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Weekend Mass Schedule
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
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
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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

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

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.**

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:** _____

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

We have some fantastic things happening at St. Thomas More. Our school is off to a great start. We have many families registered for Family Faith Formation, which begins Wednesday, September 15. There is still time to get enrolled. In September, we will be introducing a campaign to invite our Catholic friends, neighbors, co-workers back to Mass. In an informal poll of thousands of church-goers, eighty percent said they responded to an invitation from a friend when asked why they started going to church.

Jesus is the model as we see Him in the gospels invite those who would become His Apostles, "Come and See." We will be hosting a challenge to invite Catholics to come and hear the Gospel, "the Good News," preached on the weekends of October. St. Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith" (Romans 1:16). The Gospel is power not because of the preacher but because of the message itself. But what is the Gospel? The Gospel is the Story of Salvation in which we are living. We priests are going to preach and teach the Gospel each Sunday in October in our homilies. We want you and those you invite to hear the transforming power of the Gospel as you have never heard it before. Get excited, I am! More to come on that.

Finally, we are almost at our goal for the Diocesan Appeal. Please help us reach the goal or beyond (any excess comes back to the parish). If you have not given to it yet, any amount will help. We have reached about 92% of our goal with 12% participation. I would love to get 15% participation. Thank you to all who have given and supported the parish through your time, talent, and treasure.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Browning

Parish Church Directory

Our parish is creating a new pictorial church directory!

Our dates for photography will be:

- **September 13** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 14** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 15** - 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **September 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** in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses.

BULLETIN Deadlines

September 12th Bulletin
Materials Due: **August 30, 2021**

September 19th Bulletin
Materials Due: **September 06, 2021**

Share your experiences and photos with us.

Flocknote | Facebook | Instagram | YouTube

Let's keep in touch! Text **"stmelgin"** to **84576** or visit **flocknote.com/stthomasmore37**

Like our Facebook page to stay connected to our community! **facebook.com/St Thomas More Catholic Church**

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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
✝Sophia Ernst
✝Tim Felski
✝Maria Esperanza Robles Flores
✝Edward Finnerty
✝Daniel Serrano Gaeta
✝Lucia Gaeta
✝Dianna Giardino
✝Larry Goto
✝Emmanuel Gumapas
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✝Mary Meek
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✝Isidro Miramontes
✝Belinda Mockler
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✝Chuck Pruter
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✝Manuel Roman
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✝Diane Schumacher
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✝Teresa Schuman
✝Gracie Springer
✝Helen Stasukaitis
✝Staudacher Family
✝Wojcik Family
✝Carol White
✝Dave White
✝Heather Wydra

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

✝Joseph Louis Scatena

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.

Music Choir Practice

First choir practice will be on **Thursday, 9/2, at 7 pm**, in Church. The choir is open to anyone high school or older, and the ability to read music is not required. We are aiming to have our first choir Mass on Sunday, 9/26 at 10 am. If you are new to Music Ministry, e-mail **Tim Horneman** at **music@stthomasmorechurch.org** for more information.

CONFESSION Time Change

Our newly added confession day on Wednesdays at 9:00am will be moved to **Thursdays at 9:00am.**

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

BAPTISM at STM

We welcome this child to God's family.

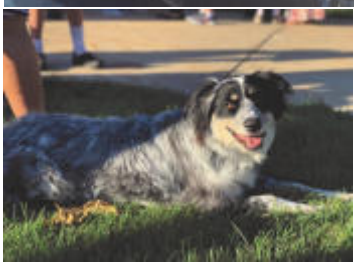
Natalie Isabel Verastegui
Her parents Rene Verastegui and Erika Contreras
and her Godparents Jesus Perez and Argelia Orozco

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Chillin' At Church

This past weekend we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming all STM families from Family Faith, Youth Fellowship, and our STM school to come "chill" at Church! After a special family mass, we spent the evening with snow cones from the Kona Ice truck, touring the campus, playing with Nova the pup, meet some staff and teachers, and mingling with other families in our community. It was a beautiful night of faith and sharing (and snow cones, of course)!



School Courtyard Cleanup

The Knights of Columbus and school parents met at St. Thomas More on June 28th where they cleaned up the courtyard for the upcoming school year.

THA**NK YOU SO MUCH!**

Women of the Old Testament

Stories are a gift to the imagination. They help us to imagine people and places and experiences different from our own. Biblical stories help us to imagine the relationship of God with human beings. They give us words to describe our own relationship with God. Join us and learn the stories of Sarah, Hagar, Dinah, Tamar, Delilah, Ruth, Esther and even more incredible women from the Old Testament.

- **Registration $20 for materials**
- **Mondays September 13-November 15**
- Morning session **in person** 9:00-10:00AM
- Evening session **in person** 6:30-7:30PM
- **Zoom** sessions Tuesdays September 14 -November 16, 6:30-7:30PM

Sign up at **stthomasmorechurch.org/women-of-the-old-testament** or through your weekly Flocknote.

Contact **Sharon Hall** for more information at shall@stthomasmorechurch.org or **847.888.1682 x216**

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 30

8:30 AM Mass

Kathy Hamilton
Joyce Romke (sp. int.)

Tuesday, August 31

8:30 AM Mass

Ilominda Apura-Salting
Glenn Hutchinson

Wednesday, September 01

8:30 AM Mass

Missy Craig
Jeanne Schroeder

Thursday, September 02

8:30 AM Mass

Rita Calma
Maureen Netzel

Friday, September 03

8:30 AM Mass

All Souls
Mark Browning & Family (sp. int.)

Saturday, September 04

8:30 AM Mass

Jane & William Galla
Barbara Huber

5:00 PM Mass

Gloria Landoy
April Adamany

Sunday, September 05

8:00 AM Mass

Christine Baczek
Fred & Laura Boehm (sp. int. - 50th Anniversary)

10:00 AM Mass

Viateur & Emilie Saindon
Gene Nottolini & deceased members of the Nottolini and McKeown Families

12:00 PM Mass

People of STM
Emma Rafael (sp. Int.)

Presiders

Saturday, September 04

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Linster

Sunday, September 05

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Adoration Candles Intentions

August 28 - September 04

Steve Lange

September 05 – September 11

Delphine Ornelas, James Shumaker

Stay connected with your faith when you are on vacation or traveling. Share with St. Thomas More, a picture of you and/or your family at Mass! Send your picture to **ayoung@stthomasmorechurch.org** with a simple description and your location, and it will be shared in our Sunday bulletin and our social media!

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