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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
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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 ring 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"



Fr. Edil Jarapa

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 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](https://www.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
 † Dianna Giardino
 † Maraliz Gonzalez
 † Lynn Harper
 † Alinda Hornck

† Irma Hrycyk
 † Daniel Johnson
 † Bill Kerwin
 † Shirley Kinsella
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 † Barb Pruter
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 † 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

† 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 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.



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



STEP IT UP
Sunday, July 30
9:00AM TO 4:00PM
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PRE-REGISTRATION

- In order to receive shoes, **you must pre-register online!** We will not be accepting walk-up registration on distribution day. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Online Registration IS NOW OPEN and can be accessed at fbcelgin.com/stepitup (or scan the QR code)
- For families receiving shoes for **multiple children**, a separate registration must be filled out for **each individual child**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All children **must be present** in order to receive shoes and will only receive shoes that are the **current & proper size**.
- Shoes will be distributed on a **"first come, first served"** basis, and therefore we cannot guarantee that your child's size will be available.

WAYS TO HELP

- We accept donations of **brand new shoes**, children's size 10 to adult size 11. Collection bins are located outside the church office (collection deadline August 1).
- Financial contributions* can be made online at fbcelgin.com/stepitup (simply scan the QR code) or by **cash/check** (payable to First Baptist Church)

*all donations are tax-deductible and will be used for the purchase of shoes

Thanks to the Elgin Elks Club #737 for your support and volunteerism! Funds requested from Elks National Foundation

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
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