven leaves and more!



Workshops are limited to 15 people each and will fill fast!



Register at [stthomasmorechurch.org/palm-weaving-workshop](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/palm-weaving-workshop) to reserve your spot!

**Saturday April, 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 11 am**

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm**

**Cost:** \$5.00 for materials, due on the day of class. Participants are asked to bring a sharp pair of scissors.

**Location:** Chelsea Room



## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

### Summer Camp



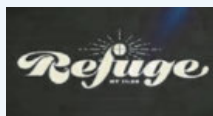
SUMMER CAMP 2023

Summer camp is an awesome opportunity to spend a week outside with friends playing games, spending time in the lake/boating, and zip lining! At night, we have praise and worship and small group times to dive deeper into our faith. You may be exhausted by the end, but you will not regret coming to camp!

**Camp** (6th-8th graders) (9-12 counselors):

[www.osvhub.com/stthomasmorechurch/forms/st-thomas-more-summer-camp](http://www.osvhub.com/stthomasmorechurch/forms/st-thomas-more-summer-camp)

### Steubenville



Steubenville Conferences are the ultimate way to kick start your faith alongside thousands of teens just like you. We will be taking a bus trip to Missouri this year to spend a weekend with great speakers and musicians on Missouri State's campus. You do not want to miss this!

**Steubenville** (8th-12th graders): [www.osvhub.com/stthomasmorechurch/forms/st-thomas-more-steubenville](http://www.osvhub.com/stthomasmorechurch/forms/st-thomas-more-steubenville)



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MARCH 11-12, 2023

On March 11th and 12th, we have an occasion to help those in need, and assist victims of war, oppression and disaster by participating in the 2023 International Appeal collection which includes:

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Thank you for your generous gift.

# 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  
 † Ed Bartholomew  
 † Ana Carrillo  
 † Mary Cantu  
 † Ed Clay  
 † Helen Clemens  
 † Ryan Costelloe  
 † Kiley Cox  
 † Juanita Cundiff  
 † Roger Dombrowski  
 † Ali Dunn  
 † Greg Garfield  
 † Dianna Giardino  
 † Dominick Girardi

† Linda Girardi  
 † Angela Guasta  
 † Vince Guasta  
 † Lynn Harper  
 † Anastacio Hernandez  
 † Inez Hernandez  
 † Magdalena Hernandez  
 † Miguel A Hernandez  
 † Karen Johnson  
 † Shirley Kinsella  
 † Angela Loeding  
 † Jason Long  
 † Tony Long  
 † Steve McCloud

† Fran Meek  
 † William Meek  
 † Belinda Mockler  
 † Sue Moylan  
 † Gloria Neitzel  
 † Elizabeth North  
 † Barb Pruter  
 † Linda Rakowski  
 † Carmen Rodriguez  
 † Donald Sarau  
 † Laurie Sarau  
 † Helen Stasukaitis  
 † Rich Sutton  
 † Patricia Viz

## SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

† Carlos Avelar

## 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*

## THANK You

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

See the full letters posted on our church bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

Thank you again!





# HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## 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.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry, or donate online, scan the code with your phone, call 815.847.0656, or visit [hopeforhaitians.org](http://hopeforhaitians.org).



## Please Help Feed The Needy



Feed the needy of Elgin this Lent. **Will you please purchase a gift card for Meijer, Jewel, or Walmart that we can share with the needy of Elgin?** Your donations will make a great difference in the lives of others

and also answer Jesus' call to give alms to the needy. A box to donate gift cards will be in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your support.

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**Life Advocacy Day**  
Visit your state legislators and witness to life. We are awaiting details from the Illinois Catholic Conference.

**REGISTRATION OPEN SOON**  
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# 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, March 13

8:30 AM Mass

**Joseph Palcowski**

### Tuesday, March 14

8:30 AM Mass

**Margaret Knott**

6:00 PM Mass

**Frank Ybarra**

### Wednesday, March 15

8:30 AM Mass

**Sharon Labedz**

9:30 AM Mass

**Missy Craig**

### Thursday, March 16

8:30 AM Mass

**Dennis Burns**

6:00 PM Mass

**Joseph Heinz**

### Friday, March 17

8:30 AM Mass

**Garret Mueller (sp. int.)**

**Ila Mae Armstrong**

### Saturday, March 18

8:30 AM Mass

**Virginia Lisiecki**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fred Taeyaerts**

### Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Mass

**Billy Whitchurch**

10:00 AM Mass

**Raymond Bellock & Frank Orfie**

12:00 PM Mass

**People of STM**

## Presiders

### Saturday, March 18

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

### Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

12:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

## Adoration Candles Intentions

### March 05 - March 11

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### March 12 - March 18

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