

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Second Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2019

## 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

### EUCCHARISTIC 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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### Hearts Aflame Adoration + Reconciliation

**DECEMBER 19, 7 PM, CHURCH**

We have moved this month's Hearts Aflame to the week before Christmas and are adding a special reconciliation service! This is a time to pause in your hectic schedule and find refreshment in the presence of the living Christ among fellow seekers of truth, beauty and goodness, aided by sensory experiences of music, candlelight, and incense. Come and prepare your heart for Christmas day!

### Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Mass Schedule:

**DECEMBER 24 AT 4:30 PM**

Music by the Children's Choir (no incense)

**DECEMBER 24 AT 10 PM**

Music by the Schola (with incense)

**DECEMBER 25 AT 8 AM**

Music by cantor and accompanist (no incense)

**DECEMBER 25 AT 10:30 AM**

Music by the Adult Choir, with brass and harp  
(with incense)

### Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule:

**DECEMBER 31 AT 4:30 PM**

Adoration and Rosary following Mass, Benediction  
at 7 pm, and Hospitality at 7:15 pm

**JANUARY 1 AT 10 AM**

### Thank you to all who helped clean up our church last weekend

We so appreciate everyone who volunteered to clean up our church for Christmas! Special thanks to the confirmation candidates for attending!

### Thank you for your donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious

"Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.



### Bake Sale Raised \$1,026 dollars for Dorothy Day Ministry

A BIG thank you to all bakers who donated some yummy goodies for the bake sale. The donations included some delicious breads, cookies, cakes, muffins, and some other nicely pack sweet treats. Thank you too to the volunteers that helped set up and sell! and of course thank you to all buyers! Your donations and generosity will provide meals to many people in need at the Dorothy Day Ministry. Blessings to all in this time of Advent!

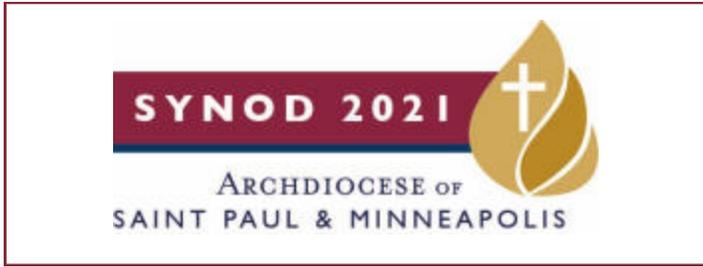
- STM Women's Group



### Thank You St. John's Episcopal Community

Thanks to the St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church community for joining us for Advent Vespers. The Schola of St. Thomas More and their chamber ensemble did a beautiful job, and God was certainly praised! We look forward to more collaboration with them in the future!

## COMMUNITY & OPPORTUNITIES



### You are Called to Help Steer the Future of Our Church

Two years from now, Archbishop Hebda will issue a new pastoral letter. For the first time in any Catholic archdiocese ever, he is asking the people of his archdiocese what the letter should be about. This letter will reflect what he hears from his flock and will set the priorities of our archdiocese for the next 5-10 years.

The way to share your feedback is to attend a Synod Listening Session. These are gatherings in churches across the archdiocese where attendees will meet in small groups to discuss and give written feedback on what is working well in our parish and archdiocese, and what we believe the Church needs to hear in order to move into the future. Archbishop Hebda plans to attend every listening session.

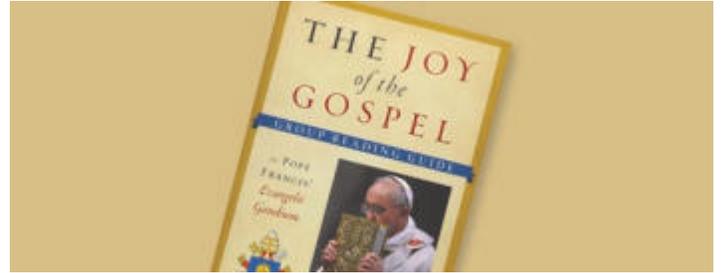
St. Thomas More is prioritizing attendance at the following listening sessions, and will be coordinating rides from STM. If you are interested in attending a listening session, please contact the listed parishioner, who is an STM Synod Ambassador working to help our parish share our voices:

- **Sunday, Jan. 5**, 1-4 p.m. at Holy Cross in Minneapolis – Lisa Amman [ammansteger@gmail.com](mailto:ammansteger@gmail.com)
- **Saturday, Jan. 25**, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Peter Claver in St. Paul – Jess Miller [jessica.miller51@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.miller51@gmail.com)
- **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 9 a.m.-noon at Lumen Christi in St. Paul – Aaron Sinner [aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com)

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.morecommunity.org/synod-ambassadors](http://www.morecommunity.org/synod-ambassadors)

**Questions?** [synodambassadors@morecommunity.org](mailto:synodambassadors@morecommunity.org)



### Accompaniment Study Group

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020**

After receiving some great feedback on Bill Huebsch's Art of Accompaniment presentation, we are ready to discern what accompaniment might look like here at St. Thomas More, and we need input! Starting in the New Year, we are going to begin with studying Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*. It will be a 6-week study, with weekly meetings starting the week of January 6-10. We will have different options for meeting times to accommodate all who are interested.

**Interested?** To sign up, email Carol Arend at [carend@morecommunity.org](mailto:carend@morecommunity.org) or call the parish office.



### Community Giving Tree

There's still time to take a tag from the community giving tree! Thank you to all of you who have already purchased gifts! In years past, this parish's generosity has provided gift cards so mothers can share in the giving of gifts to their children. We have also given those thoughtfully considered wish list items for disabled adults, and clothing and other necessities that offer hope and dignity to our homeless brothers and sisters. Please bring the gifts back to the church unwrapped. **Please note:** Each charity has a different "due date" for returning your gifts. Midwest Special Services are due Dec. 15th, and Listening House are due Dec. 22nd.



### Grow Clean Air

Looking for a great Christmas gift idea? STM Care for Creation has an opportunity for you to give a gift that helps fight climate change! The Catholic Climate Covenant has joined with The International Small Group and Tree Planting Group (TIST) to support tree planting in Africa, an area that is highly impacted by deforestation and poverty. Scientists say planting trees could be the single most effective way to fight climate change.

A donation to TIST will help counteract the devastating effects of deforestation, erosion, famine, droughts and floods, “grow clean air”, and help poor communities earn income and become self-sufficient. You can plant a tree for \$1 or sponsor a grove (1000 trees) for \$650. Donate in your loved one's name for the perfect Christmas gift!

**Signup** at [www.morecommunity.org/plant-trees](http://www.morecommunity.org/plant-trees)



### Save the Date - 2020 Cana Dinner

**FEBRUARY 8, 5:30 PM, SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

St. Thomas More invites married couples to our annual Cana Dinner, to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 after 4:30 Mass. Save the date! More information will be available in January.

**Questions?** Email [carend@morecommunity.org](mailto:carend@morecommunity.org)

### Request from the Kohima Committee

As many of you know, we as a parish are exploring ways to develop a relationship with our sister parish, Saint Francis Xavier, in Umbir, India. On our website, we plan to share with each other events in our respective parishes – ministries, celebrations, events, liturgies, and opportunities for communal prayer. This is where all of you come in and where you have an opportunity to help shape this relationship. We need suggestions on what you think we should be sharing with our friends in India! Email suggestions to Dan at [dans@umn.edu](mailto:dans@umn.edu).

**Webpage:** [www.morecommunity.org/sister-parish](http://www.morecommunity.org/sister-parish)



### STM Free Store Update

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to serve 66 guests on November 2 and 125+ guests on November 16. Our volunteers were hopping! We are contacted by social workers and other community agencies, seeking clothing and household goods assistance. We put together bins of clothing for The Listening House, which are then delivered by driver volunteers. The Free Store is fulfilling a need in the community, as we serve Christ by respectfully taking care of our neighbors. Some ongoing needs include clean, gently used coats/jackets, shoes/boots, warm blankets and bedding, new socks & underwear, and brown paper grocery bags with handles.

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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 14** - † Judy Lund

**Sunday, December 15**

8 am - † Michael Cristiani

10:30 am - STM Community

**Tuesday, December 17** - † Joseph Francis Caulfield

**Wednesday, December 18** - † Dolly Regina Williams

**Thursday, December 19** - † Beverly T. Boehm

**Friday, December 20** - † Stephen Golla

**Saturday, December 21** - † Robert D. Schrantz

**Sunday, December 22**

8 am - STM Community

10:30 am - Intentions of Our Homebound Parishioners

## CALENDAR

### Saturday, December 14

Christmas Toy Giveaway	11 am - 1:30 pm	School
Reconciliation	3:30-4 pm	Church
Mass	4:30 pm	Church

### Sunday, December 15

Mass	8 am	Church
Mass	10:30 am	Church

### Tuesday, December 17

Mass	7:15 am	Church
Centering Prayer	5:30 pm	Church
Moms Group Meeting	7:30 pm	PC

### Wednesday, December 18

Mass	7:15 am	Church
School Mass	8:30 am	Church

### Thursday, December 19

Mass	7:15 am	Church
Hearts Aflame + Reconciliation	7-8 pm	Church

### Friday, December 20

Mass	7:15 am	Church
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### Saturday, December 21

Free Store Donation 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

### Sunday, December 22

Mass	8 am	Church
Mass	10:30 am	Church

## OFFICES

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### Environmental Tip from Care for Creation

As you prepare for your holiday gatherings, consider reusable plates, cups, napkins and silverware. Don't want to invest in more place settings? Pick up extra dishes at a vintage or thrift store and keep them on hand for company. If you must use disposables, use compost-able cups, plates and utensils; then collect them after use and compost at a Ramsey County collection site.

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