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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
847.888.1682

School Office

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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

July 16th Bulletin

Materials Due: **July 03, 2023**

July 23rd Bulletin

Materials Due: **July 10, 2023**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

Happy Independence Day!

The American ideal has always embraced freedom as good, and indeed it is. We need to understand true freedom or what we will call "freedom for excellence."

Many people understand freedom as one's ability to do what one wants - this is not freedom but lawlessness. Freedom flows from our spiritual nature, our intellect, and our will. God created our intellect to know the truth and our will to choose the good. So we can define freedom as what results from knowing the truth and choosing the good. We become freer the more our choices align with what is good according to God.

Freedom from restraint is how some like to understand liberty, which we call "freedom of indifference." One who chooses to drink excessive amounts of alcohol daily, citing freedom, sooner or later, becomes a slave to alcohol. As Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). We may be free to sin, but we are not free from

the consequences of sin.

True freedom is not freedom from but **freedom for the good** as grounded in the truth of Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us, "you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32), and He is the truth (see John 14:6), and "if [He] makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). When we choose what is good and holy, we become truly free. Jesus wants to set us free to do what sacrificial love demands. It demands all from us. The order of sacrificial love in our lives requires putting God first, others second, and myself last. We can only do it with His grace.

As we are thankful for our nation's independence, let us not forget that our freedom comes with responsibility. The responsibility of the gospel is to love God above all things and others as Christ loves us. We find true freedom by living in and for Jesus Christ and not by living in and for the things of the world. Be grateful to God for your faith and live it to the full.

In the Freedom of Christ,
Fr. Browning

Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will be **closed on Tuesday, July 4th** in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Our office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th at 9AM.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!!

A LETTER FROM FR. EJAY

KONTI LANG: "A Cup of Cold Water"



Fr. Edil Jarapa

The disciples of Jesus are close to His heart. He admonished his listeners to at least show some kindness to them because they are His representatives. "A cup of cold water" offered by people to his disciples is seemingly insignificant work of kindness but for Jesus it is meaningful in God's eyes. For this reason, He promised them rewards. I have witnessed in our community the generosity of our people to the church and to us priests. Big or small acts of kindness, they are all appreciated because they come from the abundance of their hearts. God has His way of returning the favor.

Confessions Cancelled

There will be no confessions on Tuesday, **July 4th at 5:30pm**. Next available confession is Thursday, July 6 at 9:00am.

Looking to dive deeper into Reconciliation? Visit www.stthomasmorechurch.org/reconciliation to experience the freedom of Christ by reviewing our Confession schedule, understating and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to download an Examination of Conscience! Now is the time!

Parishioners Mary Garden

A nighttime photo of our Blessed Mother garden.

- Joe and Mary Heinrich



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
 † Patricia Egan
 † Dianna Giardino
 † Maraliz Gonzalez
 † Lynn Harper
 † Alinda Hornck
 † Irma Hrycyk

† Daniel Johnson
 † Charlie Joseph
 † Bill Kerwin
 † Ellie Kuntz
 † Angela Loeding
 † James Lublow
 † Fran Meek
 † William Meek
 † Belinda Mockler
 † Gloria Neitzel
 † Elizabeth North
 † Charlie Pitt
 † Barb Pruter
 † Linda Rakowski

† Liza Roman
 † Manuel Roman
 † Maria Roman
 † Oscar Romero
 † Joyce Romke
 † Melanie Sipe
 † Richard Sutton
 † Judy Taeyaerts
 † Patricia Tanner
 † Luca Tendy
 † Gabriel Tomlinson
 † Amani Urban
 † Louise Wolff

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

† All Souls

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



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St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



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HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



Congratulations to the St. Thomas More Graduating Class of 2023

- Benjamin Antonio Aguirre
- Cayden Aguinaldo Arboleda
- Emma Leanna Best
- Addison Ivy Cittadino
- Jayden Daniel De La Torre
- Esther Grace Eggers
- Marcus Jordan Fazel
- Mackenzie Marie Fitzpatrick
- Adelyn Lorraine LeMier-Idris
- Evangeline Elida LeMier-Idris
- Mya Renee Novotny
- Jonathan Terry Olges
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Family Faith registration for the 2023/24 year will open on July 6th.

For more information on our Family Faith program, visit stthomasmorechurch.org/religious-education.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass

Are you and your spouse celebrating a special milestone anniversary in 2023? Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2023 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at **St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL**, on **Sunday, August 20th at 2:30 PM** celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone **815.399-4300** or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 4th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

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, July 03

8:30 AM Mass

Virginia Matthies

Fr. William A. Kriegsmann

Tuesday, July 04

8:30 AM Mass

James Robert Galla

Elio Dimaio

Wednesday, July 05

8:30 AM Mass

Sharon Labedz

Thursday, July 06

8:30 AM Mass

Theresa Agnes Ciochon

Friday, July 07

8:30 AM Mass

All Souls

Saturday, July 08

8:30 AM Mass

Virginia Lisiecki

5:00 PM Mass

Constance M. Schultz

Socorro Rocha Espino

Sunday, July 09

8:00 AM Mass

People of STM

10:00 AM Mass

Gerald Dostal

12:00 PM Mass

Maureen O'Kane

Presiders

Saturday, July 08

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Sunday, July 09

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Blood

Adoration Candles Intentions

July 02 - July 08

Lola Ornelas

July 09 - July 15

Sylvia & John Nasshan



ENCOUNTER DISCERNMENT RETREAT

ROCKFORD	FOX VALLEY
WHEN: July 15, 2023	WHEN: July 22, 2023
WHERE: St. Bridget Loves Park, IL	WHERE: St. Peter Geneva, IL
WHO: Men ages 12 - 25	WHO: Men ages 12 - 25

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