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Saturday 8:30 AM 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Daily 8:30 AM

Reconciliation
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday 9 AM
Saturday 9 AM 1 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Sunday 1 PM - **Saturday** 1 PM
stthomasmorechurch.org/adoration

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 4:30 PM

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Friday 9 AM - 1:00 PM

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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

Call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest to begin all marriage preparation.

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.

RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

stthomasmorechurch.org/becoming-catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey together in search of God.

SUPPORT Information

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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.**

CONTACT Us

Are you interested in making St. Thomas More your church? Would you like to learn more about our community? Fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, give to Melissa at our weekend welcome center or contact us online at **stthomasmorechurch.org/new-to-st-thomas-more**

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

REGISTRATION | PARISH INVOLVEMENT | QUESTIONS | OTHER? _____

PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

The Eucharist is truly, really, and substantially the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. In 2019 a study by Pew Research revealed that "most self-described Catholics don't believe this core teaching. In fact, nearly seven-in-ten Catholics (69%) say they personally believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine used in Communion "are *symbols* of the body and blood of Jesus Christ." Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that "during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus."

There is a line coming up in the John chapter six that shows the difficulty in believing the Church's teaching on the Eucharist started when Jesus first proclaimed it "The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat? (John 6:52)." Then "many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it? (John 6:60)." And "After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer walked with him" (John 6:66). We must be like the Apostles and disciples who remained and trusted in the words of Jesus. The question is why I should believe the teaching on the Eucharist.

As we heard in last weekend's Gospel, we must put our belief, our faith in Jesus. It requires an act of faith in the One who is stamped with the divine image of the Heavenly Father (see John 6:27). Faith in Jesus who showed Himself trustworthy by fighting for us, forgiving our sins through His sacrifice on the Cross, and conquering death through His Resurrection from the dead. We believe in His life and actions, His words which made all things, and His Church which continues His saving mission on earth.

Pray daily for a deeper faith in the reality of the Eucharist. Spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel. Use some of the resources I shared in last week's bulletin to grow in knowledge. The Eucharist is everything because it is Jesus who is God with us. Give Him your everything.

In Eucharistic Amazement,
Fr. Browning

Register for 2021/22 Faith Formation

We will be meeting in-person for Family Faith and Sacraments Pre-K4 through 9th grade information and registration can be found at: **https://www.stthomasmorechurch.org/religious-education**

Food for Seniors aged 60+

Food for Greater Elgin & Senior Services Assoc. are teaming up to feed local seniors. Call Senior Services Associates to register **847.741.0404**. August delivery dates are August 13th & August 27th with delivery between 1:30PM- 4:00PM.

Men's Morning of Reflection

Men's Morning of Reflection on St. Joseph with Fr. Browning.

- **Saturday, August 14th**
- **8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Sign up on our Flocknote message or on our website at **stthomasmorechurch.org**

BULLETIN Deadlines

August 22nd Bulletin

Materials Due: **August 09, 2021**

August 29th Bulletin

Materials Due: **August 16, 2021**

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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
†All affected by COVID-19
†Brad Abell
†Jessica Abell
†Chuck Benson
†Rita Cox
†Laura Dicristotano
†Arie Connell
†Jay Connell
†Maria Esperanza Robles Flores
†Edward Finnerty
†Daniel Serrano Gaeta
†Lucia Gaeta
†Dianna Giardino
†Larry Goto
†Emmanuel Gumapas
†Trina Higgins
†Frank Iori
†Ilene Janczak
†Erika del Real Magallanes
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†Belinda Mockler
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†María de Jesús Garcia Robles
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†Manuel Roman
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†Gracie Springer
†Helen Stasukaitis
†Wojcik Family
†Arlene Williams
†Carol White
†Dave White

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.

NEW Times

- **Beginning Saturday, August 7**
  Morning Mass will be celebrated every Saturday at 8:30AM.
- **Beginning Wednesday, August 11**
  Confessions will be heard following 8:30AM Mass on Wednesdays, until all heard.
- **Beginning Saturday, August 14**
  Confessions will be heard following 8:30AM Mass on Saturdays, until all heard. Confessions will also continue to be heard at 1:00PM on Saturdays.

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

BAPTISMS at STM

We welcome this child to God's family.

Brixton Paisley Fajardo
Her parents John and Gianina Fajardo

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Welcome Tim Horneman, Our New Director of Music & Liturgy

Hello! My name is Tim Horneman, and I am delighted to be here at St. Thomas More as the director of music and liturgy. Leading a congregation in song is a great privilege, and I very much look forward to building the STM community and its faith through sacred music.

I am joining STM after four years as music director at Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove, three years during which I was also the K-8 music teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School in Downers Grove. But my sacred music career started more than 20 years ago, when I was a wee lad of 13, playing my first Mass at the parish I grew up in.

Over that time, I've been able to experience, play and sing sacred music of all types, from the sublime glory of Gregorian chant to the deeply felt soul of gospel music to the emotional pull of contemporary music. I'm happy to present all of this music to the people of STM. I hope that it will serve to enhance your worship of God and deepen your faith.

Outside of church music, I enjoy bicycling, listening to vinyl records, and playing with my five nieces and nephews, the oldest of whom is just 5. And I hope one day to be on "Jeopardy!" I dedicate my music ministry to my late maternal grandmother, an organist herself, who always encouraged my musical development.

Over the next few months, I intend to re-form our music ministries and bring music back to the noon Mass. As you might imagine, this will take some time and will be dependent on pandemic conditions. In the meantime, please feel free to come up after Mass to say hi, and if you're interested in joining music ministry as a singer, instrumentalist, or bell ringer, please let me know at **music@stthomasmorechurch.org**. You're also welcome to follow my professional Facebook page at **https://www.facebook.com/TimHornemanMusic.**

May God bless you!

Parish Church Directory

Our parish is creating a new pictorial church directory!

Our dates for photography will be:

- **September 13 - 16** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 17** - 3:30pm - 8:30pm
- **September 18** - 10:30am - 4:00pm

Sign-up online now at https://ucdir.com/
Follow instructions below:

- **Click** on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login
- **Church Code:** IL147
- **Password**: photos
- **Select your date and time** to schedule your appointment

Or **sign -up in-person** after all Masses **this weekend** in the Gathering Space.

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, August 09

8:30 AM Mass

Kathy Hamilton
Matthew J. Seiler

Tuesday, August 10

8:30 AM Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory
John & Bridget Padden

Wednesday, August 11

8:30 AM Mass

Bill Molitor
Fellowship Members & Families

Thursday, August 12

8:30 AM Mass

Angel Zoraida Rodriguez (sp. Int. wedding anniv.)
Sandy Wilt

Friday, August 13

8:30 AM Mass

Deacon Robert Plazewski
Oscar Gutierrez (sp. Int. Birthday)

Saturday, August 14

5:00 PM Mass

Frank Viz
Mary Ann Sevingy

Sunday, August 15

8:00 AM Mass

Ben Larsen
Barbara & Chuck Pruter (sp. int. 40th Annv.)

10:00 AM Mass

Harriet Daly
People of STM

12:00 PM Mass

Jim & Lisa Sowinski (sp. int. 46th Annv.)
Deceased family members of Jim & Lisa Sowinski

Presiders

Saturday, August 14

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, August 15

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Adoration Candles Intentions

August 08 - August 14

Deacon Bob Plazewski, Cathy Berk

August 15– August 21

Frank Ybarra

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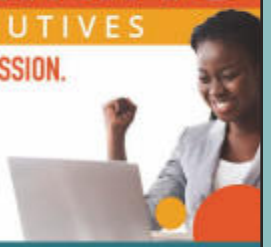

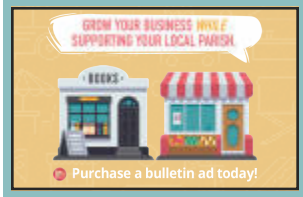

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