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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  
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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

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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.

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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

### June 25th Bulletin

Materials Due: **June 12, 2023**

### July 2nd Bulletin

Materials Due: **June 19, 2023**

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# PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## Q. & A. Real Presence

### Question:

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

### Answer:

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the

question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. *"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Mt 18:3). ©LPi

## Spred Fundraiser

Need a special gift for this Father's Day! Look no further! The Spred group which provides Religious Education to our friends with learning difficulties and developmental disabilities will be in the gathering Space selling **Dad's Root Beer** for your Dad to enjoy on his special day!

## A LETTER FROM FR. EJAY

### KONTI LANG: "Communion"



Fr. Edil Jarapa

On the feast of Corpus Christi, we are being reminded of Jesus sharing his body and blood to us through the Eucharist. We are truly blessed because we experience the wonderful union of the human and the divine every time we receive Jesus in the eucharist. However this spiritual nourishment would not make a huge impact on our life if we don't have proper disposition, strong conviction and submission of our will to God. When we become truly like Christ in words and deeds, communion becomes real.

## Extraordinary Ministers

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed

In every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner.

Bishops, priests, and deacons distribute Holy Communion in virtue of their office as **ordinary** ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

When the size of the congregation requires it the priest may call upon the lay faithful to serve as **extraordinary** ministers to assist him.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence.

To serve as an extraordinary minister one must meet the following criterion.

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- If married, the marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church with a priest or deacon.

If you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please contact **Sharon Hall** at [evangelization@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:evangelization@stthomasmorechurch.org) or 847.888.1682 x216

# 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  
 † Daria Bernardi  
 † Ana Carrillo  
 † Ed Clay  
 † Juanita Cundiff  
 † Roger Dombrowski  
 † Larry Durrant  
 † Patricia Egan  
 † Dianna Giardino  
 † Maraliz Gonzalez

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 † Joyce Romke  
 † Richard Sutton  
 † Judy Taeyaerts  
 † Patricia Tanner  
 † Luca Tendy  
 † Gabriel Tomlinson  
 † Amani Urban  
 † Louise Wolff

## SYMPATHY List

### Rest In Peace

† Angela Guasta  
 † Vince Guasta

## 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 these children to God's family.



**Alexander Josh Granado Gonzalez**  
 His parents Alvin and Argette



**Penelope Joy Manning**  
 Her parents Erin and Brett



**Anyah Jahdiel Guinday Magliquian**  
 Her mother Pauline



# HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## New Summer Hours

On Friday's, now through Friday, August 11, the parish office will be open from **9:00am until 1:00pm** during the summer.

## Online Giving and Sunday Envelopes

Thank you to everyone that transitioned from WeShare to OSV Online Giving and to the many new online donors. Your support is greatly appreciated. St. Thomas More Parish has 250 active online giving donors. If you would like to set up an OSV Online Giving Account, please go to <https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/donate-1> and click on the OSV Sign Up - Parish Giving button in the middle of the page. Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) customer service may be reached by dialing **800.348.2886 Option 1** if you require technical assistance.

Many have chosen to support the parish by using Sunday Envelopes. Your support is greatly appreciated. You will continue to receive your packets every other month, with two months delivered in each mailing. The parish will send out two all-parish postcard mailings each year – one for Christmas and one for Easter. All registered families will receive a greeting folder and envelopes for both Christmas and Easter.

Please choose the form of giving most convenient for you. Check your banking information attached to your OSV Online account on a regular basis. Make sure your credit card has not expired and that you have entered your account information correctly. The parish is charged for transactions that cannot go through the online process because of incorrect information attached to accounts.

Thank you for your sacrificial stewardship as we continue to minister to the people of St. Thomas More and our Elgin community. God bless you!

## Easter Collections

As of today, the parish received **\$61,611.92** for Easter donations. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Thank you to all those who donated to the Easter Flower Fund. The \$2,351.16 of donations received supported the decoration of the church in celebration of the Resurrection. Those whose names were offered In Memory of or In Honor of have been remembered in our prayers.

Ash Wednesday donations totaled **\$4,341.99** and Holy Land donations totaled **\$2,674.21**.



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## Music and the Eucharistic Revival

As you have most likely heard, the parish-level activities of the National Eucharistic Revival begin this weekend with Corpus Christi and our Corpus Christi procession and last until mid-July 2024. In accord with the Eucharistic Revival, I am making some tweaks to our musical menu for the next year.

You may have heard this Latin phrase before: *Lex orandi, lex credendi*. Literally, it means "law of praying, law of believing." The wider idea is that when we pray (as part of Mass or in our individual prayers), we reinforce what we believe as Catholic Christians. We want to apply that to coordinate with the Eucharistic Revival, which is intended to strengthen our belief in the Real Presence – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – of Christ in the Eucharist.

In my experience, Communion hymns tend to fall into one of two categories – those that focus on the Real Presence, and those that focus on the Eucharist as a community meal. Both focuses are important, but during this Revival year, we will focus strongly on the hymns about the Real Presence. At many Masses, aside from the first Communion hymn, we will also sing a Eucharistic devotional hymn such as "O Sacrament Most Holy" or "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All."

# 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, June 12

8:30 AM Mass

**Gregoria Gutierrez**

**Jeff Kazale**

### Tuesday, June 13

8:30 AM Mass

**Billy Whitchurch**

### Wednesday, June 14

8:30 AM Mass

**Leo & Ruth Kolodziej**

### Thursday, June 15

8:30 AM Mass

**Arsenia Rafael and Helen Legaspi**

### Friday, June 16

8:30 AM Mass

**Harold Bauman**

### Saturday, June 17

8:30 AM Mass

**James Mueller**

5:00 PM Mass

**Maynard Decker**

### Sunday, June 18

8:00 AM Mass

**People of STM**

10:00 AM Mass

**Kathleen Febuary**

12:00 PM Mass

**Daniel Coyle**

**Ida & Francis Cox and Ella Chafee**

## Presiders

### Saturday, June 17

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

### Sunday, June 18

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

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## Adoration Candles Intentions

### June 11 - June 17

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