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## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** 8:30 AM 5 PM  
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## **Daily Mass Schedule**

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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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### 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

### July 2nd Bulletin

Materials Due: **June 19, 2023**

### July 9th Bulletin

Materials Due: **June 26, 2023**

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# PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## RECOGNIZE GOD in your Ordinary Moments

### THE TOY

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

*"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5*

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### Spred Fundraiser

Please stop by the Spred table in the gathering space today to purchase a Dad's Root Beer. All money earned for this Fundraiser goes to the Spred ministry which provides Religious Education to our friends with learning difficulties and developmental disabilities.

### A LETTER FROM FR. EJAY

#### KONTI LANG: "The Twelve"



Fr. Edil Jarapa

For the Jews, the number twelve was much more than a dozen. This sacred number represents the twelve tribes of Israel, descended from Jacob's twelve sons, through which the nation of Israel was founded. Jesus used this traditional symbolism in calling the twelve apostles. In the beginning of his ministry, Jesus aimed at establishing "New Israel" with the selection of these twelve men. Because of the brave response of the twelve apostles, we now enjoy the growing faith of Christians all over the world. However, we must not only be amazed by the number of Christians but by the quality of life brought about by Christ's teachings.

### Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to



Fr. Browning & his Dad, Brent

heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

# 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  
 † Arlo Dilly  
 † Roger Dombrowski  
 † Larry Durrant  
 † Patricia Egan  
 † Dianna Giardino  
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 † Oscar Romero  
 † Joyce Romke  
 † Richard Sutton  
 † Judy Taeyaerts  
 † Patricia Tanner  
 † Luca Tendy  
 † Gabriel Tomlinson  
 † Amani Urban  
 † Louise Wolff

## SYMPATHY List

### Rest In Peace

† John Henrici

† Rita Lutzow (Mother of Bob Lutzow)

## 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



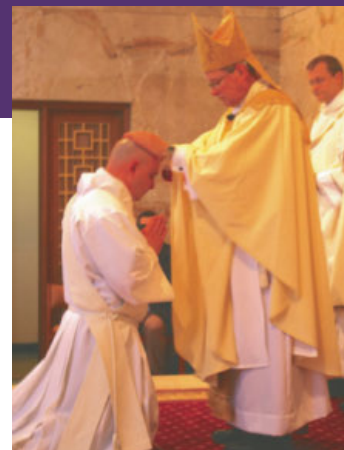
## SPOTLIGHT

*St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin*

## HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO FATHER BROWNING

Fr. Brownings' 10th Anniversary of Ordination will be celebrated at St. Thomas More with a special Mass on **Thursday, June 22 at 6:00PM**. We will continue the celebration with an Encounter Weekend to honor Fr. Browning. Stop by the Chelsea Room after all Masses the weekend of **June 24/25** for donuts, fellowship and to celebrate!

**All are welcome!**





# HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

## Teen Campus Beautification

Teens campus beautification take two! Saturday confirmation group spread mulch around the church and planted by the adoration chapel and school. Big thanks to all the parents who stayed and dug in too.



## Poor Box and Monthly Tithes

Poor Box donations and monthly tithes, which is 3% of Sunday Collections, continue to support the ministries of St. Vincent DePaul, PADS of Elgin, Food for the Poor, Hope for Haitians, Operation Rice Bowl, Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Northern Illinois Food Bank - Feeding Greater Elgin, ECC - Phi Theta Kappa Pantry, Mercy Home, Dominican Sisters, Poor Clare Colettine Monastery in Rockford, Corbella, TLC, Elgin Mental Health Center (Christmas), Community Crisis Center. It is through your generosity that St. Thomas More Parish continues to support the work of these 501(c) 3 charitable organizations. Thank you to all who make this possible.

## Through Grief With Mother Mary

"Through Grief with Mother Mary" is a support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. This grief support group is different from other grief groups in that it honors Mother Mary. We discuss her experience with grief, her 7 Sorrows and ask for her intercession to Jesus for grief healing.

This group will meet on **Tuesdays** from **July 11 - September 5, 6:30PM - 8:00PM** in the **Canterbury Room**. It is open to men and women who are grieving the loss of a loved one. You need not be a parishioner of St. Thomas More to participate in this group.

Any questions please contact: **Angelina Beaudion**  
Call or Text: **708.732.9405** or **abeaudion@sbcglobal.net**



This event has been cancelled.

## Mary's Garden

Here is the back patio garden to Mary at our home.

Deacon & Michelle Deitz



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## Mission Co-Op

Fr. Joseph Thien Vu is scheduled to preach on the weekend of **June 17/18**. See Melissa for envelopes. Cash or checks only, make out to St. Thomas More.

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will be **closed** this **Monday, June 19** in observance of Juneteenth Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, June 20th at 9AM.

## Saturday Pilgrimage

**St. John Neumann hosts trip to Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana!**

Update: The coach bus has been cancelled, Lunch will be on one's own, and the guided tour is free.

Transportation will now be carpooling and caravanning. By noon, participants should arrive at the shrine, with a guided tour to begin at 12:30pm. Registration is due Tuesday, June 20th Register at <https://www.sjnstcharles.org/saturday-pilgrimage/>

# 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 19

8:30 AM Mass

**Rita Polansky**

### Tuesday, June 20

8:30 AM Mass

**Alex Browning (sp. Int.)**

**Julia Jarapa**

### Wednesday, June 21

8:30 AM Mass

**Marge Banker**

### Thursday, June 22

8:30 AM Mass

**Stephen T. Harkins**

6:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Ryan B. Browning (sp. int. 10th Anniversary)**

### Friday, June 23

8:30 AM Mass

**Phil Dawson III**

### Saturday, June 24

8:30 AM Mass

**Brent Browning (sp. int.)**

5:00 PM Mass

**Maynard & Ann Decker**

### Sunday, June 25

8:00 AM Mass

**Christine Baczek**

10:00 AM Mass

**People of STM**

12:00 PM Mass

**Mary Anne Fout**

**Christine Scopa Hottovy**

## Presiders

### Saturday, June 24

8:30 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

5:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Linster**

### Sunday, June 25

8:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

10:00 AM Mass

**Fr. Browning**

12:00 PM Mass

**Fr. Ejay**

## Adoration Candles Intentions

### June 18 - June 24

**Maynard & Ann Decker**

### June 25- July 01

**Mark & Ann Warner (51st Anniversary)**

**ST. EDWARD CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2023 SUMMER CAMPS**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
June 5-22 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$125 includes camp t-shirt

**Grade Levels: 9-12**  
June 26-29 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$80 includes camp t-shirt  
Location: St. Edward Main Gym  
Contact: Coach Andy Zelenka  
Email: azelenka@stedward.org

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
June 7, 8, 15, 16 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
June 12 7:30-8:00 p.m.  
June 19 7-8 p.m.  
Cost: \$110 includes camp t-shirt

**Grade Levels: 9-12**  
June 7, 8, 15, 16 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
June 12 6-7:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$110 includes camp t-shirt  
Location: St. Edward Main Gym  
Contact: Coach Michelle Dawson  
Email: mdawson@stedward.org

**FOOTBALL**  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
June 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 4-9 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 10, 11, 12, 13 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 17, 18, 19, 20 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$100 includes camp t-shirt

**YOUTH FOOTBALL**  
Grade Levels: 6-8  
June 21, 22, 26, 27 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Greg True Field  
Contact: Coach Shane Finnane  
Email: shfennane@stedward.org

**BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER**  
Grade Levels: 7-12  
July 24-26 8-10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$100  
Location: Greg True Field  
Required: Cleats, running shoes  
Contact: Coach Tim Bringer  
Email: tbringer@stedward.org

**SOFTBALL**  
Grade Levels: 7-12  
June 19-21 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 17-21 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 24-26 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$40 includes camp t-shirt  
Location: Greg True Field  
Contact: Coach Jenny Hubbank  
Email: jhubbank27@aol.com

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
June 19-21 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$100 includes camp t-shirt  
Location: St. Edward Main Gym  
Contact: Coach Nicole Skrzynecki  
Email: nskrzynecki@stedward.org

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Grade Levels: 10-12  
July 17-20 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 24-26 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$100/week includes camp gym pass  
Grade Levels: 9  
July 17-20 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
July 24-26 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$100/week includes camp gym pass  
Grade Levels: 5-6  
July 19-21 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$80 includes camp water bottle  
Location: St. Edward Main Gym  
Contact: Coach Dawn Gross  
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**WHO:** Men ages 12 - 25

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