

The impact of your giving



STM SCHOOL

STM School has become my second home. Our pastors, teachers and staff, classmates, and community as a whole have shaped me into who I am today and inspire me to be like them. For that, I am so deeply grateful.. – Lauren

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

I have been Jo's homebound minister, bringing her the Eucharist since 2008. We have become like family. – Sandy



I feel so special that I'm privileged to have Jesus come into my home every week. – Jo



MOYC (MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN)

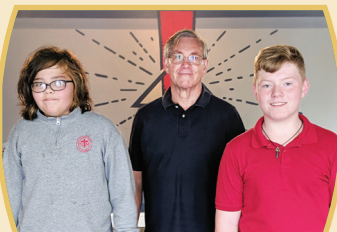
Met one of my newest mom best friends through MOYC. Now our husbands and kids are all great friends! She nannies my 3 year old now! – Colleen

MOYC has connected me to familiar faces at church, with moms and families who are interested in raising their kids in their faith community. – Leslie

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

"Thank you. This means so much to me. My daughter will be so happy to have something new to start the school year!"

"I am so grateful and my son will be so thrilled to have a brand new backpack this year!"



YOUTH MINISTRY

I enjoy being a volunteer with the STM youth group because it is encouraging to watch the young people develop their ability to express their ideas about their faith with each other. It is also great to see them put those ideas into action as they interact with their peers. – Mike

Being an STM disciple...

- » **NURTURES** your faith, gives hope
- » **TEACHES YOU** about your religion and how to connect it to life
- » **GIVES A SENSE OF BELONGING,** connecting you socially with friends, family, spouses, and God
- » **CHALLENGES YOU** to be accountable for living a good life
- » Also **SUPPORTS YOU** by surrounding you with others who are trying to live good lives
- » **PROVIDES A PLACE** to identify your gifts and talents
- » **PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES** in a non-threatening environment to hone your skills
- » **ENCOURAGES YOU** to reflect on your actions and learn forgiveness
- » **TEACHES YOU** to pray and find deeper meaning in life
- » **MINISTERS TO YOU** in times of difficulty
- » **NURTURES** gratefulness and uplifts you
- » **GIVES** you opportunities to give of yourself
- » **AFFORDS OPPORTUNITIES** to make a difference in the lives of others



Why pledge? *being responsible stewards*

Supporting the establishment of a responsible budget

Your pledge sets the stage for the annual budget. It lets the parish office know that you intend to continue your contributions through the end of the calendar year so a responsible budget can be set.



Supporting parish staff in keeping you connected and informed

As we upgrade our database after the first of the calendar year, your completed pledge form (with whatever amount you choose) is especially important so we can double check correct contact information. Our new database has a cost per person. In updating the database your pledge will be a sign that you are still active at STM.

A GUIDE for your prayerful consideration

SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH Annual Commitment 2020



Our call: The Great Commission

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" ~Matthew 28:19-20.

Our commitment:



As it was in the beginning...

..is now and ever shall be...



...with your commitment of time, talent & treasure.

From Father Justin

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Thank you for being part of our parish family. Every week, thousands of individuals find worship, education or healing through our ministries. Our parish is a reminder that none of us are asked to venture through life alone. Divine life is communion, and when you participate in our public prayers, donate funds, or volunteer in our ministries, you are helping promote that communion that the Lord Jesus offers.



As you discern your financial support for the parish in the year ahead, this guide offers a summary of the blessings that come from a commitment to discipleship.

As you pray over your 2020 pledge form, please consider...

- If you have never pledged before, take the next step and pledge a small percentage or dollar amount. It takes trust that God will carry us through when we make a financial commitment.
- If you have pledged a small amount, step up your amount by 1% or so. A 10% tithe can be daunting, but, taking small steps, we can find that God provides.
- If you are already tithing, ask your employer about matching gifts or consider using your occupation in service to Saint Thomas More. (See the back of the pledge form.)

If you are uncertain of your pledge or don't feel comfortable putting a "tithing" dollar amount on your form, please enter a pledge of \$1 to let us know you remain an active member and will do what you can.

With Gratitude in Christ,
Father Justin

P.S. –You are welcome to pledge electronically at stmkc.com/pledge if you prefer.

Our values as a faith community

Disciples at Saint Thomas More:

- Attend Sunday Mass weekly
- Tithe 10%: 5% to STM, 1% to the diocese, and 4% to charities of your choice. (As for the latter, we pray you choose our STM Capital Campaign.)
- Tithe at least two hours of time per week in ministry (See your Guide Book & Directory for opportunities.)



As a disciple at STM, you are...

- » Making it possible for worship services to be held
- » Forming children, youth and adults in the faith
- » Paying the utility bills to keep the doors open
- » Providing financial assistance to those in need
- » Maintaining the facilities
- » Serving others in times of sickness and grief
- » Carrying out ministries to put faith into action



Matching gifts, IRA's & Estate plans

Matching gifts We received six matching gifts last year (all different companies), totaling \$20,300. Check with your employer. You may be able to double your giving!

Tax-Free IRA Gifts Charitable taxpayers who are 70½ or older can direct "qualified charitable distributions" from their fund administrator directly to the charities of their choice. In 2019 to date, parishioners contributed \$93,431.82 to STM from their IRAs.

Make Saint Thomas More your "4th child" After your family and loved ones have been provided for, please consider including a gift to Saint Thomas More in your will. 2019 brought in \$146,219 from estate plans.

Questions?

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Capital Campaign

SECURING
our
TIMELESS
MISSION

The fruits of your generosity:

- ✓ COMPLETE School fire suppression upgrade
- ✓ COMPLETE School wi-fi upgrade
- ✓ COMPLETE Church fire suppression
- ✓ ONGOING STM education fund
- School security

