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.
Sponsor A Student

**OUR STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP**

Over the past few years, our students’ needs for tuition assistance have increased. Last year we gave $181,000 in tuition discounts to our families who qualified. We do not want to turn away a single child because of financial need. Rather than continuing to give unfunded tuition discounts, we are creating a dedicated fund for tuition assistance which will ensure the viability of Saint Thomas More for generations to come.

Our families are making huge financial sacrifices to ensure their children are educated in the Jesuit tradition. And according to Catholic teaching, we are called not to be indifferent to their sacrifices, but to a deep sense of solidarity and active responsibility for our families in need.

We ask you to prayerfully discern sponsoring a student’s tuition so we can continue to educate students in the Jesuit tradition and provide a loving home to all who arrive at our door, while contributing to the sustainability of our Saint Thomas More community. If we don’t invest in our young people today, what will our church look like tomorrow? Together, let’s stand in solidarity with and take responsibility for the children of our parish school!

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We will be providing monthly stewardship updates and quarterly giving totals in an effort to increase communication and financial transparency. Thank you again for helping us be here for you!

The numbers from calendar year 2018 were mistakenly underreported last week. We apologize for any confusion.

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**Stewardship Update**

Thank you for your generosity in 2019! We are extremely grateful to share that stewardship giving increased 14.3% in 2019 vs. 2018. This increase reflects the energy in this parish and your commitment to this community! Your giving is absolutely critical to ensure the vitality of Saint Thomas More for generations to come.

If you are not currently giving, we humbly ask you to think about regularly contributing—even $5 a week would help! It’s easy to set up online—just visit [www.morecommunity.org/give](http://www.morecommunity.org/give) and set up a secure account on Our Sunday Visitor.

**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!

**How to Donate**

We have started a GoFundMe fundraiser for this campaign with a goal of $81,000! We need your help to get the word out about this fundraiser. Please share our GoFundMe with your friends, family, and supporters of Catholic education!

If you would prefer not to donate on GoFundMe, we will accept donations by check or through our online giving platform, Our Sunday Visitor. When making your gift, make sure to select the Sponsor A Student fund.

More info and link to donate: [www.morecommunity.org/sponsorastudent](http://www.morecommunity.org/sponsorastudent)
Immigrant Justice Trainings for Precinct Caucuses
Saint Thomas More’s Immigrant Solidarity Ministry and Justice in Action Committee encourage parishioners to advance the cause of immigrant justice at Minnesota’s February 25 precinct caucuses for all major political parties.

Interested in standing with immigrants, but new to the caucus process? These ministries are hosting caucus trainings on:

- **FEBRUARY 11, 6:30-9, CHURCH UNDERCROFT**
- **FEBRUARY 16, 9-10:20 AM, PARISH CENTER LIBRARY**

These trainings will provide context for our work with other Catholic churches in Minnesota on immigration and help prepare us to advance immigrant justice in Minnesota in 2021. We will use the Feb. 25 caucuses to raise up a powerful Catholic voice across parties that speaks to what’s been happening to immigrants and how it violates our values and our faith. Register for one of the trainings at [http://bit.ly/onebodycaucus](http://bit.ly/onebodycaucus).

For more information: Contact Lisa Amman at ammansteger@gmail.com or Aaron Sinner at aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com.

Upcoming Young Adults Events

**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

More info: [www.morecommunity.org/young-adults](http://www.morecommunity.org/young-adults)

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? This is our chance to share what we think is working well in our parish and archdiocese, 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! 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!

More info: [www.archspm.org/synod](http://www.archspm.org/synod)
Questions? synodambassadors@morecommunity.org

STM Bake Sale
**FEBRUARY 15-16, AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES**
Time to turn on your oven and bake! The STM Women’s Group Bake Sale is coming up and we need baked goods: muffins, breads, cakes, cookies, etc. Everyone is welcome to contribute! This is a fun activity to do with the kids and grandkids! Your baked goodies can be brought to the front entry of the church from 3:30-6 pm on Saturday, and 7:30-10:30 am on Sunday! Proceeds from the Bake Sale benefits our STM Dorothy Day Center Ministry.

Make sure to take our Parish-Wide Discipleship Survey by March 1! [www.morecommunity.org/survey](http://www.morecommunity.org/survey)
Attention Knitters!

FEBRUARY 17, 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 in the Parish Center. Knitters of all abilities are welcome. There are experts who can guide you.

Questions? Contact Mary Pat at imclysdale1@gmail.com or call Carol Arend in the parish office.

STM Moms Group Meeting - Join Us!

FEBRUARY 18, 7:30-9 PM, PARISH CENTER

At our next meeting, we will be joined by Barb Larkin, director of the STM Preschool for a discussion on child development. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center. We gather for support, fellowship, and fun. Please come!

Questions? Contact Carol Arend at carend@morecommunity.org or call the parish office.

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. 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)
- Wednesday Evenings (7-8:30 pm)

Signup: www.morecommunity.org/lent-retreat

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 open to those in Grade 5 and beyond!

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

Lenten Fish Frys

FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 13, & MARCH 27 (5:30-8 PM) SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Cost is $12 for adults, $6 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under. Meal includes all-you-can-eat fried cod, mashed potatoes, french fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, dinner rolls, cookies, and lemonade. Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase. Stations of the Cross will be held at 5 pm. All are welcome!

Save the Dates: Junie B Jones The Musical

- FRIDAY, MARCH 6 (7PM)
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7 (7PM)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8 (2PM)

MORE+Theater and St Thomas More present Junie B. Jones The Musical JR! A full cast of 60 students in grades K-8 will keep you entertained you in this heartwarming production which follows the adventures of a precocious first-grader, Junie B., as she navigates the classroom, the playground, and everywhere in between! Relive the excitement (and fears!) of first grade in this musical that’s fun for the whole family! (Adults: $10; Kids: $5)

Feed My Starving Children

MARCH 7, 11 AM - 12:30 PM,
990 LONE OAK ROAD, EAGAN, MN

This Lent, help pack meals for God’s children at Feed My Starving and help FEED THE WORLD! All parishioners, families, and adults are welcome to participate in the parish wide Lent activity. There are age restrictions so please check the fmsc.org website if you have questions. Space is limited so register early! Families and adults are responsible for their own transportation.

Register: https://bit.ly/2GXfLno

Questions? Email Brian bhefer@morecommunity.org or call the parish office.
Saturday, February 8
Reconciliation
3:30-4 pm
Church
Mass
4:30 pm
Church
Cana Dinner
5:30 pm
School Aud.

Sunday, February 9
Mass
8 am
Church
Scouts Pancake Breakfast
9 am - 1 pm
School Caf.
Mass
10:30 am
Church

Tuesday, February 11
Mass
7:15 am
Church
Centering Prayer
5:30 pm
Church

Wednesday, February 12
Mass
7:15 am
Church
School Mass
8:30 am
School

Thursday, February 13
Mass
7:15 am
Church

Friday, February 14
Mass
7:15 am
Church

Saturday, February 15
Synod Listening Session
9 am - 12 pm
Lumen Christi
Free Store Drop-Off
12-1 pm
School
Free Store Open Hours
1-3 pm
School
Reconciliation
3:30-4 pm
Church
Mass
4:30 pm
Church
Bake Sale
5:30 pm
Church

Sunday, February 16
Mass
8 am
Church
Bake Sale
9 am - 12 pm
Church
Mass
10:30 am
Church

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

Mass: Saturday, 4:30 pm, Sunday, 8 & 10:30 am.
Tuesday-Friday, 7:15 am; during the school year, an 8:30 am Mass is also celebrated on most Wednesdays.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30-4 pm or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, flowing from 7:15 am Mass, concluding 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 (no baptisms offered during Lent or Advent).