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Silent Night

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



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**.

BULLETIN Deadlines

January 9th Bulletin

Materials Due: **December 28, 2021**

January 16th Bulletin

Materials Due: **January 03, 2022**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas reminds us that God desires to be close to His people (Emmanuel means God with us). Jesus is born of a Virgin to offer himself on the Cross to show us the love of God, to save us from sin, and to fight and defeat our enemies - sin, death, and the devil. Turn your mind and heart to God this Christmas. Wherever you are on your faith journey, Christmas is the time to refocus on God. It is a time to recommit to living a life of faith. St. Thomas More parish is here to help you do that. Join us! Thank you for your continued support of St. Thomas More parish and school. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for your commitment, service, and dedication. I am grateful to our parish and school staff for their steadfast devotion to continuing the mission of Jesus and His Church. We pray this Christmas that God will bring peace and joy to our world and each of our hearts.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you,
Fr. Ryan Browning & Fr. Ejay Jarapa
And All the Staff at St. Thomas More

Praying The Rosary

WITH PARISHIONERS

Mornings

Parishioners meet **every morning at 8:00am** before daily Mass to pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

Evenings

Monday evenings at 7:00pm

parishioners gather to pray the Rosary in defense of life. All are welcome.

Want to learn how to pray the Rosary? Visit our website;

stthomasmorechurch.org/prayers-and-devotions

Parish Office Closed

- Monday, December 27
- Friday, December 31
- Monday, January 3

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed beginning to the new year!

Epiphany Sunday January 2

Our tradition continues on Epiphany Sunday with our Magi in their beautiful costumes greeting parishioners after Mass with a special treat. We are in need of adults to volunteer to help us. If you would like to volunteer please call **Loretta** at **224.535.6024** or contact the parish office.



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...

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|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| † All Souls in Purgatory | † Dianna Giardino | † Lisa Roman |
| † All affected by COVID-19 | † Dominick Girardi | † Manuel Roman |
| † Maria Abbinanti | † Linda Girardi | † Diane Schumacher |
| † Sebastian Abbinanti | † Trina Higgins | † Jo Ann Sperkowski |
| † Bill Afryl | † Rita Lutzow | † Rich Sutton |
| † Mabel Allen | † William Meek | † Douglas Steichen |
| † Michelle Bailey | † Paul Messina | † Wojcik Family |
| † Briana Bidro | † Gloria Neitzel | † Heather Wydra |
| † Lauren Calo | † Lutie Regan | |
| † Ana Carrillo | † Janet Roman | |

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

- † Teresa (Pat) Schuman

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.

WORD of Life

For all families:
That as the domestic Church,
they may pursue holiness,
pass on the faith, and persevere in love;
We pray to the Lord:

DISHES Pick Up

The kitchen is overflowing with dishes left behind from events here at the church. Please stop by the Chelsea Room to retrieve your dishes. All remaining dishes will be donated. Thank you.

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin



THANK YOU to all who serve and protect

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|---|---|--|---|---|
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| ● Robert Castellvi
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SSG, USAF | ● Patrick Puckett
2nd Lt., National Guard | |

HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to



Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPI

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



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, December 27

8:30 AM Mass

**Ann Brkljack
Adan Araiza**

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 AM Mass

**Donna Browning (sp. int.)
Stephen Lange**

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 AM Mass

**Jack Koehler
Julie Daly**

9:30 AM Mass (School staff and students only)

No School Mass

Thursday, December 30

8:30 AM Mass

**Michael Burke
Dorothy Miller**

Friday, December 31

8:30 AM Mass

**James Rakowski, Jr.
Apollo Bernabe**

Saturday, January 01

8:30 AM Mass

Stephen Durrant

5:00 PM Mass

Kathleen Isaac

Sunday, January 02

8:00 AM Mass

**People of STM
Cristina Brubaker**

10:00 AM Mass

Nora McGing

12:00 PM Mass

People of STM

Presiders

Saturday, January 01

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Sunday, January 02

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Linster

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Adoration Candles Intentions

December 26 - January 01

Ann Decker

January 02 - January 08

**Special Intentions for: Elizabeth (Lisa) Roman,
Janet Roman, Manuel Roman**

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

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4:30 PM

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