

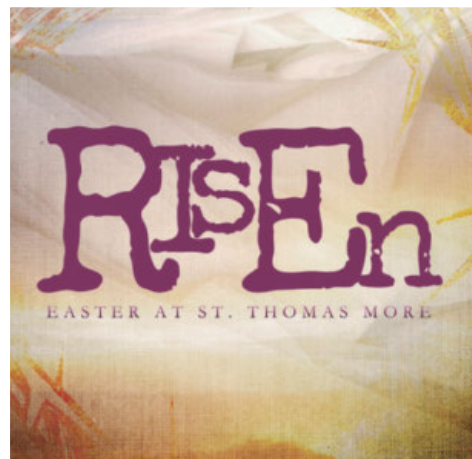
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

April 9th Bulletin (Early Deadline for Easter Holiday)

Materials Due: **March 21, 2023**

April 16th Bulletin

Materials Due: **April 03, 2023**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Q. & A. Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

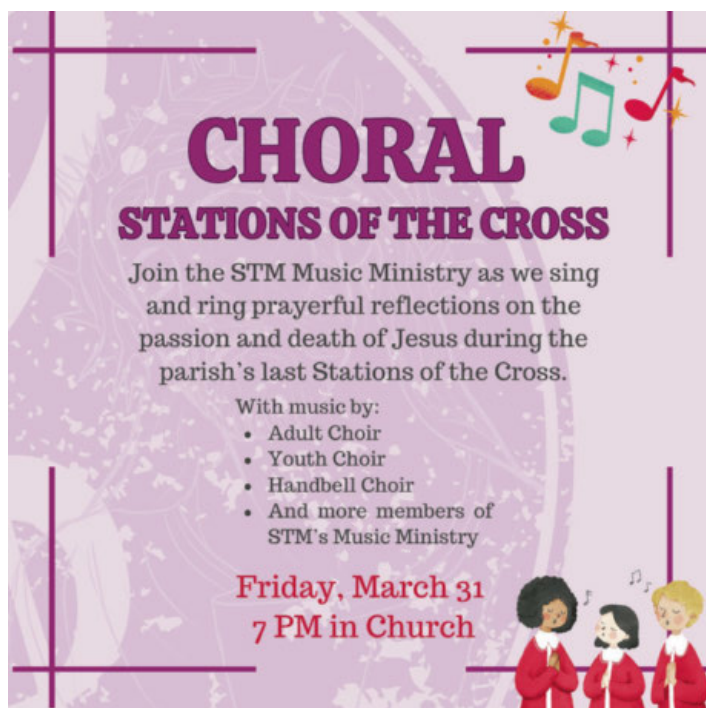
Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place

of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow --literally-- in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. 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

Come join us at STM for Stations of the Cross this week on **Thursday, March 30 at 2PM** and **Friday, March 31 at 7PM** (1st choral stations) in the Church.



CHORAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join the STM Music Ministry as we sing and ring prayerful reflections on the passion and death of Jesus during the parish's last Stations of the Cross.

With music by:

- Adult Choir
- Youth Choir
- Handbell Choir
- And more members of STM's Music Ministry

Friday, March 31
7 PM in Church



Be Reconciled
Come to confession March 29.

For times and locations, visit <https://bereconciled.rockforddiocese.org>
Visit a Catholic Church near you.



STROKE SCAN PLUS

Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Friday & Saturday, April 14 & 15

Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment. Appointments are limited due to our COVID safety procedures.

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 <p>Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta looking for an aneurysm.</p>	 <p>Kidneys (2) Screening † Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses and stones.</p>
 <p>Thyroid Screening † Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.</p>	 <p>Gallbladder Screening † Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as polyps, stones, and sludge.</p>

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- TTE (Testosterone) \$45
- Bone Density (T-Score) \$25

*These additional tests are not included in the Total Package cost and may not be available in all regions.

For blood package pricing, open phone camera, hover over QR code and tap the link.

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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

† Christine Hottovy

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

BAPTISM at STM

We welcome
 this child
 to God's family.

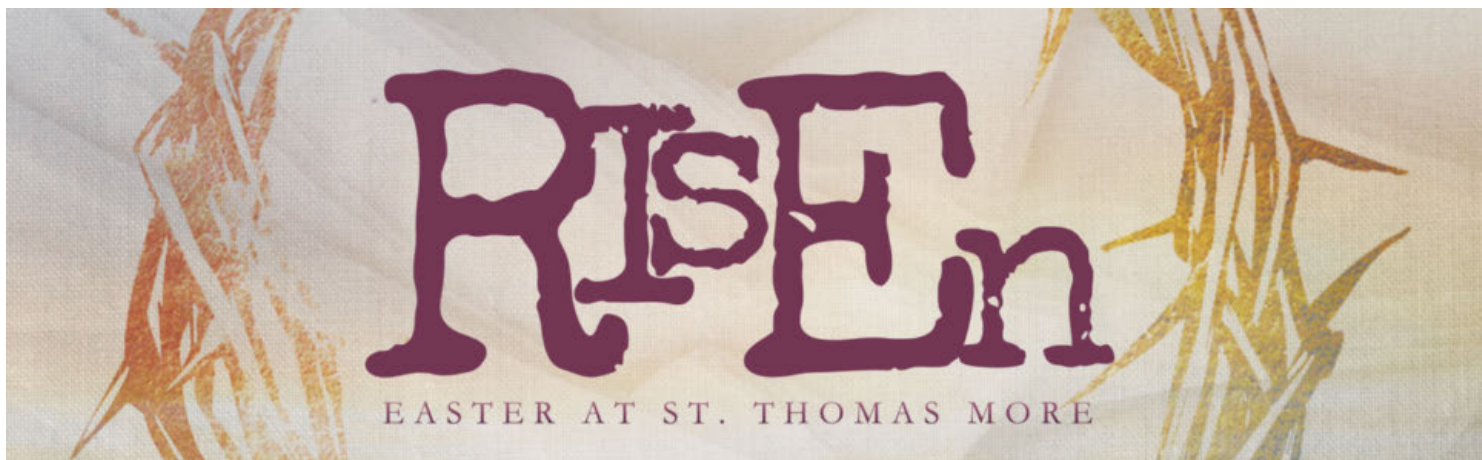


Michael Patrick Granata
 His parents Michael and Adrianna



HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



PALM SUNDAY

April 1..... 5PM

**April 2..... 8AM,
10AM & 12PM**

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the
Lord's Supper
(with incense)

April 6 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion

April 7 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Food Blessing

April 8..... 11:00AM

Easter Vigil Mass
(with incense)

April 8 7:30PM

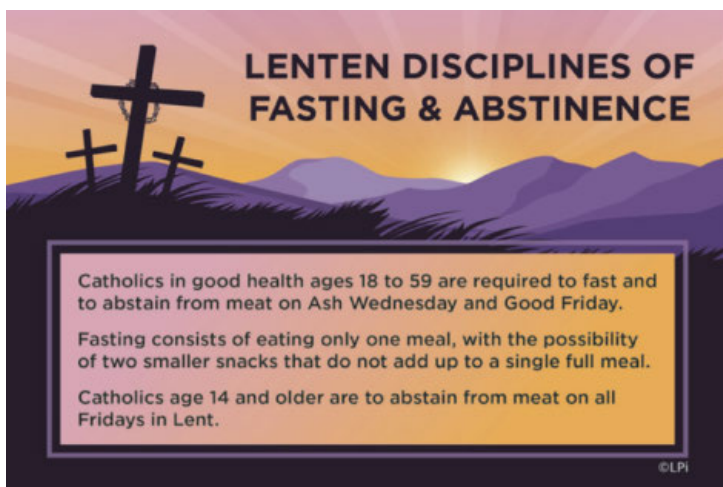
EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

8AM

10AM

12PM



Confessions Cancelled

Confessions will be **cancelled** for Holy Thursday, April 6th & Holy Saturday, April 8th.

Marmion Academy Job Opening

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Passion of the Christ

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Ticket price: A donation

Saturday, April 1 at 1:00 pm

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 pm

Good Friday at 4:00 pm

For more information, call **815.784.2355**

Calling All Spanish Speakers

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is in need of additional bilingual members to support the growing needs of Elgin's Spanish-speaking friends in need. We are looking for people who are willing to retrieve and translate phone messages and people willing to go out on home visits. **Gentleman**, we especially need men to join us for home visits. To learn more, please leave a message for Christa on our conference answering service at **847.628.5170**.

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 27

8:30 AM Mass

Socorro Rocha Espino

Tuesday, March 28

8:30 AM Mass

Peter Knott Family (sp. int.)

6:00 PM Mass

Carolyn Herron

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 AM Mass

Robert McBriarty

9:30 AM Mass

No School Mass

Thursday, March 30

8:30 AM Mass

Mary Lesniak

6:00 PM Mass

Maria Isabel Perez

Friday, March 31

8:30 AM Mass

Marjorie Banker

Saturday, April 01

8:30 AM Mass

Edward Fusek

5:00 PM Mass

Rev. Edward Gillespie

Sunday, April 02

8:00 AM Mass

Mr. Ruben Castro

10:00 AM Mass

Constance M. Schultz

Matthew Sevier

12:00 PM Mass

People of STM

Presiders

Saturday, April 01

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Sunday, April 02 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Adoration Candles Intentions

March 19 - March 25

Mary R. Francone

March 26 - April 01

Marge Banker



Do You LOVE Me?
2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

» **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

As we finish our 2022 Diocesan Appeal I wanted to take a moment and thank you for your generous support of the work we are doing through our ministries here in the Diocese of Rockford.

Our theme for this appeal, "Do You Love Me?" continues to be a reminder of how God loves us each day with his love and grace – it is up to us to respond to that love as best we can in our lives here on Earth. Thank you for showing that response to your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal this year.

The support of our parishes and diocesan offices provides for the spiritual and material needs of our Church: our families, priests and parishes, schools, religious education programs, and all of those who are seeking the truth of the Gospel and the love of Christ. I continue to be humbled and grateful for your consistent support of our parishes, ministries, and services that assist so many in our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ *David J. Malloy*
MOST REVEREND BISHOP DAVID J. MALLOY, BISHOP OF ROCKFORD

» **Thank You** FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Our 2022 Diocesan Appeal ANNUALLY FUNDS the offices and agencies that provide parishes with ministries and services to serve our parishioners – all of you. Every dollar given to our appeal supports proclaiming the Gospel and passing on the faith (50% of every gift), caring for the poor and vulnerable (20% of every gift), and forming and supporting clergy (20% of every gift).

AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2023, NEARLY 14,000 FAMILIES PLEDGED 112% AND PAID MORE THAN 100% TOWARDS OUR 2022 APPEAL GOAL OF \$4,000,000. This appeal ends in May 2023.

Create A Lasting Legacy WHEN YOU REMEMBER the Diocese of Rockford in your estate plan or will, you provide for the cultivation of our faith for years to come. Through a planned gift you can make a lasting impact on your parish, school, or the diocese itself. For more information about planned giving and how the options available through The Catholic Foundation For The People Of The Diocese of Rockford can also be of benefit to you and your family, please contact Dan O'Malley, executive director, at (815) 399-4300 or domalley@rockforddiocese.org. Many thanks to our Perpetual Light Society members, who have already remembered the Diocese of Rockford in a will, trust, or gift annuity. Your gifts will light the way for generations of Catholics to come.

Your Fruitful Generosity EVERY GIFT looks to the future needs of our diocese, offering educational resources to our 10 seminarians studying for the priesthood and to 18 men studying to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate.

413,000 CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE	112 ACTIVE PRIESTS	139 PERMANENT DEACONS	10 SEMINARIANS	18 TO BE ORDAINED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE
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Caring For One Another YOUR SUPPORT of the Diocesan Appeal helps form our children, gives adults a deeper relationship with God, provides care and assistance for families and individuals in need, helps celebrate important sacramental milestones and provides marriage preparation for couples planning to be married in the near future.

25,000 AND MORE CHILDREN annually are nurtured in their faith through religious education programs funded through our diocesan appeal.	8,350 MORE CHILDREN receive ongoing religious instruction as students in our Diocesan Catholic schools.
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90 FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS OFFERED	3,000 BAPTISMS CELEBRATED	6,000 CONFIRMATIONS WERE CELEBRATED IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD	11,000 COMBINED YEARS OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATED AND PARTICIPATED IN our Silver and Gold Mass this year with Bishop Malloy	212 TOTAL COUPLES
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