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### **Parochial Vicar**

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### **Deacons**

Mr. Jack Roder Mr. David Deitz

### **Parish Staff**

stthomasmorechurch.org/staff

www.stthomasmorechurch.org

### **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**

stmelgin.org 847.742.3959

### **Faith Formation Office**

stthomasmorechurch.org /religious-education 847.888.4887

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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

### **August 13th Bulletin**

Materials Due: July 31, 2023

### **August 20th Bulletin**

Materials Due: August 07, 2023

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### PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

### Calling All Cooks!

Do you love to cook? If you have been told you're a good cook, we would love for you to share your talent! Here are some opportunities to share your cooking skills at St. Thomas More;

- Cooking for Priests! Volunteers sign up to bring a home cooked meal to our priests. Currently meals are prepared for Tuesday and Thursdays. We use an online calendar to sign up. Details will be shared with you.
- Cooking for PADS! PADS is the local shelter for those in need. Volunteer cooks make part of a meal and deliver it to PADS. You could make the main dish, the side dish, or the dessert. We have a set menu which will be shared with you. St. Thomas More makes dinner for PADS on the first and third Fridays of every month.

Sign up today at our website https:// www.stthomasmorechurch.org/parish-helpers

### **Seeking Woodworkers**

The St. Thomas More Handbell Choir would like to create a set of wooden tables that would allow us to rina comfortably from the pews without creating a distraction during Mass. We are seeking woodworkers from the parish who can design and build these tables before we begin the fall handbell season. For more details, please contact Tim Horneman, director of liturgy and music, at music@stthomasmorechurch.org.

### A LETTER FROM FR. EJAY

### **KONTI LANG: "Precious Pearl"**



Jesus Christ is a precious pearl, a jewel of inestimable value, which makes those who have it rich, truly rich; when we have him, we have enough to make us happy here and forever. A true Christian is a spiritual merchant who seeks and finds this pearl of Fr. Edil Jarapa great price; who has nothing but an interest

in Christ, and who is determined to be spiritually rich. Unfortunately, many Christians search for happiness on what the world can offer, which ultimately does not give total satisfaction, until we find ourselves in an endless quest for the greatest treasure. When this world fails to fulfill the longing of our hearts, let us turn to God and he will provide us the best option in life. Jesus himself is the greatest gift.



### Fellowship Club Meeting

Fellowship Club will be held on TUESDAY 8/8 rather than the normally scheduled day due to conflict with the Feast of the Assumption. Meeting will start at 12:00 noon.

### Religious Education 23/24

All families with children PreK-4 Through 8th grade not attending STM Catholic School

- PreK 7th grade = Family Faith
- 8th & 9th grade = Confirmation

Communion is part of 2nd grade (or 2nd year if not signed up in 1st grade).

Register at stthomasmorechurch.org/registration-form.

### Hiring AfterCare Supervisors

St. Thomas More School is hiring After Care Supervisors. Applicants must be motivated, physically and emotionally healthy, punctual, and enthusiastic with a love for children. Works cooperatively with others including all staff, administrators, and parents. If you are interested, please contact STM Principal Sonja Keane at skeane@stmcentral.org or 847.742.3959 ext. 151.

### Corbella Clinic

Corbella Clinic is thrilled to report that St. Thomas More raised \$6,497.27 this year to support our life-saving mission. Thank you for making our 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign a great success! With your help, Corbella Clinic is able to reach abortion-minded mothers and equip them with the medical, emotional, spiritual and material support they need to choose life for their precious children. May God reward all St. Thomas More parishioners for your generosity and your witness to the dignity of human life.

### 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
- †Eunice Bai
- **†**Ed Bartholomew
- †Daria Bernardi
- **†Ed Clay**
- **†**Helen Clemens
- † Juanita Cundiff
- **†**Arlo Dilly
- **†**Roger Dombrowski
- †Mary Fusek
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- † James Lublow
- † Joan Maryanski
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- †Belinda Mockler
- †Gloria Neitzel
- †Elizabeth North

- **†**Charlie Pitt
- **†Barb Pruter**
- †Linda Rakowski
- **†**Maria Roman
- **†**Oscar Romero
- **†**Joyce Romke
- †Melanie Sipe
- **†Richard Sutton**
- **†** Judy Taeyaerts
- †Patrícia Tánner
- †Luca Tendy
- **†**Gabriel Tomlinson
- †Amani Urban
- **†Louise Wolff**

### **SYMPATHY** List

Rest In Peace

**†Tony Sparks** 

### **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 <u>finance@stthomasmorechurch.org</u> or 847.888.1682 x213



### **SPOTLIGHT**

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

### **BAPTISMS** at STM

We welcome these children to God's family.



Natalya Grace Rodriguez
Her parents Wilson and Kristen
and sister Noelle.



Calder Leigh McHale His parents Kyle and Jenna

### **HAPPENINGS**

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

### Goodbye Seminarian Mike

### St. Thomas More family,

It feels like just a few weeks ago I was introducing



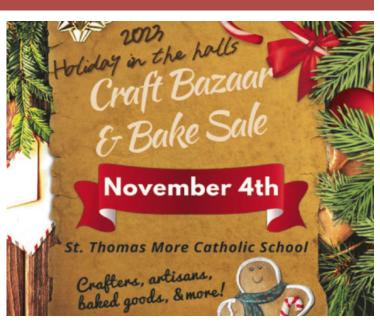
myself to people and getting to know the parish, but time has gone by quickly!! As I get ready to enter a new seminary year, and a new parish assignment, if I didn't get a chance to thank you personally, I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for sharing with me your own stories, giving me encouragement, and most

importantly supporting me and my brother seminarians with your prayers. It was a joy for me to be here, and to learn and grow with you all. Please know of my continued prayers for you all!

~Seminarian Mike Wojnarowski

### 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.



### **Seeking Crafters and Bakers**

St. Thomas More PTO is looking for **local** vendors, crafters and artisans like you to be part of our Annual Holiday In The Halls Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale. This year's event is scheduled to take place on Saturday,



November 4 at St. Thomas More School from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. For more information, or to sign up today, scan the **QR code!** 



### **Traveling Parishioners**

Roberta Bellock, with her daughter Kristi, on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City.



Aris Vincent Vasquez
His parents Robbie and Aja
and brother Adam



Nathaniel Andrzej Blazejowski
His parents Michal and Katrina and
Godparents Mariusz Blazejowski,
Kirstie Jimenea, and Rose Jaabari



Carolynne Jade Struble Her parents Kyle and Nicole

### 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 31

8:30 AM Mass

Thanksgiving for the Bayona Family Ted Schnell

### Tuesday, August 01

8:30 AM Mass

William Greguras

### Wednesday, August 02

8:30 AM Mass

**Lois Payton** 

### Thursday, August 03

8:30 AM Mass

Cecil & Margaret Creighton
Richard Hochstatter

### Friday, August 04

8:30 AM Mass

All Souls

### Saturday, August 05

8:30 AM Mass

Joseph Trusz

5:00 PM Mass

Mary & Jim McGann

### Sunday, August 06

8:00 AM Mass

Marge Banker

10:00 AM Mass

**People of STM** 

12:00 PM Mass

**Nancy Carter** 

### **Presiders**

### Saturday, August 05

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

### Sunday, August 06

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

### **Adoration Candles Intentions**

### July 30 - August 05

Fr. William A. Kriegsmann

### August 06 - August 12

The Bayona, Barabicho, Schaeffer and Ventura Families



E-W 2023 Tornado Fund in c/o Vern Tepe, Committee Chair 2814 Beacon Point Circle Elgin, IL 60124

July 17, 2023

Dear Elgin Businesses and Churches,

We are asking for your assistance in helping those impacted by the tornado that occurred on Wednesday, July 12 in the Edgewater by Del Webb community. While insurance covers the home repairs, there are still needs that can't be met through insurance.

Funds are needed to help them with things such as transportation, storage, food, tree removal, etc. If you would like to write a check, please make payable to **E-W 2023 Tornado Fund**.

This non-profit fund was formed by residents of the Edgewater community to assist those impacted throughout the neighborhood. At this point, we have eight homes condemned and possibly more. Not only were 19 homes severely damaged, but the storm also caused damage throughout the community.

Thank you for helping our community.

Sincerely.

E-W 2023 Tornado Fund Committee

Any questions? Send an email or call – Vern Tepe verntepe@gmail.com 630-632-9811



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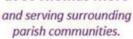
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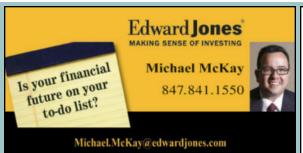


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