We Welcome Lucas Tomlinson, Pastoral Associate of Liturgy, Worship and Music

Originally from Detroit Lakes, MN, Lucas Tomlinson received his undergraduate degree from George Fox University in Newberg, OR in Christian Ministries and Philosophy. Lucas has worked in several different parishes directing music and liturgy and has most recently been director of liturgy and music for campus ministry at Saint John's University where is currently finishing his Master's degree in Liturgical Music from Saint John's University School of Theology. He and his wife Ashley have three young children: Cecilia, Josef and Elsie.

Registration Deadline for Morning Bible Study ENDS Wednesday, Feb. 13th

MORNING & EVENING SESSIONS OFFERED

Explore Letters from Prison and open up to the world of St. Paul in our upcoming Bible Study. In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison, Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship. In Philippians, Paul calls on the community to rejoice even when difficulties and struggles abound in life. Paul offers Jesus himself as the prime model to follow in his humility and obedience. Colossians and Ephesians have a number of striking similarities, including the depiction of the Church as the body of Christ with Christ as the head. Colossians, however, contains a great hymn of praise to Christ as the image of the invisible God, while Ephesians describes the Church as the spotless bride of Christ. Cost is $20; register and/or pay via our website: https://www.morecommunity.org/adult-faith-formation (select the Faith Formation Program Fee fund) or contact Brian at: bhefer@morecommunity.org or 651-227-7669 x 311. Session Times and Dates:

- **9 Week Thursday Morning Session:** 8-9:30 am, February 14-April 11; facilitated by Pastoral Associate, Brian Hefer
- **10 Week Monday Evening Session:** 7-8:30 pm, February 25-April 29; facilitated by parishioners, Rob and Laura Webb

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**

**Care for Creation - Be the Spark! Leadership Training 2019**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 & MARCH 3, 2-7 PM - TWO PART SESSION, ST. MARY’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ST. PAUL**

"Be the Spark" is a dynamic and experiential leadership development workshop series that builds interfaith community and gives participants premier organizing tools and strategic approaches for engaging their community of faith in climate change solutions. “Be the Spark” participants learn how to invite the gifts and skills of those in their community to take action that inspires a sustained and creative effort in building a more just and sustainable world. Refreshments and dinner are provided. Cost varies, dependent upon ability to pay; scholarships available. Please register here: [http://bit.ly/2FRtPzn](http://bit.ly/2FRtPzn). Questions? Please contact Lorraine: 651-644-3315.

**Prayer Shawl/Baby Blanket Knitters Gathering**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 7 PM, PARISH CENTER**

Please come to a gathering of prayer shawl/baby blanket knitters. We’ll knit, talk, and enjoy refreshments. The parish knitters provide prayer shawls for fellow parishioners facing difficult situations and also knit blankets for babies being baptized in the parish. Feel free to come, whatever your level of knitting ability. For more information please contact Mary Clysdale, jmclysdale1@gmail.com, or Carol Arend, 651-227-7669 x 305, carend@morecommunity.org.

**Agape Dinner for Widows and Widowers**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 10 AM-1 PM, CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FOREST LAKE**

Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens for an Agape Dinner (communal meal) in token of Christian fellowship for widows and widowers. Registration begins at 9:30 am, followed by Mass and a presentation by His Excellency at 10 am. Cost is $10 and includes dinner after the presentation. To register, mail your payment to the Church of St. Peter, 1250 South Shore Dr., Forest Lake, MN 55025. **Registration deadline is February 8.** Questions? Call Cindy Casey, 651-249-8807 or the parish, 651-982-2229.

**Cerenity Marian Social**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1:30 PM, CERENITY MARIAN SENIOR CARE, 200 EARL STREET, ST. PAUL**

You are invited with a warm welcome, a game of cards, a piece of pie - please come and enjoy an afternoon with friends. Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 1 pm in our Cerenity Marian chapel.

**Restorative Justice and Healing with Janine Geske - Healing Event for the Clergy Abuse Crisis**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 10 AM-12 PM, STM CHURCH**

In the wake of the clergy abuse scandal, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has led the way with programs addressed at healing the harm. Janine Geske, former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice and Marquette Law School professor, has led conversations on restorative justice at the Vatican and throughout the world. Justice Geske will lead restorative justice programs at four locations in February: St. Mary of the Lake, St. Odilia's, St. Thomas More, and at the University of St. Thomas in an event sponsored jointly by the Murphy Institute and Our Lady of Lourdes. Justice Geske will be joined by Father Dan Griffith from Our Lady of Lourdes and the St. Thomas School of Law. Father Griffith will introduce restorative justice in a biblical and theological context. Justice Geske will then share more about this work from her experience and introduce and conduct healing circles.

**Electronic Giving**

If you would like to start giving electronically, you may do so by going to: [https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4504](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4504) or our website: [http://www.morecommunity.org](http://www.morecommunity.org) and clicking the “Donate” link under “Stewardship” in the top right navigation menu. When you get to the Our Sunday Visitor page, click the green button that says “Create New Account.” Questions? Contact Nicole: 651-227-7669 x 301 or njohnson@morecommunity.org.
How to Change the World: Creating a Community of Warmth and Welcome

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 6:30-8 PM, CHURCH

Join us for an evening that opens with drinks and hors d’oeuvres, a presentation on the rich history and meaning of Judeo-Christian hospitality, and a discussion of making that spiritual tradition our own in our work, daily life, and parish. Everyone in the parish is welcome, especially those who are members of our liturgical ministries (i.e., choirs, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, acolytes, and parish representatives). Send RSVPs to tomlinson@morecommunity.org or 651-227-7669 x 306.

PRESENTER: ED SELLNER

Ed Sellner, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of theology, Saint Catherine University, St. Paul, MN, where he has taught graduate and undergraduate courses for 35 years, as well administered pastoral ministry, spiritual direction and master’s degree programs. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he is author of numerous books on Celtic spirituality, the history of Western monasticism, men’s issues, and, more recently, on Buddhism and other Asian religions. Ed is a popular speaker nationally and internationally, a retreat director and spiritual guide, trained in Jungian psychology.

2019 Lent Small Group Retreat

This Lenten retreat offers you an opportunity to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola in a modified format. During the retreat, you will meet weekly in small groups, where you will have an opportunity to share about your prayer for the previous week and be given materials to pray with for the following week. You are asked to commit to these weekly small group meetings and to pray with the material provided for 20-30 minutes a day. Cost to participate is $10 per person. Questions? Contact Brian: 651-227-7669 x 311 or bhefer@morecommunity.org.

THREE DATE/TIME OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

- Tuesday Noon (12-1:30 pm), Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
- Wednesday Evening (7:30-9 pm), Feb. 27, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17
- Wednesday Evening Young Adults (7:30-9 pm), Feb. 27, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17
- Thursday Morning (8:15-9:45 am), Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18

Food-shelf Donations Needed

Due to the recent government shut down our local area food-shelf Hallie Q. Brown is in need of non-perishable food items. Please consider bringing a bag of groceries with you to church next week and place them in the bins located in the church’s Community Corner. Thank you!

Save the Dates!

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 (7PM) AND SATURDAY, MARCH 2 (2PM & 7PM)

MORE+Theater and St. Thomas More present A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS, the popular Broadway production which premiered at The Children’s Theatre Company in Minneapolis. Over 60 students in grades K-8 will entertain you in this high-energy production which follows the friendship of two best friends - a worrywart toad and an upbeat frog - over the course of a year. It’s fun for the whole family! (Tickets: $10)
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**Lenten Morning of Reflection and Prayer**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 9 AM-12 PM, ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL (ENTER THROUGH THE OXFORD ST. DOORS)**


- Registration: 9-9:20 am
- Morning of Prayer: 9:20-10:15 am
- Mass: 10:30 am at St. Thomas More Church followed by lunch

**Annulment Consultations on Ash Wednesday**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 7 AM-7 PM, CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL, ST. PAUL**

Staff members of the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal will be available for confidential consultation and to answer questions regarding the investigation into the possibility of nullity of the marriage bond (annulment process). No appointment is necessary.

**Feed My Starving Children for LENT!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN, 990 LONE OAK RD., EAGAN**

This Lent help pack meals for God’s children at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan 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 their website: [https://www.fmsc.org/](https://www.fmsc.org/). Families and adults are responsible for their own transportation. Space is limited so register early: [http://bit.ly/2S03N46](http://bit.ly/2S03N46). Questions? Contact Brian: 651-227-7669 or bhefer@morecommunity.org.

**EFT Donors: 2019 Giving**

A reminder to those of you who give electronically, if you are making a change to your recurring Weekly/Monthly Offering amount, you will need to log into your account using the username and password you chose when setting up your giving. Here is the link to our site: [https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4504](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4504). If you have questions or need assistance you can call Our Sunday Visitor directly at 1-800-348-2886, press option 2. You can also call Nicole in the office at 651-227-7669 x 301.

**EFT “Giving Cards” Available**

**LOCATED AT THE 2 ENTRANCES IN THE FRONT OF CHURCH & THE GATHERING SPACE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH**

If you give by EFT you are welcome to pick up and place this card in the offering basket during Mass. It allows you to join in the ritual act of offering your gift of treasure at the Altar of Christ’s sacrifice in support of the ministries of Saint Thomas More Catholic Community - all for the greater glory of God.

**Volunteers Needed!**

In need of service hours for Confirmation, Scouts, National Honors Society, etc.? Looking for the chance for you or your family to better understand and serve the basic needs of struggling people in your own community? Look no further than the STM Free Store! The Free Store provides gently used/new clothing and household items for needy families. Currently, the store’s most pressing need is YOU - to keep this community outreach going strong! To learn more or to volunteer, visit the parish website [https://www.morecommunity.org/free-store](https://www.morecommunity.org/free-store). You can also contact us directly at: STMfreestore@morecommunity.org or call Mary, 612-432-2422 or Mary Beth, 708-805-0151.
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**Catholic Services Appeal Foundation**

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent non-profit focused solely on supporting 20 designated outreach ministries and nothing else. Partnering with these ministries, you help those in need: the hungry, the orphan, the sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth and college students, and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics young and old alike, throughout the 12 county area and beyond. Two newly added ministry partners this year include Abria Pregnancy Resources and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities. We invite you to learn more about each of the vital ministries supported by the Foundation and to join us in transforming lives through the Gospel: Visit [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) today.

**STM School News**

During Catholic Schools’ Week, the children gathered in their House Communities and had a picnic lunch in their classrooms! They also brought in their favorite board games to play with one another. Some fun games were: Uno, Connect 4, Monopoly, and Guess Who! The children had a blast spending time with their friends and living out one of the Jesuit values of being loving to one another!
Liturgy Schedule

**Baptisms:** First Sundays of the month during the 10:30 am Mass or at 9 am by appointment (no baptisms offered during Lent or Advent).

**Centering Prayer:** Tuesday, 5:30-6:15 pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Friday of the Month, flowing from 7:15 am Mass, concluding at noon with Midday Prayer and Benediction.

**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.
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