

APRIL 09, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY



# Risen

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# PARISH GREETINGS

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## 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)

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](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

### April 23rd Bulletin

Materials Due: **April 10, 2023**

### April 30th Bulletin

Materials Due: **April 17, 2023**

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# PARISH NEWS

*St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin*

## Easter Sunday

### DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Alleluia!

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the essential moment in history and our story. The Resurrection changes everything if we let it. Easter is the Good News that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to save us from sin, open up Heaven to us, and fill us with the gift of His Divine Life.

Jesus conquered sin and death by rising bodily from the dead. He now reigns in His glorified body. He promises us the same when we live for and with Him. Jesus will raise us to new life by grace now and in our glorified body in the life to come. What an incredible gift!

We pray that you have a blessed Easter! May God fill us with joy, peace, and holiness this Easter.

In the Risen Lord,  
Fr. Browning, Fr Ejay, and the Staff of STM



### Illinois March for Life

St Thomas More parishioners, the Hendershott, Yee, and Owen families traveled to Springfield to March in Illinois' First March For Life. Thank you for your witness to life!



### Novena to Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy is **Sunday, April 16th**. Join us for Holy Hour from **1:00pm - 2:00pm** in the Church.

### Novena to Pedro Calungtod

All are welcome to join us in praying the Pedro Calungtod Novena beginning on **Friday, April 14** at 7:00pm in the church, continuing all week until the Feast Day on **Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm** rosary, followed by Mass in the Church.

## A LETTER FROM FR. EJAY



### KONTI LANG:

"Konti Lang" is Filipino expression which means little. This article in our bulletin aims at taking your little time to read this short spiritual insight so that this may make a little impact on our Christian life. This reflection series start this Easter Sunday.

*Fr. Edil Jarapa*

### "The Rolling Stone"

A rolling stone used to seal a tomb may be of little

significance in the gospel, but it served as initial and evident proof of a mysterious event in Christ's place of burial. The stone kept Jesus' body in darkness but on the third day it is removed by the power of Jesus' glorious resurrection. May this celebration of Easter mark our passing from death to life, from darkness to light, and from sadness to joy. I hope there is no more stone of sins, doubt or fear that could hinder us in seeing God and our way to Christian renewal.

**Happy Easter!**

# 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  
 † Mary Cantu  
 † Ed Clay  
 † Helen Clemens  
 † Ryan Costelloe  
 † Kiley Cox  
 † Juanita Cundiff  
 † Ali Dunn  
 † Larry Durrant  
 † Greg Garfield  
 † Dianna Giardino  
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 † Sue Moylan  
 † Gloria Neitzel  
 † Elizabeth North  
 † Barb Pruter  
 † Linda Rakowski  
 † Carmen Rodriguez  
 † Donald Sarau  
 † Laurie Sarau  
 † Helen Stasukaitis  
 † Louise Wolff

## SYMPATHY List

### Rest In Peace

† Ronald B. Rakowski (brother of Randy Rakowski)

## 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



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Things to know:

The formation year runs with the school year calendar.

Registration for 2023/24 will begin July 1.

Classes start around Labor Day.

**Family Faith is for all families with children in PRE-K (4) - 7th grade.**

### Sacraments:

- ✓ First Communion will be celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade provided children are enrolled for both 1st and 2nd grade in family faith (or STM school)
- ✓ The Sacrament of First Reconciliation – Confession – Penance is celebrated BEFORE First Communion.
- ✓ The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated after 9th grade provided teens are enrolled for both 8th grade and 9th grade older teens are welcome to enroll.

Details can be found on the parish website at [www.stthomasmorechurch.org/religious-education](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/religious-education)  
Questions? Call **847.888.4887**

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

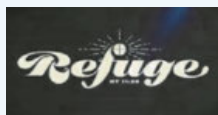
### Summer Camp



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)

### Adoration

Spend one hour each week with Jesus. Visit [stthomasmorechurch.org/adoration](http://stthomasmorechurch.org/adoration) and choose one of the times listed and sign up today. One hour, once a week in our St. Joseph Chapel.



### Becoming Catholic

Becoming Catholic is the process for anyone who wants to become a member of the Catholic faith community.



### Baptism

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the baptism of your child.



# 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, April 10

8:30 AM Mass

**Stephan Bruckner**

### Tuesday, April 11

8:30 AM Mass

**Sharon Labedz**

### Wednesday, April 12

8:30 AM Mass

**Patrick G Walsh (sp. int.)**

9:30 AM Mass

**Lola Ornelas**

### Thursday, April 13

8:30 AM Mass

**Socorro Rocha Espino**

**Maria Isabel Perez**

### Friday, April 14

8:30 AM Mass

**Jesse Yanson**

### Saturday, April 15

8:30 AM Mass

**Virginia Lisiecki**

5:00 PM Mass

**Lewis & Marie Bugna**

### Sunday, April 16

8:00 AM Mass

**Bonifacio Villanuava**

10:00 AM Mass

**People of STM**

12:00 PM Mass

**Matthew Lynch**

## Presiders

### Saturday, April 15

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

### Sunday, April 16

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

12:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

## Adoration Candles Intentions

### April 09 - April 15

**Mike Gill**

### April 16 - April 22

**Charlotte Weishaar, Cynthia Weishaar, Anne Drabek**

## You're Invited

Are you divorced? Are you in a place in your life that you are looking for joy? Do you find it hard to believe that there can be joy after divorce? The St. Patrick Parish Divorce Ministry will be hosting a "Finding Joy after Divorce" program beginning on **April 13, 2023**. Using the video series, "Living Joy," by Chris Stefanick, this program will help participants find the faith-filled path to joy in their lives. Participants will meet once a month on the second Thursday of each month to view the video and explore and discuss strategies to help find joy in life after divorce.

**Date:** Thursday, April 13, 2023 and then the 2nd Thursday of each month until January 11, 2024.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Patrick Parish Crane Rd., Church St. Francis Room 6N491 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL



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