

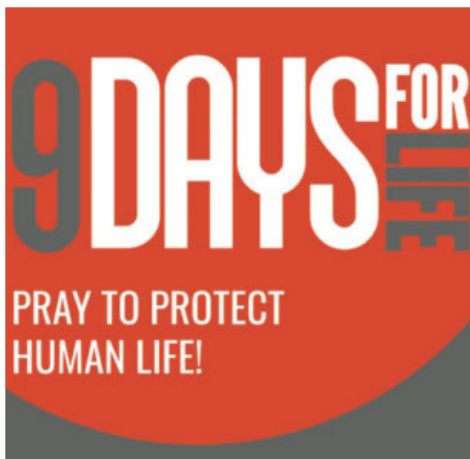
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4:30 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

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 30th Bulletin

Materials Due: **January 17, 2022**

February 6th Bulletin

Materials Due: **January 24, 2022**

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PARISH NEWS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

LETTER from Fr. Browning

On January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision that *legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population.*

This coming Saturday, we set aside a day of prayer to fully restore the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations of the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in the mother's womb, and for someone who has participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is *hope*.

Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. You can find more information about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting hopeafterabortion.com.

We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law. Join us in praying the novena, [9 days for life](#).

Prayers,
Fr. Browning

Little Flower Prayer Group

New prayer group forming for those interested in group prayer. Will meet the **first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:15am** in the Chelsea Room.

First meeting will be Thursday, January 20.

All are welcome.



2021 Fall Raffle Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous support of the annual St. Thomas More Fall Raffle. As always, YOU have made our fundraiser a huge success! The proceeds from this raffle help fund St. Thomas More's parish school directly benefitting the education and evangelization of our students. We are so grateful to all of you!

Congratulations to the 2021 Fall Raffle Winners:

Charlotte Braheny **Grand Prize Winner**
Mary Jo Zaeske **Second Prize Winner**
Mary Schwartz **Third Prize Winner** (1 of 2)
Karen Davis-Flannery **Third Prize Winner** (2 of 2)
Pam Urquhart **Fourth Prize Winner** (1 of 2)
Beverly Kittler **Fourth Prize Winner** (2 of 2)
Diane Rees **Fifth Prize Winner** (1 of 2)
Armar Cervantes **Fifth Prize Winner** (2 of 2)



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
 † Sebastian Abbinanti
 † Bill Afryl
 † Mabel Allen
 † Michelle Bailey
 † Briana Bidro
 † Lauren Calo
 † Ana Carrillo
 † Nick Disanza
 † Dianna Giardino
 † Dominick Girardi
 † Linda Girardi

† Barb Gorzak
 † Tony Gorzak
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 † Rita Lutzow
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† Cynthia Pelkowski
 † Larry Pelkowski
 † Chuck Pruter
 † Lutie Regan
 † Janet Roman
 † Lisa Roman
 † Manuel Roman
 † Diane Schumacher
 † Jo Ann Sperkowski
 † Rich Sutton
 † Douglas Steichen
 † Wojcik Family
 † Heather Wydra

SYMPATHY List

Rest In Peace

† Maria Abbinanti
 † Gregoria Camit Napadow Doyle
 † Robert Larson

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.

MARCH for Life

Friday, January 21 is the annual March For Life in Washington DC. Pray for these marchers as they publicly support human life. Please dedicate a Rosary or Holy hour on Friday to the safety and dignity of all life from conception to natural death.

MASS for Life w/ Bishop Malloy

Join Bishop David Malloy as he celebrates a Mass for Life at **10:00am on Saturday, January 22, 2022** - the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - at **St. Mary Parish**, 10307 Dundee Road, in Huntley, IL. If unable to attend in person, the Mass for Life will be live streamed on the St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley YouTube channel. It can be viewed live or at a later time.

SPOTLIGHT

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

THANK You

The residents of River Crossing of Elgin wish to send holiday blessings and a heartfelt thank you to Ann, Maria, & Jerry for their visits throughout the year. Thank you to the St. Thomas More School children for the donations for the gift bags. .

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring [the] good news!" Romans 10:15"



HAPPENINGS

St. Thomas More Parish, Elgin

The Magi

Thank you to all who dressed up as the Magi for The Epiphany of the Lord, the weekend of January 1/2. And a big thank you to Loretta Heuer for preparation and planning of this event. Thank you!



5PM

Jose Aquino
Steve Skog
Kirk Stasukaitus

10AM

Chuck Rutke
Jim Walsh
Steve Dinardo

8AM

Luis Ramirez
Gordon Gromer
Lester Holze

12PM

Jeremiah Palanca
Cael Paullin
Mike Schelonka

National Appeal - January 15-16, 2022



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Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican, Dec. 11. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

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, January 17

8:30 AM Mass

Chester Szymczyk

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 AM Mass

Harriet Daly

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 AM Mass

Mary & Jim McGann

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

Margaret Allan

Thursday, January 20

8:30 AM Mass

**Mary Lesniak
Ramona Beech**

Friday, January 21

8:30 AM Mass

Bob & Jane Larson

Saturday, January 22

8:30 AM Mass

Robert Zimmer

5:00 PM Mass

**People of STM
Alice & George Gasper**

Sunday, January 23

8:00 AM Mass

Kim Baczek

10:00 AM Mass

Feliciano Rafael

12:00 PM Mass

Donna Elke (sp. int)

Presiders

Saturday, January 22

8:30 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

5:00 PM Mass

Fr. Browning

Sunday, January 23

8:00 AM Mass

Fr. Browning

10:00 AM Mass

Fr. Ejay

12:00 PM Mass

Fr. Ejay

Adoration Candles Intentions

January 16 - January 22

Donna J. Benz

January 23- January 29

Jesse Meek



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