The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

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.
Community & Opportunities

Knitters Group Meeting
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.

Care for Creation Meeting
JANUARY 14, 7 PM, PARISH CENTER
Join us for our next Care for Creation meeting! Anchored in Laudato Si, we commit ourselves to the process of educating, advocating, and collaborating to call this community to a more active engagement in the issues dealing with the Care of Our Common Home. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Environmental Tip from Care for Creation
Take a look at additional self-care products in your routine. Consider replacing your lotions with lotion bars, and your facial creams with jojoba oil or argan oil. Items such as lip balm and deodorant can now be purchased in metal or paper containers. If you are feeling adventurous, try out an apple cider vinegar rinse instead of conditioner; many have added essential oils to cut the scent, and come in glass containers.

www.morecommunity.org/care-for-creation

2020 is a Window of Opportunity for Creating Just Immigration Reform
Just Immigration Reform could change the lives of 95,000 Minnesotan migrants while bringing about “significant economic gains” for the entire state such as earnings, tax revenues, jobs, and increased economic growth (Center for American Progress, Report of March 20, 2013). Just Immigration Reform should provide opportunities particularly focused on unskilled workers (such as temporary worker programs, agricultural workers) which includes making the roadmap to citizenship financially accessible to the poor. Who would be impacted by Just Immigration Reform providing a roadmap to citizenship? We ALL would benefit.

The Minnesota Catholic Bishops are “deeply concerned about the nation’s immigration policy.” What would an Immigration Process that respects human rights and the dignity of all persons, especially families, look like? Just Immigration Reform should expand opportunities to reunify families by enacting “policies designed to keep families together” (Minnesota Bishops’ Unlocking the Gates of our Hearts). Migrant families and our entire community would be strengthened by Just Immigration Reform providing a roadmap to citizenship which reunites families.

www.morecommunity.org/immigrant-support

Immigration Solidarity Conversation
In honor of the U.S. Bishops’ National Migration Week, we will be hosting two conversations this month about how we as a parish can continue to support and advocate for immigration solidarity, as called by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching. These meetings will provide an opportunity to learn not just what Catholic Social Teaching and the global Church have said on this topic, but also what our own Archbishop Hebda and Midwest Jesuit Province are teaching on the issue. We hope you can join us on either:

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

Questions? Email Brian at bhefer@morecommunity.org or call the parish office.
Free Store Update
Help! Our Free Store shelves are becoming increasingly bare and we need you to help stock them! With the cold weather comes a greater need for warm clothing and household necessities. We have an immediate need for clean, gently used winter children’s clothes, all sizes of winter jackets, winter shoes/boots, blankets, sheet sets, bath towels, cookware and new socks and underwear.

Reminder: Donations can be dropped off in the designated Free Store bins located in the Community Corner in Church when you come to Mass or at the Free Store (school basement) on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12-1 pm, when volunteers are there to help you.

Our guests this past Saturday voiced how grateful they are as they struggle to provide necessities for themselves and their families. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Restorative Justice Conference
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.

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

Do you want a voice in the future of our Church?
ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD
Archbishop Hebda has taken the unprecedented step of inviting the laity to attend listening sessions that will have a direct impact on the archdiocese’s priorities over the next 5-10 years. Will you answer his call? The success of his experiment to invite in lay voices will be determined by how many of us accept the invitation and attend a Synod Listening Session. This is our chance to share what we think is working well, and where we believe our Church has opportunities for improvement.

We hope every parishioner at St. Thomas More attends a listening session—that means YOU! Ten sessions remain through March 14 of this year, with two in our area:

- **Saturday, January 25, 9 am - 12 pm** at St. Peter Claver in St. Paul - STM point person: Jess Miller jessica.miller51@gmail.com
- **Saturday, February 15, 9 am - 12 pm** at Lumen Christi in St. Paul - STM point person: Aaron Sinner aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com

Please contact the listed STM point person with any questions or if transportation is a limiting factor.

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.

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
Please join the STM A Community Caring for Life committee at the daily 7:15 am Mass as we commemorate the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. We will pray for renewed respect and protection for all members of the human family, including unborn children and their mothers. Come to the Parish Center after for a quick cup of coffee and pastry.
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.

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2020 Cana Dinner

**FEBRUARY 8, 5:30 PM, SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Join us for a Cana dinner after 4:30 Mass on Saturday, February 8 in the school auditorium to celebrate Christian marriage. We will have a social hour, dinner catered by Skinners Pub, and a DJ spinning tunes for dancing. Warm up for Valentine’s Day at this fun parish event! The cost is $40 per couple. You can mail a check, drop it in the Sunday collection, or drop it at the parish center. Remember to write “attention Carol” on the envelope and note “Cana Dinner” in the memo of your check. RSVP due by Feb. 3.

**Questions?** Email carend@morecommunity.org or call the parish office

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7th Grade Science Fair Volunteers Needed

**JANUARY 30, 8:30-10 AM**

Our students work hard on their experiments and displays and we need adults to judge their projects! No experience or scientific background is necessary, but working in a scientific field is a plus!

**Interested?** Email Dr. Wang at jwang@morecommunity.org

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School Open House

**JANUARY 30, 5:30-7 PM**

You are invited to our school’s Open House! Rooted in the Jesuit tradition, our preschool-8th grade school is a place of high expectations, high achievement, kindness and inclusion. We offer a superlative liberal arts curriculum, athletics, fine arts, clubs and more, all focused on developing the full potential of every child. Whether you are looking for a preschool program or middle school or something in-between, come visit! Pizza will be served.

**Questions?** Call the school office at 651-224-4836

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ISP Update

Our parish chapter of Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) just completed another overnight men’s retreat at Dunrovin Retreat Center! ISP provides Ignatian retreats for men and women who have experienced homelessness and are in recovery from addiction.

One retreatant shared, "I am important, worthy, and a child of God. When keeping an open mind, great things happen."

Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of this retreat. In addition to all the committed drivers, facilitators, and recruiters, we also were blessed to be able to provide retreatants with hand-crafted quilts, bags, and baked goods made by STM parishioners. This show of teamwork was truly representative of “laboring with Christ.”

**If interested in more information please contact:**

Andrew LaBarre (men’s team) at 763-219-2832 or andrewlabarre1979@gmail.com

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11 - † Timothy McKasy
Sunday, January 12
8 am - STM Community
10:30 am - † Marion May
Tuesday, January 14 - † Monica Abud
Wednesday, January 15 - † Edward W McConnon
Thursday, January 16 - † Josefine Agnes Colette
Friday, January 17 - † Nancy Catherine Benscoter
Saturday, January 18 - STM Community
Sunday, January 19
8 am - † Barabara Jean Esch
10:30 am - † Lorraine R. Manahan

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Reconciliation 3:30-4 pm Church
Mass 4:30 pm Church

Sunday, January 12
Mass 8 am Church
Immigration Conversation 9 am Undercroft
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School Mass 8:30 am Church

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