

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

February 21, 2024

Upcoming events:

Wed, Feb 21 Varsity Girls B'ball @ Carpentersville Middle School
Thu, Feb 22 JV Girls B'ball vs. St. Catherine, Home
Fri, Feb 23 Varsity Girls B'ball @ St. Patrick
Sat, Feb 24 Knights of Columbus Chili Cook-off

CSW Collections



As part of Catholic Schools Week *in honor of service*, STM hosted two collections. A food drive, done in conjunction with St. Ed's High School, collected non-perishable food donations for a local food pantry. In addition, St. Thomas More students along with the STM parish collected baby supplies throughout the week. The proceeds benefited Corbella Clinic. Thank you to everyone whose donations filled up many boxes!

Valentine's Spread Cheer



During Catholic Schools Week students made Valentine's Day cards with their buddy classes. The cards were distributed to residents in local nursing homes, spreading love and cheer to all those near!

Chess at STM School

Chess Wizards is back at STM! The afterschool program teaches students chess and includes fun play time as well.



Purple Out to Benefit American Cancer Society

Earlier this month St. Thomas More's principal, Mrs. Keane, celebrated two years of being cancer-free! To commemorate the anniversary and support the American Cancer Society, STM School once again held a Purple Out Day. Students could come to school out of uniform if they wore purple and donated a dollar or more to the cause. This year St. Edward High School joined in with STM School and hosted a Purple Out Day on the same day. The two schools together collected \$520.00 that was donated to the American Cancer Society. Way to go, everyone!



www.stmelgin.org



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



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

We began doing Stations of the Cross as a school last week. We will be doing them every Thursday at 2 PM throughout Lent. Please feel free to join us if you are available. This Thursday, a la carte in the lunchroom will be back for one day only! Please see the attached flyer for what will be sold and the prices. Students are still expected to have a lunch to eat. This is in addition to, not in place of a lunch. On Friday our Student Council is sponsoring Jersey Day. Students can come to school out of uniform that day if they are wearing a t-shirt or jersey of a college or professional sports team for just a dollar. This is a fun way to support the STM SC. This week your child will receive their Hope for Haitians collection box. This year the money collected will go towards the construction of a medical building. Please remember to encourage your child to collect some money in their Hope for Haitians box during Lent. Boxes are due back to school by March 22nd. 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 29th. 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 Family 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 extraordinary school. I hope you have a glorious weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



A LA CARTE IS BACK!



Sunny D = 50 cents



Goldfish = 75 cents

Pretzels = 50 cents



SunChips = \$1.00



Cookies = 50 cents



Thursday, February 22
is the day A La Carte
returns. ***Cash Only**

Sponsored by the STM Student Council.

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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*



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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.
- ★ Place your order and **enter coupon code Giving25 at checkout.***
- ★ If ordering in-restaurant simply mention your organization when ordering.

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Elgin

895 S Randall Rd, Elgin, IL 60123

February 28, 2024

4-8 pm

25 %


of qualifying sales
will directly benefit:

**St. Thomas More
School**

 **noodles**
& COMPANY

NOODLES FOR GOOD.

Make sure your fundraising dollars get to the right place.

- 1. On the day of the fundraiser, order your favorites online at noodles.com/order or on our app.**
- 2. Once your order is complete, head to checkout.**
- 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**. For questions call: 847-652-5900 also you can visit our K of C web site at: 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

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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 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.

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 24, 2024**



Elgin Knights Of Columbus 654

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

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

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.

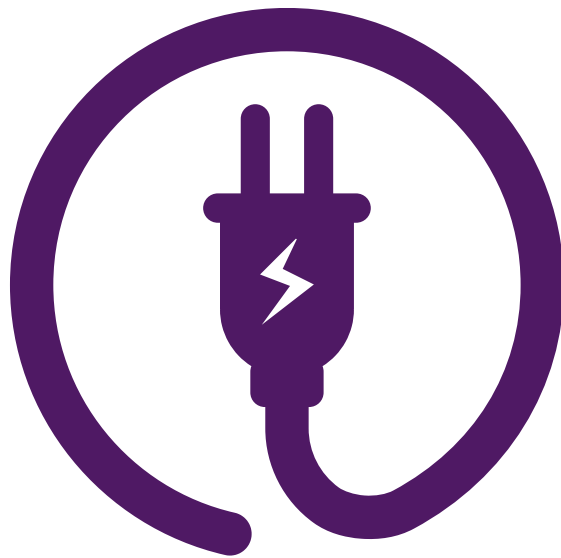
Standard Contestant Entry Fee: \$20

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

Mail completed entry form to: Terry Green, 2250 Country Knoll Lane, Elgin, IL 60123. For questions call: (847) 652-5900 or email at tlegreen1@att.net also you can visit our web site at: <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=654>

Take the **LENT** Unplugged Family Challenge



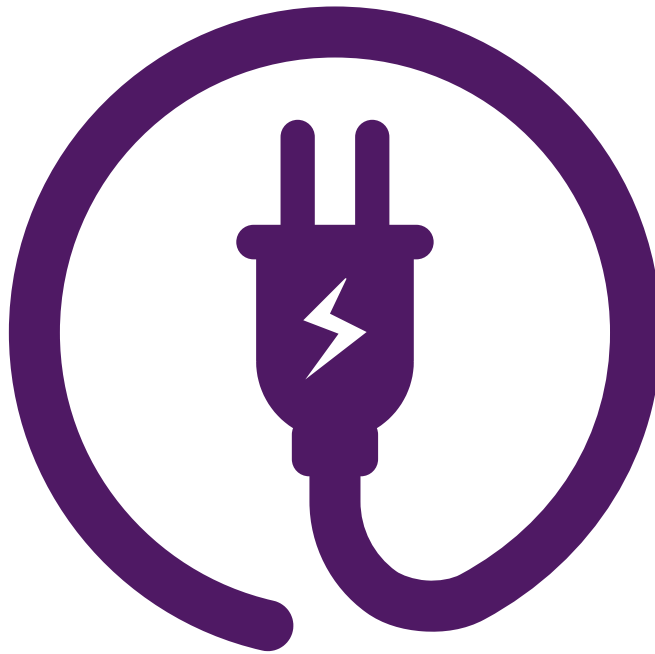
In this time of constant automation, smart phones, social media, TV, and video games...It's time to unplug!

How does this challenge work?

1. Pick a day between Feb. 14th-March 31st to turn everything off or unplug. You are committing to 24 hours of being unplugged from **ALL** electronics.
2. Plug IN to things that are non-electronic and can be done together.
3. DO IT!
4. Share with others.

Unplugged Family Challenge Accepted!

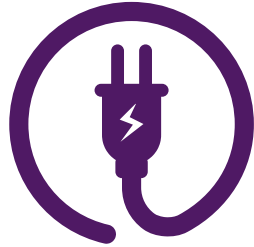
Date: _____



Family - (All who participated):

This is what we did:

Unplugged Family Ideas



Build a fort or clubhouse

Wash the car

Go for a walk

Feed the ducks

Make a handprint tree

Go for a bike ride

Visit the zoo

Rearrange your bedroom

Make a sandcastle

Climb a tree

Ride on a train

Create a collage

Write a letter to someone you admire

Put on a play

Plant a herb garden

Make homemade cards

Have a snowball fight

Bake a cake

Go sledging

Have a tea party

Make a time capsule

Play hide-and-seek

Put on a fashion show

Camp out in the garden

Create an art gallery and display your art

Have a BBQ

Go bird watching

Draw a picture

Visit a theme park

Build a fire to cook marshmallows

Go swimming

Have a sleepover

Send a postcard to yourself

Go bowling

Visit a farm

Fly a kite

Go geocaching as a family

Plant a tree

Build a birdfeeder

Go rock pooling

Make a cardboard box robot

Visit a castle

Make finger puppets

Do a puzzle

Make a snow angel

Do a bug hunt

Paint a picture

Go trampolining

Read a book

Make tin can stilts

Write a letter

Go to the library

Dress up

Make Cake Pops

Make a mud pie

Go stargazing

Collect leaves and make leaf prints

Go to a museum

Make an animal mask

Play board games

Have a picnic

Go to a playground

Finger paint

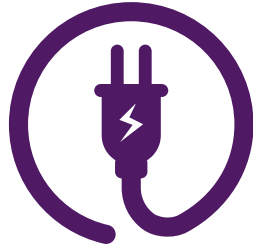
Visit a nature reserve

Learn about your village, city or town

Make a fairy garden

Volunteer

Unplugged Family Ideas



Go ice skating
Play laser tag
Do a DIY science experiment
Organize a garage sale
Create an obstacle course
Plan a vacation
Plant a butterfly garden
Make paper aeroplanes
Do karaoke
Build a min-library of your favorite books
Make a television show
Go puddle hunting
Make button jewellery
Play restaurant
Make a leaf angel
Play tag
Build a tree house
Have a dance-off
Have fun with paper mache
Take some photographs
Go to the park
Skim stones
Have a wheelbarrow race
Make breakfast or dinner for the family
Visit a market
Create a scrapbook
Have a hose fight
Go to a pantomime
Run through sprinklers
Visit your relatives
Make tie-dye shirts
Make origami

Need more ideas before you begin?

<https://www.unplugcollaborative.org/unplug-what-to-do-collection>