

# More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

February 14, 2024

## Upcoming events:

Wed, Feb 14	Ash Wednesday; start of Lent
Thu, Feb 15	JV/Varsity Girls B'ball vs. St. Mary (Sycamore), Home
Fri, Feb 16	11:30 am dismissal; Teacher In-service
Mon, Feb 19	No School – Presidents Day
Mon, Feb 19	JV/Varsity Girls B'ball @ St. Mary's (Elgin)
Tue, Feb 20	Varsity Girls B'ball @ St. Edward Prep

## CSW Why I Love STM Poster Contest Winners



It is a tradition during Catholic Schools Week that STM School holds a Why I Love STM poster contest. Students enter for the chance to win a dress-down pass, which is awarded to the top ten posters, and a gift card awarded to the top poster. This year our top poster winners were Aaron T., Laura O., Allison L., Sophia V., Tibor P., Brooklyn B., Sarah G., Arianna V., Emir S., and Rhys A. The top poster winner was Ben D. Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to all our winners! Their posters will be decorating our school halls for the month.



## Religion Bee Winners

The annual STM School Religion Bee was held during Catholic Schools Week. Each class conducted its own class bee earlier in the week. The top two winners in each class in grades 2-8 got to participate in the school bee. All the students did an amazing job and gave impressive answers! The winner of the school Religion Bee was Rilynn K., followed by Caleb J. in 2nd place, and Claire A. in 3rd place.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll



Honor Roll for grades 5-8 and Effort Honor Roll for grades PK-4 were distributed this week by Fr. Browning and Mrs. Keane. It was a celebration of everyone's hard work during the 2nd quarter!

[www.stmelgin.org](http://www.stmelgin.org)



**Attendance Line:**  
(847) 742-3959 ext. 154



## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Yesterday we celebrated Valentine's Day by dressing up in red, pink, and/or white and having fun class parties. Thank you again to our parents who make these celebrations possible and so much fun for the students! This Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, is a half-day with dismissal at 11:30 AM. Aftercare is available. Our teachers have an in-service that afternoon. This Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, is no school in honor of Presidents' Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to sign up to participate in our upcoming fun events. We have Bingo, Trivia Night, and a Glow Run all coming up soon, and many other fun events. These events are all only possible with volunteers. Be sure to complete your 3 hours minimum of volunteering time per parent before the end of the school year. Please be sure to check out the school's [Facebook](#) page to see many more pictures from Catholic Schools Week here at STM! It is a public page, so you do not need to have a Facebook account to see it. Remember to complete the registration form using the Google link emailed to you. Everyone needs to complete this form. They need to be completed by Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please complete your registration form soon if you have not already. Registration is not considered complete until you pay the registration fee. Registration fees are paid through FACTS. Go onto your Parent Portal to access it and make a payment. Please call the school office with any questions. Thank you again for all your continued support of our incredible school. Have a pleasant weekend!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sonja Keane





# HONOR ROLL

## SECOND QUARTER

St. Thomas More Catholic School

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### High Honors

Milana L.  
Pippa P.  
Lottie R.  
Nathan T.

#### Honors

Alexander C.  
Amelia C.  
Silas E.  
Matthew J.  
Christopher L.  
Uriel M.  
Aaron P.  
Marino P.  
Veronica P.  
Isabella W.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### High Honors

Frank G.  
Caleb J.  
Rilynn K.

#### Honors

Olivia A.  
Griffin B.  
Alani B.  
Naella G.  
Haidyn H.  
Addison K.  
Emma P.  
Salma V.  
Jayden W.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### High Honors

Clare A.  
Brynn M.  
Lucas W.

#### Honors

Hailey M.  
Lillian P.  
Mia S.  
Francisco V.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### High Honors

Bennett D.  
Benjamin G.  
Sarah G.  
Allison L.  
Lucas M.  
Laura O.  
Alex R.  
Sophia V.

#### Honors

Aundrea B.  
Jayla C.  
Christian K.  
Gabriella R.  
Emir S.  
Clara S.  
Colin S.  
Sophia W.

2023 - 2024

Sponsored by STM Student Council

February 23, 2024

# Jersey Day

STM is hosting Jersey Day!  
On this day you can wear  
any college or professional  
teams shirt for a \$1.00.  
Join us in the fun!



# 100% DELICIOUS. 25% BACK TO YOUR CAUSE.

Enter coupon code  
**GIVING25** at checkout\*



## Giving back never tasted so good.

Get in on the FUNdraising by ordering online or dining with us on the evening of your group's event.

- ★ Log in to your Noodles Rewards account. Not a member? Join Noodles Rewards today at [noodles.com/rewards](https://noodles.com/rewards).
- ★ Place your order and **enter coupon code Giving25 at checkout.\***
- ★ If ordering in-restaurant simply mention your organization when ordering.

## ENTER COUPON CODE: GIVING25

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### Elgin

895 S Randall Rd, Elgin, IL 60123

February 28, 2024

4-8 pm

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of qualifying sales  
will directly benefit:

**St. Thomas More  
School**

 **noodles**  
& COMPANY

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- 3. Enter code "GIVING25" in coupon code and hit "Apply."**
- 4. Look for red checkmark  for confirmation and proceed to checkout.**



Elgin Knights of Columbus

# Chili for Charity

26th Annual  
Chili Cook-Off & Dinner

## Contestants Chili Application

Participants must provide (6 to 8) quarts of your favorite Chili to be eligible for judging. Doors open at 11 am to receive your "Heated" Chili, please allow time to set up; judging begins promptly at 1 pm. Utensils, condiments, serving trays and sterno will be provided. Fill in the below information; Select the proper Entrant Selection & heat category and fill in the Chili Name, and description, this is for Our Ad Book & Chili Menu; (e.g. "Shelby's Sweet Heat Chili" etc.). Clip off at dotted line below and mail or email the completed entry form to: **Terry Green, 2250 Country Knoll Lane, Elgin, IL 60123 or email at [tlegreen1@att.net](mailto:tlegreen1@att.net)**. For questions call: 847-652-5900 also you can visit our K of C web site at: [www.kofc654.org](http://www.kofc654.org). List any food allergens below & at your table. Student (free) Contestants must be enrolled in one of the 5 Catholic area schools, (limit 10 free student contestants), however students can participate in both divisions. All entrants will receive a personalized "Great Chili Chef Award".

**Overall Best Chili:**

1st Prize: \$400  
2nd Prize: \$250  
3rd Prize: \$100  
4th Prize: \$75  
5th Prize: \$50

**Best Overall Presentation:**

(not required)  
1st Prize: \$90  
2nd Prize: \$60

**Student Contestant Best Chili:**

1st Prize: \$50 cash for you  
and a traveling trophy for your school

**Best in Class:**

Hot, Med & Mild  
Trophy for each  
winning class

**WHEN:**

February 24th, 2024  
Set up times: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Judging starts at 1:00 pm

**WHERE:**

St. Thomas More Gymnasium  
1625 West Highland Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60123



Entrant Selection:

Standard Contestant  
Entry Fee: \$20

Student Contestant  
Entry Fee: Free

Standard & Student Contestant  
Entry Fee: \$20

**Please submit this application as soon as possible!**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chili: \_\_\_\_\_

Heat Category: Hot      Med      Mild

Description or Catchy Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

List any allergens (e.g. peanuts, shellfish): \_\_\_\_\_

**Benefiting: Elgin Catholic Schools, Elgin Soup Kitchen, Elgin Youth Sports, Elgin K of C**

*Please do not write in these boxes*

Rec. Date

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# **26th Annual Chili for Charity**

## **Elgin Knights of Columbus**

**St. Thomas More Gym,**

**1625 West Highland Ave, Elgin, IL**

**Saturday, 3:30pm to 7:00 pm, February 24th, 2024**



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**Donations are \$10 at the door or \$9 prior ticket sales. Monetary donations are accepted as well. The proceeds of our event will benefit all Elgin Catholic Schools, the Elgin Soup Kitchen, and Elgin area youth sports. Contact Marshall Spangler 847-606-1605**

**[m.span50@yahoo.com](mailto:m.span50@yahoo.com) for tickets.**

**Visit our website for more information.**

**<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=654>**

**Make check payable to Knights of Columbus & mail to Marshall Spangler, 487 Barrett St., Elgin, IL 60120 or use the QR code and let us know what the payment is for.**

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Once again, the Elgin Area Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Chili for Charity Cook-off and Dinner. This is the biggest fundraiser that the Knights sponsor to benefit: Elgin Catholic Schools, Elgin Soup Kitchen, Elgin Youth Sports, Special Olympics & Elgin K of C. There are three options to participate in the fundraiser listed below & you can make check payable to Knights of Columbus & mail to Marshall Spangler 487 Barrett St., Elgin, IL 60120-6639 or scan the code to make a payment for any of the options but please put memo for the payment option.



## **OPTION 1 ADVERTISEMENT**

Costs for an "Ad" are as follows: \$30 – ¼ page ad (5.5 in. / 2 in.)

\$60 – ½ page ad (5.5 in. / 4 in.)

\$100.00 – full page ad (5.5 in. / 8 in.)

\$200.00 – full page ad **inside cover** or **back cover** of book (first come, first served)

Contact Chris Gulik (847) 931-9641 [chrisgulik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisgulik@sbcglobal.net)

## **OPTION 2 RAFFLE PRIZES**

We are looking for prizes for the many raffles. If you could help us by sending a gift certificate or any other item that we could use would be greatly appreciated. Elgin KofC Tax ID 36-3961527

Contact Marshall Spangler 847-606-1605 [m.span50@yahoo.com](mailto:m.span50@yahoo.com)

## **OPTION 3 CHILI CONTESTANT**

Participants must provide (6 to 8) quarts of your favorite **Chili** for the contestant to be eligible for judging. Doors open at 11:00 am, bring in your "**Heated**" **Chili** no later than 1:00 pm, judging begins at 1:00 pm. Utensils, condiments, serving trays and sterno will be provided.

Standard Contestant Entry Fee: \$20

Over All Best Chili: 1st Prize: \$400/2nd Prize: \$250/3rd Prize: \$100/4th Prize: \$75/5th Prize: \$50

Best Overall Presentation: 1st Prize: \$90/2nd Prize: \$60

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