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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

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## SUPPORT Information

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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

### May 14th Bulletin

Materials Due: **May 01, 2023**

### May 21st Bulletin

Materials Due: **May 08, 2023**

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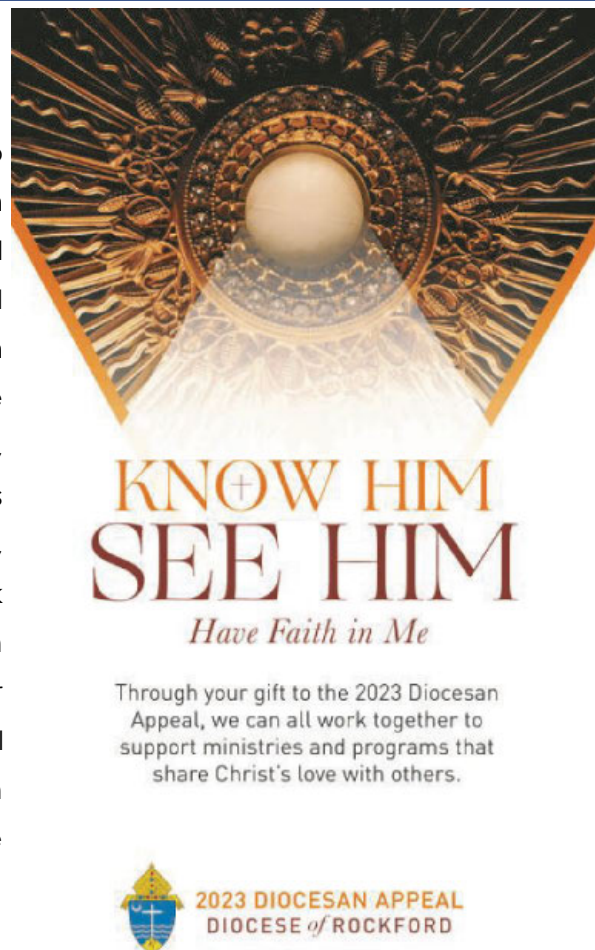


# PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## DIOCESAN Appeal

Next weekend every parish in our diocese will be asked to participate in the 2023 Diocesan Appeal. This campaign has an enormous impact on the ministries and programs that are offered at our parish and throughout the diocese. The theme of the appeal this year is "Know Him. See Him." In building our relationship with Christ, we are capable of loving others even more. One way we can show compassion for others is by supporting the ministries, programs, and services that make a huge difference to families across the diocese. These programs include Catholic Charities, seminarian formation, Catholic Schools, and so much more. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Appeal. Every gift makes a profound difference in the life of our parish and our diocese. Please know that every gift – large or small – is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your consideration of this important effort. May all of us continue to grow in our love for Christ!



## A LETTER FROM FR. EJAY



### KONTI LANG: "The Shepherd's Staff"

Shepherd's staff is a long, slender stick, often with a crook or hook on one end. It is used for guiding sheep through a new gate or along a dangerous, difficult route.

Fr. Edil Jarapa

By pressing it gently on the animal side, this pressure guides the sheep on the right way. Staff measures six feet long, that means his arm and hand can extend that far. Thus, it becomes the personal touch of the shepherd towards his sheep. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, only wants us to lead to the right path and assures us of his loving presence that we may be able to overcome our trials and fears. Our mentors sometimes use "staff", or teach us lessons of life the hard way, so that we may know the way. They mean not to hurt or punish us but to instill in us human and gospel values. The shepherd's staff is an instrument of love.

## Thank you

PADS of Elgin would like to give a big thank you to all who have donated. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. **See PADS full letter posted on our church bulletin board in the Gathering Space.**



## SVdP Mother's Day Flower Sale

Don't forget to pick up your flower order next week at **St. Laurence's parking lot between 10AM and 11:30AM next Saturday, May 6th.**

If you have not yet ordered, you can still order online (scan the QR code) or fill out an order form located in the gathering space until Friday, May 5th or purchase on Saturday, May 6th on a first come first serve basis.

Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated!



# 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  
 † Ana Carrillo  
 † Ed Clay  
 † Helen Clemens  
 † Ryan Costelloe  
 † Kiley Cox  
 † Juanita Cundiff  
 † Ali Dunn  
 † Larry Durrant  
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 † Belinda Mockler  
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 † Gloria Neitzel  
 † Elizabeth North  
 † Linda Rakowski  
 † Carmen Rodriguez  
 † Liza Roman  
 † Manuel Roman  
 † Oscar Romero  
 † Donald Sarau  
 † Laurie Sarau  
 † Louise Wolff

## SYMPATHY List

### Rest In Peace

† Vince Guasta  
 † Helen Stasukaitis  
 † Susan Marie Wagener (sister of Fr. Rich)

## 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](https://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*

## BAPTISMS at STM

**We welcome  
 this child  
 to God's family.**



**Arden Lily Agbisit**

Her parents Chito and Nina and sister Peyton

# HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## Hope For Haitians - THANK YOU!



A very special thank you to our St. Thomas More parishioners who donated to the Rockford HOPE FOR HAITIANS program.

This program funds the needs of the poorest of the poor people in Haiti.

This year HOPE FOR HAITIANS program is supporting the building of their 18th village:

### SAINT JOSEPH VILLAGE

This village will be in Northern Haiti and will have 75 houses. At a cost of \$9,800.00 to build each house,

our Parish will support the building of almost two houses. We will also be funding two solar street lamps, at a cost of \$1,500.00 each.

And we are also very thankful to our school students and the RE students for their collections for HOPE FOR HAITIANS to fund the yearly education of Haiti students. At a cost of \$150.00 per student for one year of education, nine students in Haiti will benefit.

Our parish total amount donated was at \$21,000.00!! This is a wonderful amount from St. Thomas More to support the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Again, THANK YOU St. Thomas More Parish and God's blessings.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Live your married lives "more abundantly" by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

- June 23-25 in Geneva, IL
- Aug. 4-6 in person or virtual
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## Garden Angels Needed



St. Thomas More is looking for Gardening Angels to help us beautify our campus. We are looking for donations of Home Depot gift cards to purchase flowers, or for perennial flowers you may have to share, to make our campus a spectacular sight for our parishioners and guests. Gift cards can be donated on the weekends at the Welcome Desk and plant donations

can be arranged with **Michelle Tack** at [DRE@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:DRE@stthomasmorechurch.org) or **847.888.4887**



## CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

**FRIDAY, May 19, 2023  
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The Knight's of Columbus will be selling tickets in the Gathering Space after Mass this weekend. Tickets are \$40.00 per person, cash or check only.



# 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, May 01

8:30 AM Mass

**Rich & Teri Schmidt**

**Terry Low**

### Tuesday, May 02

8:30 AM Mass

**Jennifer Norfray Lenz**

### Wednesday, May 03

8:30 AM Mass

**Dr. Marius Mokwe**

9:30 AM Mass

**Susan Marie Wagener**

### Thursday, May 04

8:30 AM Mass

**Michael Dreher**

### Friday, May 05

8:30 AM Mass

**All Souls**

**Sylvia Bauman**

### Saturday, May 06

8:30 AM Mass

**James McArthur**

5:00 PM Mass

**Raymond Hayes**

### Sunday, May 07

8:00 AM Mass

**Flory Tylman**

10:00 AM Mass

**Harriet Kubiak (sp. Int.)**

12:00 PM Mass

**People of STM**

## Presiders

### Saturday, May 06

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

### Sunday, May 07

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

12:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

## Adoration Candles Intentions

### April 30 - May 06

**The Bayona, Barabicho, Schaeffer, and Ventura Families**

### May 07 - May 13

**Ronald B. Rakowski**



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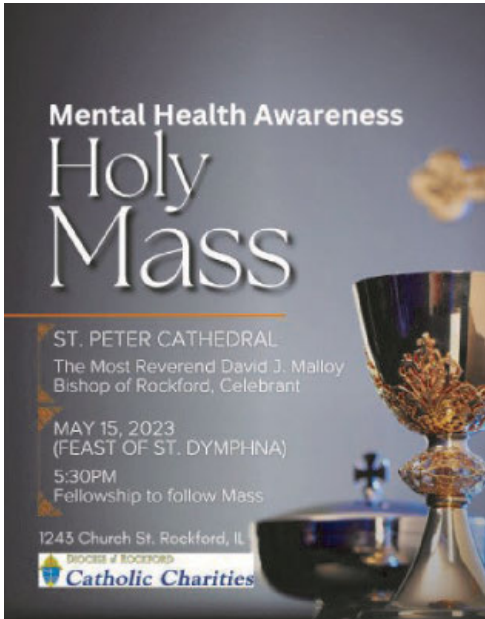
Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am

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**Mental Health Awareness**

**Holy Mass**

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**MAY 15, 2023**  
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