Liturgical 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.
**Community & Opportunities**

**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.

**Prayer Service for Life and March for Life Rally**  
**JANUARY 22, 10:30 AM, CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL**  
This Annual Prayer Service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion’s aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Immediately following the prayer service, we will walk to the state capitol for the MCCL March for Life rally.

**Free Store Needs Volunteers**  
This is a great opportunity to fulfill or create your New Year’s resolution to give of your time and talent to help your neighbors! As our name indicates, our store provides gently used/new clothing, shoes, sheets & towels, dishes and other household items for free to people or families in need of some extra help. It operates from 1-3 pm, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, year round, in the STM School basement. We rely on donations to stock our store and volunteers to organize and staff it. You decide your level of commitment; we suggest at least 2-3 times throughout the year.

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

**Environmental Tip from Care for Creation**  
Ever wonder how many toothbrushes you go through in a year? It may be time to switch to a bamboo option. In addition to your new brushes, try out some silk dental floss; many come in refillable glass containers. You can even opt for toothpaste tablets and ditch the plastic tube altogether. To further reduce your plastic waste in the bathroom, consider ditching your plastic razor for an all-metal safety razor.

**Restorative Justice Conference**  
**JANUARY 23, 8:30-3 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.

**Immigration Solidarity Conversation**  
**JANUARY 22, 6:30-8 PM, PARISH LIBRARY**  
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.

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.

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**Conversations with Friends**

Join us in praying for detainees in detention centers. Parishioners are also encouraged to write letters to or visit the following detainees:

- **Anwar** (Somalia)
- **Edwin** (Honduras)
- **Melie** (Nigeria)
- **Nala** (Mexico)

Questions? Visit [conversationswithfriendsMN.org](http://conversationswithfriendsMN.org) or contact Brian at bhefer@morecommunity.org

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**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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**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
Scripture Study: Women in the New Testament
8-WEEK STUDY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4 (8-9:30 AM) LIBRARY
This study of New Testament women engages with women across a variety of connections to Jesus and the apostles and studies them accordingly. Participants will encounter the strengths and needs of these women, but also how being a woman in the holy land during the time of Jesus and the apostles shaped many of the challenges they faced in responding to Jesus. The cost of the study is $20.

More info/sign-up: www.morecommunity.org/scripture-study

2020 is a Window of Opportunity for Creating Just Immigration Reform
Just Immigration Reform should ensure that the process of reforms and the roadmap to citizenship happen in a timely manner. “We recognize that finding solutions to the plight of immigrants today will sometimes necessitate the overcoming of boundaries in the heart, not just on the land” (Minnesota Bishops’ Unlocking the Gates of our Hearts). How long is a reasonable and loving process towards citizenship? Just Immigration Reform should allow aspiring citizens a reasonable time-line for completing the process for their well-being, the wellbeing of their families, and the benefit of our entire community.

The Church supports the rights of all people to seek economic stability for themselves and their family’s. If families were able to support themselves in their homeland, there would be less need for migration across borders in search of freedom, jobs, and a better life. “Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families” (Minnesota Bishops’ Unlocking the Gates of our Hearts). A just immigration process strengthens global anti-poverty efforts.

www.morecommunity.org/immigrant-support

2020 Cana Dinner
FEBRUARY 8, 5:30 PM, SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Join us for our 3rd annual Cana Dinner to celebrate Christian marriage! Warm up for Valentine’s Day at this fun parish event. The night will include:

- Social hour with appetizers and beverages
- Dinner catered by Skinners Pub (gluten-free and vegetarian options available)
- DJ spinning tunes for dancing - send your song requests to info@levproductionsonline.com by February 6
- Prize drawing - bring a wedding photo to be entered to win a prize

The cost is $40 per couple. You can pay online (select the activities fund), 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.

Interested? To sign up, email Carol at carend@morecommunity.org or call the parish office. RSVP due by February 3.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples
Retrouvaille is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. Some couples come during the initial signs of a marriage problem, other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. The program includes 3 phases: 1) A weekend Retreat, 2) Post-Weekend Sessions, and 3) Monthly Support.

Upcoming Retrouvaille Retreats in MSP:
- January 31
- April 3

More info: www.helpyourmarriage.org
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 18** - STM Community

**Sunday, January 19**
8 am - † Barabara Jean Esch  
10:30 am - † Lorraine R. Manahan

**Tuesday, January 21** - † Doris M. Gardner

**Wednesday, January 22** - † Edwin N. Lynch

**Thursday, January 23** - † Mary Margaret Boyland

**Friday, January 24** - † Gene Conleth Kramer

**Saturday, January 25** - † Bill Strub

**Sunday, January 26**
8 am - † Karl Grahek  
10:30 am - STM Community

**Offices**

**Parish Center & Church**
1079 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105-3004  
8 am-4 pm, Monday & Friday  
TEL 651-227-7669 (Nicole Johnson)  
parish@morecommunity.org  
www.morecommunity.org

**Saint Thomas More School**
1065 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105-3004  
7:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday-Friday  
TEL 651-224-4836 (Carol Ney)  
info@morecommunity.org  
www.school.morecommunity.org

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**Young Adults** - youngadults@morecommunity.org

**Calendar**

**Saturday, January 18**
Reconciliation  
3:30-4 pm  
Church  
Mass  
4:30 pm  
Church

**Sunday, January 19**
Mass  
8 am  
Church  
Mass  
10:30 am  
Church

**Tuesday, January 21**
Mass  
7:15 am  
Church  
Centering Prayer  
5:30 pm  
Church

**Wednesday, January 22**
Mass for Life  
7:15 am  
Church  
Fellowship after Mass  
8 am  
PC  
School Mass  
8:30 am  
Church  
Immigration Conversation  
6:30-8 pm  
PC Library

**Thursday, January 23**
Mass  
7:15 am  
Church

**Friday, January 24**
Mass  
7:15 am  
Church

**Saturday, January 25**
Synod Listening Session  
9 am - 12 pm  
St. Peter Claver  
Reconciliation  
3:30-4 pm  
Church  
Mass  
4:30 pm  
Church

**Sunday, January 26**
Mass  
8 am  
Church  
Mass  
10:30 am  
Church

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