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

Last Chance: Parish Discipleship Survey

www.morecommunity.org/survey

Make sure to take our Parish-Wide Discipleship Survey by Sunday, March 1! Thank you to everyone who has taken the survey already. We REALLY need more participation so PLEASE take 10 minutes to complete this important survey! Thank you!

Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

This weekend, you will find envelopes in the pews for the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. Please refer to the bulletin insert to find the 20 vital ministries CSAF supports. You may also donate online at www.GiveCSAF.org. The deadline to donate is March 8. Thank you for your generosity!

Junie B Jones The Musical Jr.

- Friday, March 6 (7pm)
- Saturday, March 7 (7pm)
- Sunday, March 8 (2pm)

We expect a full-house at our classic production of Junie B. Jones The Musical JR! Buy your tickets after church today or online—but get them soon before they’re gone!

Tickets are $10 Adults; $5 Ages 2-10; Under 2 Free; $30 per family*

Online: www.moretheater.brownpapertickets.com
In-person: School office or after masses Feb 29-Mar 1

*Family rate only available when purchased in-person

Synod Listening Sessions - Last Call!

Our opportunity to share our feedback with Archbishop Hebda for the future our archdiocese will soon come to a close. The final listening session in the east metro is:

March 7, 9 am - 12 pm at Transfiguration (Oakdale)

If you have not yet had a chance to participate, please make attendance a priority! Our archdiocese will be enriched by hearing from as many of us as possible.

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

Midwest Province’s Lenten Morning of Prayer

March 8, 10:30 AM

All parishioners are welcome to the Midwest Province’s Annual Lenten Morning of Prayer here at Saint Thomas More. Father Chris Krall, SJ will celebrate Mass followed by a reflection after in the school cafeteria. Food and drink will be provided! Father Krall, a Marshfield, WI native, is a 2005 graduate of Boston College and is currently in PhD studies at Marquette University.

Register: www.jesuitsmidwest.org/Lent2020
Registration is required!

Lenten Almsgiving Opportunity:
Operation Fill the Bins

The Free Store is launching a targeted collection of new underwear and socks—Operation Fill the Bins—which are among items most needed/requested by our guests. A suggestion for incorporating this in your Lenten practice, is to donate a new item or items in the size of each of your family members. We come in all sizes, as do our guests, so this might be a way to ensure that all sizes are covered. You can drop off your donations in the Community Corner when you come to Church during the week or weekends.

Volunteer: www.morecommunity.org/free-store, email STMfreestore@morecommunity.org or call Mary (612-432-2422) or Mary Beth (708-805-0151).
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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.

Questions? Email Brian bhefer@morecommunity.org or call the parish office.

Let Heaven and Nature Sing!
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beauty of our Christmas Season. Your generosity lends beauty and grace to our worship experience and we are deeply grateful.

- Dorothy Ann Danley
  In Memory of Mararet & Orvas Danley, Corinne & Sally Conley, James, Deanie & Tim Danley, Gerald L. Danley, Dennis C. Danley, Richard O. Danley, Lawrence P. Danley
- Robin Donner
- Keith and Christine Golden
  In Memory of Dennis & Janice Berg, Elizabeth Golden
- Kenneth and Harriet Goodpaster
- The Grady Family
  In Memory of Thomas Grady
- Donald & Lois Gross
- Mary Hanegraaf-Reeve and Scott Reeve
  In Memory of Mae & Ted Hanegraaf, Louis & Lorraine Reeve, Jeff Reeve
- Steven and Karla Hughes
- Mary Ellen Irish
- Jeff Morin and Mary Jane Schultz
- Jeff and Carol Ney
  In Memory of Tom Sobasky, Ian Williams
- Antonina Plinte
  In Memory of Viktor Plinte, Jadwiga Lobza, Vitolds Lobza, Ilze Plaucs, Peters Plaucs
- Michael Sarafolean
  In Memory of Mary Ellen Sarafolean
- Ed Sellner
- Mary Sobasky
  In Honor of Delores Astrella
  In Memory of Thomas Sobasky
- Lawrence and Barbara Sommer
- Bobbie Strauss
  In Memory of John & Gertrude Strauss
- Kay Swanson
  In Memory of Doris Duffy Swanson
- Patricia Turbes-Mohs
  In Memory of Sylvester & Janet Turbes, Maye Mohs
- Mary Vik

STM Spring Silent Retreat for Women
April 23-26 or May 12-14
We have two women’s retreats scheduled this spring at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo, MN. In summary, they are silent, conference-style retreats with several half hour presentations each day. Quiet time is scheduled after each presentation for reflection. Sr. Catherine Michaud, CSJ is leading the April retreat and Fr. Christopher P. Johnson, S.J. is leading the May retreat. Reservations are “first come; first served,” so we encourage you to register as soon as possible since these retreats fill up quickly. Should we receive your registration after we have reached capacity, you will be contacted and asked whether you wish to be placed on a waiting list. Signup and more info online!

[www.morecommunity.org/womens-retreat](http://www.morecommunity.org/womens-retreat)
Registration due March 25, 2020.
Save the Date: "More Hats & Horses Gala"
Annual School Auction

MAY 2, 2020

Break out your fancy hats and place your bets on us at the STM annual auction! Silent and live auction packages will share a focus on family fun, date nights and sports events. Have a blue-ribbon worthy donation to add to the mix? Contact Anna Thibert (annakthibert@gmail.com) or Emerald Gratz (emerald_gratz@hotmail.com) for your donations, questions, and ideas!


Give Up Waste for Lent: Week 1

**THEME: OUR “THROWAWAY” CULTURE**

Around half of all the waste going into our landfills today is single-use plastics. And more than half of the “trash” that ends up floating in our oceans is made up of these types of items. Some of this is involuntary (packaging you can’t avoid), but a lot is voluntary. These “voluntary” plastic items come in many forms, including the plastic bags from stores, straws, coffee cups, and take-out food containers. All of these items make our lives more convenient, and they are generally inexpensive to produce. “Inexpensive” is misleading because neither the producer or the consumer has to account for the cost they impose on the environment. Our attitudes toward them are a result of what Pope Francis calls “our throwaway culture” and our failure to recognize that we do not “own” the earth, to do with as we choose. He goes on to say “Scriptures make clear that the earth belongs to God; it is his creation;” and “All humans have a responsibility to ‘till’ the earth, to ensure its health for all time.” For this week we ask you to think about your responsibility to our planet and to consider ways you can reduce your use of these items (some specific suggestions are listed below).

**Readings:** *Laudato Si*, paragraphs 12-15, 17-22, 46-47, 66-69, 76-80

**Questions for reflection/discussion:**
1. Which type of single-use plastic most reflects our “throwaway” culture for you?
2. In another document, Pope Francis distinguishes between “personal sin” (“wrongful” actions of us individually) and “social sin” (“wrongful” actions of the society of which we are a part). Do you see wasteful use of plastics as more of a personal issue or a social issue?
3. In chapter 2, Pope Francis makes a distinction between “creation” and “nature.” How is that relevant here?
4. To what extent do you feel a personal responsibility for the well-being of our planet?

**Specific Suggestions:**
1. Bring your own (non-plastic) bag to the grocery store this week. And find at least one additional use for any plastic bags that you do have.
2. Avoid the use of plastic straws for a week.
3. Bring your own cup to at least one meeting or gathering or to your favorite coffee house.
4. If you go out to eat and expect there to be leftovers, bring your own to go containers.
**Mass Intentions**

- **Saturday, February 29** - † Ray & Norma Traen
- **Sunday, March 1**
  - 8 am - STM Community
  - 10:30 am - † Patrick Donovan Hurley
- **Tuesday, February 3** - † John Kelly Palmer
- **Wednesday, February 4** - † Mary Carol Noel
- **Thursday, February 5** - † Clarence D. Dochniak
- **Friday, February 6** - † Delbert G. Conroy
- **Saturday, February 7** - Gloria Wilkie (return to health)
- **Sunday, March 8**
  - 8 am - † Mary Ellen Sarafolean
  - 10:30 am - STM Community

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- Liturgy Schedule - liturgyschedule@morecommunity.org
- Prayers/Pastoral Care - carend@morecommunity.org
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- Weddings - carend@morecommunity.org
- Women’s Group - womensgroup@morecommunity.org
- Young Adults - youngadults@morecommunity.org

**Calendar**

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**Mass Intention**: 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).