

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

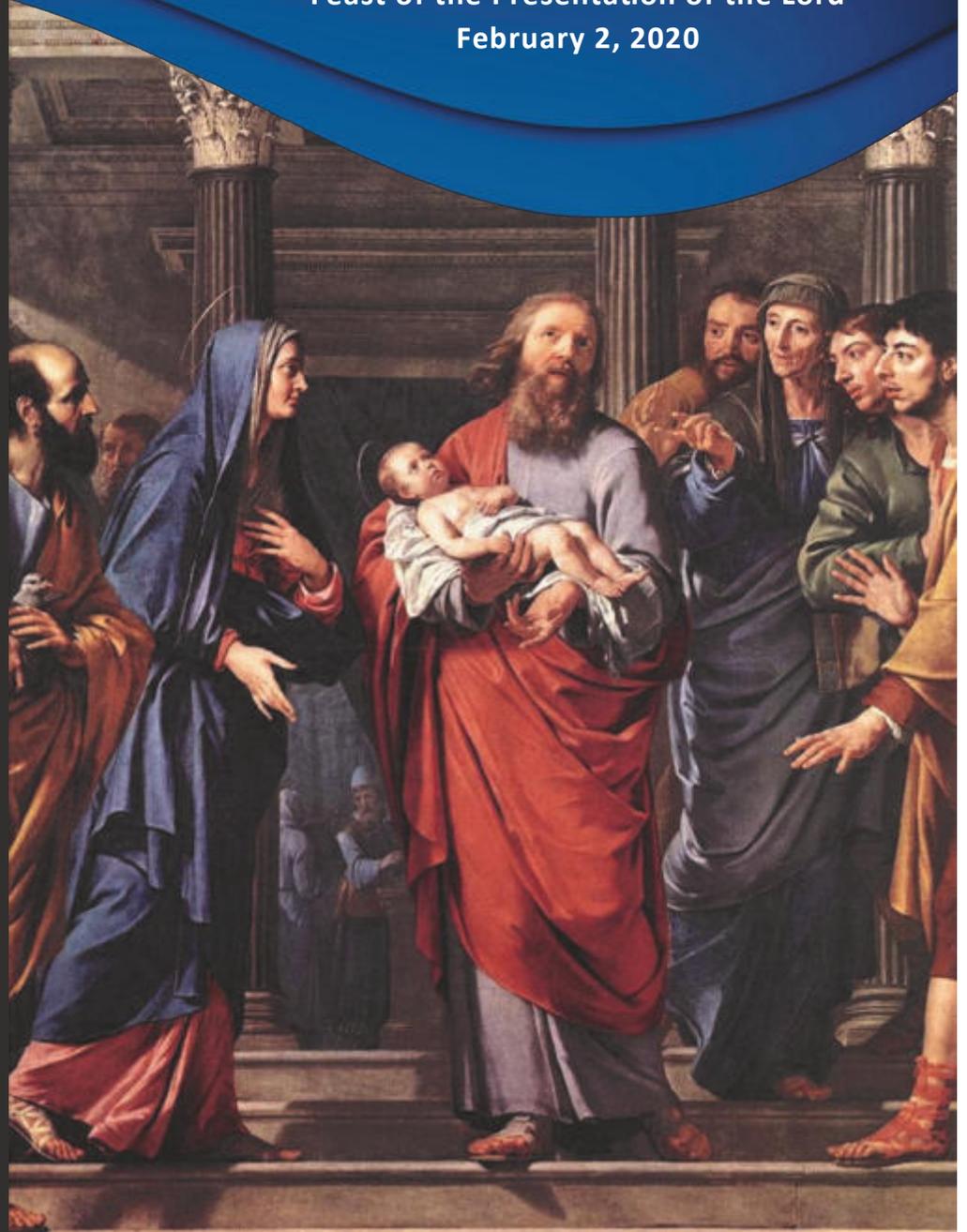
First Friday of the Month,
Begins at 8 am and concludes
at noon with Midday Prayer
and Benediction

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



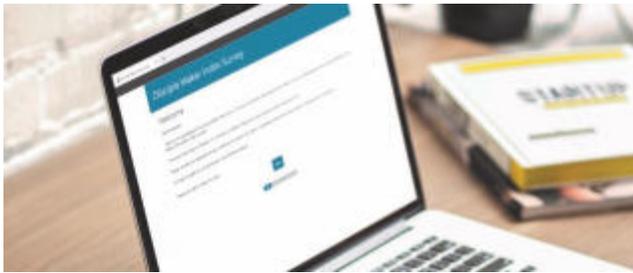
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT THOMAS MORE IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY OUR LIVES.



Parish-Wide Discipleship Survey

OPEN NOW - 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.

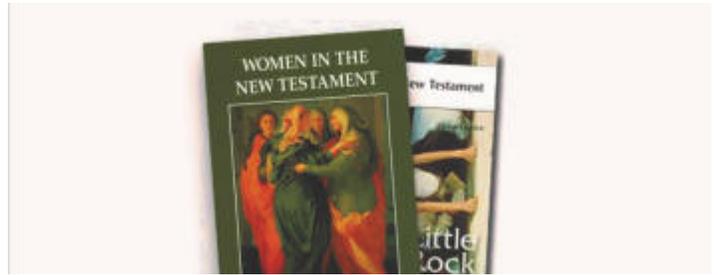
Take the survey: www.morecommunity.org/survey

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



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

Stewardship Update

Thank you for your generosity in 2019! We are extremely grateful to share that stewardship giving increased 17% 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 and set up a secure account on Our Sunday Visitor.

YEARLY GIVING TOTALS (CALENDAR YEAR):

2019	\$887,235
2018	\$755,941

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!

COMMUNITY & OPPORTUNITIES

Hearts Aflame: Praise & Adoration

FEBRUARY 6, 7 PM, CHURCH

Hearts Aflame is an evening of space, presence and worship before the Blessed Sacrament every first Thursday of the month. 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. We start with sung Evening Prayer consisting of hymns, psalms, scripture and prayers. This then flows into a time of silence and contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament, interspersed with meditative singing that draws on the styles of Taize and other contemporary resources.

Adoration/Midday Prayer

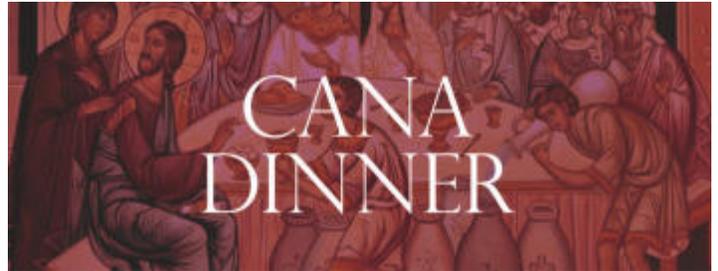
FEBRUARY 7, 7:45 AM - 12 PM, CHURCH

Did you know we hold Eucharistic Adoration the first Friday of every month after the 7:15 Mass? You are welcome to sign-up for an hour of prayer, or stop in for a few minutes on your way to work/school drop-off! At 12 pm we have 15 minutes of sung Midday Day Prayer and Benediction.

Free Store Needs

Help! Our most pressing need at this time is YOU! Volunteers are needed to staff the store on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 12-3 pm. There is no need to sign up for every month, but if you can commit to once or twice each season, we will be able to keep this much appreciated community outreach strong! The time commitment is not overwhelming, but we guarantee the rewards are great. You will work alongside amazing volunteers to serve those struggling in our midst. Please take a few minutes to check the Free Store out and join our team!

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



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
- Photo booth with photographer

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.



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!

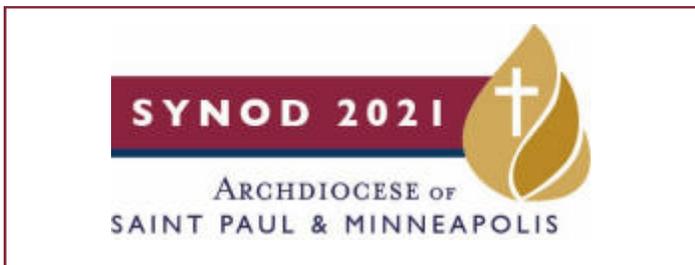
Upcoming Young Adults Events

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. More info at www.morecommunity.org/young-adults

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



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 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



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, February 1 - † Charlotte M Shaffer

Sunday, February 2

8 am - STM Community

10:30 am - † Ralf Andes

Tuesday, February 4 - † Mary Ellen Sarafolean

Wednesday, February 5 - † Theodore Charles Kay

Thursday, February 6 - † Susan Mary DeBruycker

Friday, February 7 - † John e. McManus

Saturday, February 8 - STM Community

Sunday, February 9

8 am - † John Anthony Judge

10:30 am - † Nilda Weber

QUICK CONTACTS

General Questions - parish@morecommunity.org

Sacraments - bhefer@morecommunity.org

Bulletin/Website - aharmon@morecommunity.org

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STM Synod Team - synodambassadors@morecommunity.org

Weddings - carend@morecommunity.org

Women's Group - womensgroup@morecommunity.org

Young Adults - youngadults@morecommunity.org



Environmental Tip from Care for Creation

Go green in the kitchen! Replace plastic garbage bags with compost-able liners, plastic food bags with reusable containers (preferably glass or metal), and plastic wrap with bees wrap. If you need to use disposable food coverings, stick with foil or wax paper (make sure to check this as many brands use a plastic coating instead of wax).

www.morecommunity.org/care-for-creation

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1

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, February 2

Mass 8 am Church

Mass 10:30 am Church

Tuesday, February 4

Mass 7:15 am Church

Scripture Study Begins 8 am Parish Center

Centering Prayer 5:30 pm Church

Wednesday, February 5

Mass 7:15 am Church

School Mass 8:30 am School

Thursday, February 6

Mass 7:15 am Church

Hearts Aflame 7 pm Church

Friday, February 7

Mass 7:15 am Church

Eucharistic Adoration 7:45 am Church

Benediction 12 pm Church

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



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M-F 9-8, Sat. 9-5

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