Liturgy Schedule

**MASS:**
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8 & 10:30 am  
Tuesday-Friday 7:15 am

**RECONCILIATION:**
Saturday 3:30-4 pm  
or by appointment

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**
First Friday of the Month,  
Begins at 8 am and concludes at noon with Midday Prayer and Benediction

**CENTERING PRAYER:**
Tuesday 5:30-6:15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**
First Sundays of the month during 10:30 am Mass  
or at 9 am by appointment

Rooted in the Gospels and formed by Ignatian spirituality, the mission of the Catholic Community of Saint Thomas More is to glorify God by our lives.
You are Called to Help Steer the Future of Our Church

Two years from now, Archbishop Hebda will issue a new pastoral letter. For the first time in any Catholic archdiocese ever, he is asking the people of his archdiocese what the letter should be about. This letter will reflect what he hears from his flock and will set the priorities of our archdiocese for the next 5-10 years. The way to share your feedback is to attend a Synod Listening Session.

We are prioritizing attendance at the following listening sessions, and will be coordinating rides from STM. If you are interested in attending a listening session, please contact the listed parishioner, who is an STM Synod Ambassador working to help our parish share our voices:

- **Sunday, Jan. 5**, 1-4 pm at Holy Cross in Minneapolis – Lisa Amman ammansteger@gmail.com
- **Saturday, Jan. 25**, 9 am - 12 pm at St. Peter Claver in St. Paul – Jess Miller jessica.miller51@gmail.com
- **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 9 am - 12 pm at Lumen Christi in St. Paul – Aaron Sinner aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com

Archbishop Hebda has also said he wants to hear from both dedicated Catholics and those who may have walked away. Please consider inviting a friend or family member who is a former Catholic to attend with you.

**More info:** www.morecommunity.org/synod-ambassadors

**Questions?** synodambassadors@morecommunity.org

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National Migration Week 2020: January 5-11

**CALL FOR IMMIGRANT SUPPORT DONATIONS**

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we will also affirm STM’s ongoing commitment to support and advocate for the needs of our undocumented immigrant brothers and sisters. The Catholic Church, Pope Francis, and the Society of Jesus have long advocated for immigration reform in the United States. Since March 2017, we have committed to supporting and advocating for our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Since July 2017, our Holy Family Apartment (HFA) has served multiple families. We, through our volunteers, have accompanied these families and their needs, providing food and shelter, clothing, medical attention, translation services, connection and immigration/asylum resources, legal counsel, education, and spiritual support.

Please consider making a donation this weekend! Visit www.morecommunity.org/give, navigate to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), then select the “immigrant support” fund. If you donate by check, please write “Immigrant Support” in the memo line. Any and all help is appreciated!

**More info:** www.morecommunity.org/immigrant-support

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Pope Francis shared on the day of his election, “How I would love a church that is poor and for the poor.” How might we be a Church for the poor? By supporting Just Immigration Reform providing a roadmap to citizenship, we can be a church for poor and vulnerable migrants in our community.

2020 is a window of opportunity for creating Just Immigration Reform. As people of faith, we can support Just Immigration Reform providing a roadmap to citizenship for those vulnerable aspiring citizens living and working in our communities. 64% of Minnesotans AGREE the Government should create a roadmap to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already here (according to Star Tribune Minnesota Poll April 1, 2013).
Community & Opportunities

Accompaniment Study Group
6-WEEK STUDY BEGINNING JANUARY 9
After receiving some great feedback on Bill Huebsch’s Art of Accompaniment presentation, we are ready to discern what accompaniment might look like here at St. Thomas More, and we need input! Starting in the New Year, we are going to begin with studying Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel. Only one time slot left for this 6-week study:

- Thursday Evenings 7-8 pm
  January 9, 16, 30, February 6, 13, & 20

Interested? To sign up, email Carol Arend at carend@morecommunity.org or call the parish office.

Immigration Solidarity Conversation
How do we as a parish continue to support and advocate for Immigration Solidarity as called by the Gospel and Catholic Social teaching? Join us for this discussion! All are welcome to participate. We are offering 2 dates:

- JANUARY 12, 9-10:30 AM, CHURCH LOWERCROFT
- JANUARY 22, 6:30-8 PM, PARISH LIBRARY

Questions? Email Brian at bhefer@morecommunity.org or call the parish office.

Attention Knitters and Wanna-Be-Knitters
JANUARY 13, 7-9 PM, PARISH CENTER
Our STM knitting and crocheting group makes prayer shawls for our community members experiencing difficulties and blankets for children baptized in our parish. We meet on the third Monday of every month from 7 -9 pm (with the exception of this January when we will meet on January 13) in the Parish Center. Please come! Knitters of all abilities are welcome. There are experts who can guide you.

Questions? Please contact Mary Pat at jmclysdale1@gmail.com or call Carol in the parish office.

Free Store Update
A big THANKS to those who filled Free Store requests on the Giving Tree during Advent and to all who donated clothing and household items to us during 2019. As we begin the new year, please consider joining our volunteer team. Donations needed at this time include warm winter coats/jackets (all sizes), children’s winter clothing, boots, new socks and underwear (all sizes), blankets and bedding. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Community Corner of Church when you come to Mass, or from 12-1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. YOU bring this much needed and appreciated ministry to life!

Questions or interested in volunteering? Visit www.morecommunity.org/free-store, email STMfreestore@morecommunity.org or call Mary at 612-432-2422 or Mary Beth at 708-805-0151

Care for Creation Meeting
JANUARY 14, 7 PM, PARISH CENTER
Join us for our next Care for Creation meeting! All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

More info: www.morecommunity.org/care-for-creation

Environmental Tip from Care for Creation
Happy New Year! As you begin your New Year’s resolutions, consider revamping your self-care routine with the purchase of bar body soaps, bar facial soaps and bar shampoos. Choose products that list natural ingredients and come in paper or compost-able packaging. Some co-ops and zero waste stores even sell these products with no packaging whatsoever!

www.morecommunity.org/care-for-creation
Message from Father Pohrmen, Pastor of our Sister Parish, St. Francis Xavier

In January 2018, two members of Saint Thomas More parish visited Saint Francis Xavier parish in India. The parishioners of SFX wrote and performed a “welcome” song for their visitors. Read the lyrics below! Original Khasi lyrics can be found online.

Chorus
We cordially and honourably welcome you,
For having visited us and so,
Your life, your love you share with us
To be a true family.

Verses
You have come all the way from U.S.A.,
For you loved us in a special way;
The love of Christ binds us as one family,
Our hopes and desires have become a reality.
You patiently bear with all discomforts and difficulties,
Throughout your stay here and for visiting our church communities;
May the good Lord bless you abundantly,
And upon us all as one family.

As the time passed on,
Let our family become strong to lean on;
May the love of Christ guide us all;
To spread His good news to all the world.

Neither gift nor treasure,
We have for you to offer;
But through our song we fervently pray,
That God will take care of you in all your way.

More info: www.morecommunity.org/sister-parish

Interfaith Climate Justice Convergence
JANUARY 19, 1-3PM, HAMLINE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST
Interested in organizing for climate action in your faith community? Come to the Saint Paul Interfaith Climate Justice Convergence! Interfaith Creation Care-St. Paul invites you for an afternoon of presentations and breakout sessions to learn about how faith communities are engaging in action, connect with fellow community members, and map out plans for the future. All are welcome.

Mass for Life
JANUARY 22, 7:15 AM
On the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we will pray for respect for life, especially for the most vulnerable among us. There will be coffee and fellowship following Mass.

Restorative Justice Conference and Groups
CONFERENCE FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION
JANUARY 23, 8:30 AM - 3 PM, HOLIDAY INN, LAKE ELMO
This one-day conference will be open to all victim/survivors, interested and relevant stakeholders, and anyone who has been impacted by the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE GROUPS:
Support Group for Family Members of Victims/Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse
Join others who are relatives of these victim/survivors as they try to grasp and understand the trauma their loved one has suffered. This group typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month. This group will not meet in Jan or Feb.

Victim/Survivor Support Group
Join with other victims/survivors of sexual abuse who share a similar experience and who want to provide each other with support, affirmation, hope, and empowerment. The group typically meets on the third Monday of the month. This group will not meet in Jan or Feb.

Questions? Please contact Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention for the Archdiocese, at 651-291-4429.

Fr. Warren on Ignatian Discernment for Children
JANUARY 28, 7:30 PM, PARISH LIBRARY
Father Warren will be giving a talk about how to integrate Ignatian spirituality into the lives of your children. Children already speak the language of Ignatian spirituality because they have the capability to imagine, feel, and reflect. Come learn how to help your children discern and develop their decision-making skills. All are welcome! This event is sponsored by the STM Moms Group.
**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, January 4 - † John Donais  

Sunday, January 5  
8 am - † Marilyn M. Hallman  
10:30 am - STM Community  

Tuesday, January 7 - † Thomas H. Hartung  

Wednesday, January 8 - † William Mullins  

Thursday, January 9 - † Mary Healy  

Friday, January 10 - † Theresa Loney  

Saturday, January 11 - † Timothy McKasy  

Sunday, January 12  
8 am - STM Community  
10:30 am - † Marion May  

**Calendar**

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**Tuesday, January 7**  

| Mass | 7:15 am Church |
| Centering Prayer | 5:30 pm Church |

**Wednesday, January 8**  

| Mass | 7:15 am Church |
| School Mass | 8:30 am Church |

**Thursday, January 9**  

| Mass | 7:15 am Church |

**Friday, January 10**  

| Mass | 7:15 am Church |

**Saturday, January 12**  

| Mass | 8 am Church |
| Immigration Conversation | 9 am Lowercroft |
| Mass | 10:30 am Church |

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Young Adults - youngadults@morecommunity.org  

**Save the Date - 2020 Cana Dinner**

**February 8, 5:30 pm, School Auditorium**  
St. Thomas More invites married couples to our annual Cana Dinner, to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 after 4:30 Mass. Save the date! More information will be available in January.  
**Questions?** Email carend@morecommunity.org