3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020

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

EUCARISTIC 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

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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.
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.

Upcoming Young Adults Events

YA NIGHT - JANUARY 29, 7 PM, PARISH CENTER
Come to this evening of socializing, conversation, and pizza.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - FEBRUARY 12, 6:30 PM, BILLY’S ON GRAND
Fr. RJ Fichtinger will be giving a talk on Jesuit Spirituality and Anxiety. Drinks/Social will begin at 6:30 pm and the talk will begin at 7:30 pm followed by a Q&A.

LENT RETREAT - BEGINS FEBRUARY 19, 7 PM, PARISH CENTER
Feb. 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 & 15
This year's Lenten retreat is from David Shields, S.J. from Casa Romero Renewal Center. You are asked to commit to weekly small group meetings and to pray with the material provided to you for 20-30 minutes a day. The cost to participate is $10 per person. For more information and to sign up, visit www.morecommunity.org/lent-retreat

Catholic Schools Week - School Open House
JANUARY 30, 5:30-7 PM
This week, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The big event is our Open House for current and prospective families. All current families should plan to come! Tell your friends, family and neighbors! Your recommendation is our best advertising. Come see your students’ amazing work, talk to teachers, take a peek at what your child will be doing next year. The 7th grade Science Fair displays will be set up for all to see in the auditorium. Play practice will be going on. Pizza will be served.

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

Parish-Wide Discipleship Survey
FEBRUARY 1-MARCH 1
During the month of February, St. Thomas More will be participating in a survey about discipleship and we want to hear from you. The survey is conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute as part of the Archdiocesan Synod Process.

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey. We ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our community’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about our community as whole.

This information will be valuable to Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Warren, and our parish as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. The results will arrive this spring, at which time we’ll share what we’ve learned.

If you don’t use a smartphone, tablet, or computer, there will be opportunities to complete the survey after weekend Masses. You can also obtain a paper copy by contacting Nicole in the parish office.

Take the survey: www.morecommunity.org/survey

Environmental Tip from Care for Creation
To reduce your overall bathroom waste, contemplate switching to reusable personal products, cloth diapers for little ones, and handkerchiefs instead of Kleenex. Yes, it means a few more items to toss in the laundry basket, but cutting these items out will have a huge impact on the waste stream.

www.morecommunity.org/care-for-creation
**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**FEBRUARY 2**

Family's are welcome to bring candles that will be used for devotional purposes to be blessed at all of the weekend Masses.

**4:30 pm Mass:** Blessing of Candles and Procession of Light, Schola singing  
**8 am Mass:** Blessing of Candles, Cantor and Accompanist  
**10:30 am Mass:** Blessing of Candles and Procession of Light, Adult Choir singing

The Gospel according to St. Luke gives us this account of Jesus’ presentation in the Temple: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.” St. Joseph and Our Lady entered the temple, unnoticed among the crowd. The “desired of all nations” came to the house of his Father in his Mother’s arms.

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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:

- **Alexis** (Mexico), **Christian** (Ecuador), and **Nuradin** (Somalia)

**Questions?** Visit conversationswithfriendsMN.org or contact Brian at bhefer@morecommunity.org

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**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](http://www.morecommunity.org/scripture-study)

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**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.

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

6th Annual Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast
FEBRUARY 9, 9 AM - 1 PM, SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Come and enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and raffle with FUN prizes! The cost is $5 dollars per person or $20 per family. This fundraising event supports the activities and leadership development of Troop 45 and its members. Please invite friends - all are welcome!

Do you want a voice in the future of our Church?
ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD
We hope every parishioner at St. Thomas More attends a listening session—that means YOU! The next session is:

Saturday, February 15, 9 am - 12 pm at Lumen Christi
Please contact Aaron at aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com 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.

More info: www.archspm.org/synod
Questions? synodambassadors@morecommunity.org

Lent Small Group Ignatian Retreat
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
This year’s Lenten retreat is from David Shields, S.J. from Casa Romero Renewal Center, an urban bilingual retreat center located on Milwaukee. He established Casa Romero in 2001 and currently serves as the center’s Director of Spiritual Ministries. Fr. Shields has been directing and preaching retreats for over 30 years.

This small group retreat offers you an opportunity to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola in a modified format. You are asked to commit to weekly small group meetings and to pray with the material provided to you for 20-30 minutes a day. The cost to participate is $10 per person.

- Tuesday Afternoons (12-1:30 pm)
  Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 & 14
- Wednesday Evenings (7-8:30 pm)
  Feb. 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 & 15

Signup: www.morecommunity.org/lent-retreat

Free Store Needs
Our continuing needs include clean, gently used sheets/pillowcases/blankets and bath towels; new underwear & socks in sizes from infant to adult; shoes/boots; infant & children’s cold weather clothing; toys. Reminder: We cannot accept electronics, appliances with cords, infant car seats, or items that are torn, dirty or missing pieces.

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

Acolyte Training
FEBRUARY 22, 9-11 AM, CHURCH
The ministry of the acolyte is a key role in our liturgical celebrations as they assist the priest and other ministers in the prayer and overall flow of our communal worship. This ministry is intergenerational and open to those in Grade 5 and beyond!

Interested? Email liturgyschedule@morecommunity.org or call Lucas Tomlinson in the Parish Office
**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 25 - † Bill Strub
Sunday, January 26
8 am - † Karl Grahek
10:30 am - STM Community

Tuesday, January 28 - † Rosemary Walsh
Wednesday, January 29 - † Maureen Loughney
Thursday, January 30 - † Michael Joseph Griesgraber
Friday, January 31 - † Mary “Kaye” Pohl
Saturday, February 1 - † Charlotte M Shaffer
Sunday, February 2
8 am - STM Community
10:30 am - † Ralf Andes

**OFFICES**

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1079 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105-3004
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TEL 651-227-7669 (Nicole Johnson)
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**SAINT THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**
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7:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday-Friday
TEL 651-224-4836 (Carol Ney)
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www.school.morecommunity.org

**CALANDAR**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 28**
- Mass 7:15 am (Church)
- Centering Prayer 5:30 pm (Church)
- Discernment for Children 7:30 pm (PC Library)

**Wednesday, January 29**
- Mass for Life 7:15 am (Church)
- School Pray Service 8:30 am (School)
- Young Adults Night 7 pm (PC)

**Thursday, January 30**
- Mass 7:15 am (Church)
- School Open House 5:30 pm (School)

**Friday, January 31**
- Mass 7:15 am (Church)

**Saturday, February 1**
- Reconciliation 3:30-4 pm (Church)
- Mass 4:30 pm (Church)

**Sunday, February 2**
- Mass 8 am (Church)
- Mass 10:30 am (Church)

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