



*St. Thomas More Parish
Annual Report
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021*

Mission Statement

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, confirm our commitment to our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

We center on the Eucharist and the embodiment of Catholic family values.

We commit to love of neighbor: hospitality and compassion, nurturing and enrichment, empathy and social justice, emphasizing the contemporary needs of the church and the poor.

Adopted 6/23/1998

St. Thomas More Parish

1810 N McDonald St Appleton WI 54911
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Parish Office (920) 739-7758
Discipleship Formation (920) 739-8172

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System – McDonald St Campus
1810 N McDonald St Appleton WI 54911 (920) 739-7826
www.xaviercatholicschools.org

Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday through Friday – 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday – 4:00-4:30 p.m., Sunday - 9:15-9:45 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call Parish Office shortly after your decision to marry.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the Parish Office to make Baptism arrangements.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-12-Noon

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays, 4:00 p.m.



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Catholic Community of Welcome, Praise and Mission

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November 9, 2021

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

The Annual Report of St. Thomas More Parish for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, is attached. Please take some time to review it. Underneath the numbers is our story of faith. This past year has been one of constant adjustment to a changing situation but also one of deep faith and generosity. God has been faithful to us and St. Thomas More continues to respond with generosity.

Our focus on forming missionary disciples continues. Each of us is called to deepen our faith and make Jesus the most important person in our life. We used the Disciple Maker Index this past lent to gain insight into our community and discovered that we are already doing many things well and have some areas to grow. A team of parishioners met over the summer months to sort through the data and discern areas of focus. We discovered three areas to focus on for the next three years, beginning in January of 2021:

Deliberate Accompaniment

Inspiring Disciples

Impactful Weekend Mass Experiences

We will be forming an implementation team to continue the work in these focus areas. Stay tuned for more details as we continue to follow Bishop Ricken's call to form missionary disciples.

There are two constants in our story of the past year. The generosity of our God and the generosity of our community. We have been blessed to be able to continue the mission of Jesus and share His forgiveness and mercy with so many people because of the love God has shared with us. As a community, we are blessed with parishioners who give their time, passion, and resources to our parish. Our committed staff works hard to cooperate with the Spirit moving in our midst. We are blessed indeed!

Thank you for being the amazing Catholic community that you are!

Gratefully in Christ, we are,

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Dcn. Lincoln Wood

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Jansen".

Mr. Don Jansen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon M. Maretech".

Mrs. Sharon Maretech

Consistent with our Mission Statement, St. Thomas More Parish ministered to the educational and spiritual needs of our people as follows during the fiscal year:

27	Infants baptized in Christ and welcomed into our Faith Community
7	RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidate fully initiated into our Faith Community
37	First Reconciliations experienced
68	First Eucharist celebrated
45	Confirmations - Professing commitment to Faith and Service
2	Marriages witnessed
32	Funerals - May the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ
170	Children and Youth participated in our Religious Education programs
80	Children completed the year at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System McDonald St. Campus, of which the Parish is a subsidizing member.
77	Students completed the year at the St. Francis Xavier Middle School, of which the Parish is a subsidizing member
65	Students completed the year at the St. Francis Xavier High School, of which the Parish is a subsidizing member
1,094	Registered Families
513	Contributing Families

Baptisms

Aramis Wicken
 Satori Kaufman
 Olivia Beck
 James Beck
 Eleanora Beck
 Lilah Kahl
 Evan Amer
 Kylo Barnes
 Abel JennerJohn
 Robert Stindle
 Magnolia Bishop
 Jack Carlson
 Clara Kahle
 Owen Besc

Cole Adamski
 Caden Padget
 Abram Lindsay
 Lennon Lindsay
 Pippa Lindsay
 Jason Wilber
 Elaina Kaster
 June Hirokey
 Callie Hammond
 Jack Hammond
 Colton Bibow
 Sawyer Braun
 Kasen Sandoe

First Eucharist

Morgan Berlowski	Ian Baranczyk	Emma Nelson	
Shea Braun	Mae Cynthia Soucy	Olivia Beck	Max Oeftger
Alexander Burt	Erin Rose Sullivan	William Bendel	Ava Olson
Gianni Cavaiani	Isaac Teeters	Seth Bowman-Barnes	Rhylea Otto
Emma Foytik	Grant Tierney	Hannah Caron	Jonathan Schwab
Miles Gruender	Paige Trimberger	Avery Chase	Alexander Stanley
Grayson Harland	Alyssa Van Noie	Peyton Daigle	Jackson Stindle
Emma Heim	Payton Waterstreet	Lucas Donnermeyer	Leylah Tapelt
Addison Kope	Nomie Whitlinger	Maximus Douville	Brynn Tetzlaff
Jacob Lang	Jakob Wileman	Blake Flanagan	Aeson Valk
Grayson Meitner	Evan Yurjevich	Jack Hermus	Lydia Vande Hey
Callie Mostek	Lori Chase	Adalene Janssen	Dane Weyenberg
Jada Novitski	Heidi Guta	Olivia Kahle	Luke Yurjevich
Elaine O'Leary	Jaelyn Nelson	Hadley Koehn-Sullivan	Lauren Zielinski
Alice Peeters	Jason Wilber	Reyna Lange	Phoebe Zwieschowski
Lucas Polcyn	Maya Allen	Rachel Lange	
Kenneth Schwab	Elliana Baksys	Gwyneth Lewis	
Parker Emma Smith	Louis Baldwin	Addison Muinde	

Confirmations

Satori Kaufman	Joshua Draheim	Allison Matzek	William Walker
Stephanie Potter	Matthew Draheim	Aidan McClelland	William Yurjevich
Maria Harland	Ryan Draheim	Ignacio Medina	McKayla Zilisch
Shawn Kopke	Thomas Gear	Andrew Minorik	
Grace Aerts	Morgan Grathen	Brayden Mullard	
Ryan Camber	Elizabeth Heimerl	Elijah Oitzinger	
David Diedrick	Gemma Hodgkiss	Abigail Salm	
Joshua Greenslade	Lauren Hoefl	Elliot School	
Eliotte Heinz	Lexi Holmstrom	Andrew Simon	
Colleen Balza	Grace Hyde	Caitlin Simon	
Lori Chase	Annika Kolbe	Breelyn Tennie	
Heidi Guta	Elijah Koleske	Mason Thomas	
Jaelyn Nelson	Erin Korb	Andrew Tierney	
Jason Wilber	Brendan Lemery	Nathan Todzy	

Marriages

Brandon & Olivia Coppersmith
Joseph & August Walkowski

Deaths

Nancy Petrasko	Douglas Landeau	David Schuh
Wayne Pingel	Clayton Gorges	Agnes Witeck
Frank (Whitey) Lichtfuss	Inge Hoppa	Ervin Woldt
Roy Rickert	Alice Roemer	Doris VanderVelden
Therese Schroeder	Richard Kilsdonk	Andrew VanderHeyden
Barbara Young	Ken VanDeWettering	Wallace Willes
Merle Brimmer	Alice Oates	Marian Anciaux
Joseph Winkelman	Margie Douglas	Yvonne Vandenberg
Constance Grabow	Ina DeCleene	Janice Helein
Charles Ziegler	Jim Knapp	Gordon Myse
Eugene Hietpas	Joseph Gietman	

2020 - 2021 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mission Statement: Serving our community through Holy Spirit guided leadership and planning

Pastoral Leader:	Dcn Lincoln Wood	<u>Members at Large</u>
Chairperson:	Gabe Hernandez	Roy Conrad
Vice-Chairperson:	Joe Arndt	Crista Backes
Secretary:	Vacant	Jennifer Oeftger
Secretary Trustee:	Sharon Maretech	Paola Sisto

2020 - 2021 FINANCE COUNCIL

Mission Statement: Managing the community's physical, financial and human resources

Pastoral Leader:	Dcn Lincoln Wood	<u>Member at Large</u>
Chairperson:	Fred Hubley	Maria Totzke
Vice-Chairperson:	Paul Werner	Chuck Kaufman
Secretary:	Julie Stroess	Joe Matzek
Treasurer Trustee:	Don Jansen	

2020 - 2021 WORSHIP and SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Mission Statement: Nourishing community in prayer, Eucharistic celebration, environment, and spirituality

Pastoral Leader:	Dcn Lincoln Wood	Worship:	Greg Mohr
Chairperson:	Char Zeier	Music:	Patricia Verbrick
Vice-Chairperson:	Vacant	Members at Large:	Kim Lesperance
Secretary:	August Dittberner		Tony Overesch
Art & Environment:	August Dittberner		Maria Totzke
Hospitality Ministry:	Dan & Virginia Peterson		
Ushers:	Brian Conrad		

2020 - 2021 CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Mission Statement: Providing Catholic education for all ages

Pastoral Leader:	Dcn Lincoln Wood	Members at Large:	Kyle Severson
Chairperson:	Nick O'Leary		Chad Schwab
Secretary:	Julie Larson		Katy Masak
	Michelle Todzy		

2020 - 2021 PARISH VITALITY STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Mission Statement: Helping intensify discipleship through a personal stewardship way of life

This commission is on hold until further notice.

2020 - 2021 SERVICE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

Mission Statement: Answering Christ's call to charitably serve and work for justice

Chairperson:	Mary Counter	Dar DeBruin-Hein
	Mary Grace	Deb Whitman
Secretary:	Sr. Stephanie Spence	
Member at Large:	Gail Swanke	
	Linda DeLong	

2020-2021 Community Life Commission

Mission Statement: Enhancing our community's life through education, welcome, fellowship and fun

Chairperson: Char Zeier Mary Keller
Members at Large: Erin Arndt
Bev Hoffman

2020 - 2021 PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Mission Statement: Caring for the whole person, body, mind, and spirit

Chairperson: Kathy Zuleger Members at Large:
Vice Chairperson: Kathy Menge Dcn Lincoln Wood Toby Paltzer
Secretary: Carol Planert Irene Skarban Carolee Iwanski
Christine Rosenbaum Shari Iglar
Lee Planert

2020-2021 ENDOWMENT FUND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Mission Statement: Grow supplemental funding for expanding parish programs, services, operations, and ministries

Chairperson: Karen Bendel Treasurer Trustee: Don Jansen
Vice-Chairperson: Ami Hyde Sharon Maretech
Secretary: Mike Huelsbeck

To learn more about parish committees and councils, please visit the website at www.stmcath.org

PARISH STAFF

Deacon Lincoln Wood, Parish Pastoral Leader
Rev. Gerald R. Falk, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Donald Wetzel
Deacon Timothy Downey
Irene Skarban, Pastoral Associate
Patricia Verbrick, Music Ministry Coordinator
Joe Menard, Director of Choirs
Barb Tremel, Parish Operations Administrator
Minka Bourner, Operations Assistant
Ben Kaufman, Maintenance
Chuck Kaufman, Maintenance
Chris Rosenbaum, RN, Parish Nurse

FAITH FORMATION STAFF

Greg Mohr, Missionary Discipleship Team
Coordinator—Family & Adult
Andy Chmura, Missionary Discipleship Team
Coordinator—Family & Youth
Emily Shackleton, Missionary Discipleship Team
Coordinator-Family & Children
Wendy Fischer, Operations Assistant

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL - MCDONALD ST. CAMPUS STAFF

Alena Tapelt, Principal

Financial Summary

The financial section of the Annual Report shows the budgeted and actual results of our operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, along with the budget for the current fiscal year, which will end June 30, 2022.

The format has changed a little from prior years, as we have begun using new accounting software and a new chart of accounts. I hope this simplified format is easy to read and understand.

Total revenues were \$1,273,481 for the fiscal year, about \$236,500 under the budget of \$1,510,053.

Last year's expenses were \$1,363,717 which is about \$146,000 under the budget of \$1,510,053, due in large part to lower capital expenditures than budgeted.

In April of 2021, the Paycheck Protection Plan loan of more than \$122,000 which was secured during 2020 was forgiven and accounted for as revenue. Through the generosity of the parishioners of St Thomas More, total parish support for the fiscal year was only about \$10,000 behind last year (1.1%). We continue to see increasing attendance at weekend Masses, and are confident that donations will also reflect that trend.

The calendar raffle will be held again for 2022 – in fact, the tickets have arrived and are being sold now! This fund raiser is an excellent way to generate funds while allowing parishioners, families, and friends an opportunity to get some of their investment back! Once again, the cost of each ticket will be \$20, with total prizes of \$10,000. Each time a winner is chosen, the ticket is put back into the barrel, so, theoretically, one person could win all the prize money!

For the current fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) our budgeted stewardship goal has once again been set at \$850,000. This is a little bit higher than last year's actual, so will challenge our members, but is definitely a reasonable goal! Expenses are budgeted to be \$1,621,509, which include almost \$300,000 for necessary capital expenditures.

Feel free to contact Barb Tremel, Parish Operations Administrator, with any questions you may have regarding the financial section of the Annual Report.

**ST. THOMAS MORE CONGREGATION
APPLETON, WISCONSIN
PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

	<u>2020-2021 Actual</u>	<u>2020-2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>Budget Change</u>
REVENUES				
Parish Support	\$ 867,724	\$ 911,200	\$ 901,600	\$ (9,600)
Stipend & Stole Fees	5,905	6,245	5,845	(400)
Parish Fundraising Income	8,848	10,000	20,000	10,000
Scrip Revenue	1,244	1,500	1,500	-
Missionary Discipleship Revenue	6,918	2,500	6,400	3,900
Donations	36,987	120,600	157,500	36,900
Restricted Contributions	-	-	150,000	150,000
Investment Income	198	3,000	500	(2,500)
Rental Income	6,300	6,500	7,000	500
Other Income				
Transfers from Investments	30,000	277,608	206,164	(71,444)
Building Expense Reimbursement by Xavier	154,769	140,000	150,000	10,000
Bishop's Appeal Refund	31,975	30,900	15,000	(15,900)
Paycheck Protection Program Grant	122,613	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,273,481	\$ 1,510,053	\$ 1,621,509	111,456
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Total Parish Expenses	\$ 587,054	\$ 593,053	\$ 630,085	37,032
Total School Expenses	168,113	179,786	189,494	9,708
Total Missionary Discipleship Expenses	136,299	172,053	158,054	(13,999)
Xavier Catholic Schools Investment	399,468	400,161	383,876	(16,285)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,290,934	\$ 1,345,053	\$ 1,361,509	16,456
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (17,453)	\$ 165,000	\$ 260,000	95,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 72,783	\$ 165,000	\$ 260,000	95,000
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (90,236)	\$ -	\$ -	-

	<u>ENDOWMENT FUND</u>	<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u>
	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		
ASSET VALUE AT JULY 1, 2020	\$1,165,559	\$1,824,041	\$128,559
RECEIPTS			
Contributions	\$7,035	-	\$3,291
Net Investment Income (Loss)	215,534	224,283	9,249
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	150,003	222,480	28,585
	<u>\$372,572</u>	<u>\$446,763</u>	<u>\$41,125</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Distribution	50,000	30,000	0
Investment fee/expenses	7,614	13,110	1,288
	<u>\$57,614</u>	<u>\$43,110</u>	<u>\$1,288</u>
NET CHANGE IN ASSET VALUE	<u>\$314,958</u>	<u>\$403,653</u>	<u>\$39,837</u>
ASSET VALUE AT JUNE 30, 2021	<u>\$1,480,517</u>	<u>\$2,227,694</u>	<u>\$168,396</u>

St. Thomas More
Outreach Gifts
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Memorial Fund grants	\$ 30,000.00
Bishop's Appeal	100,875.00
LEAVEN	487.00
Seminarian Fund	16,269.31
World Mission	1,070.00
Religious Retirement	5,757.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,161.00
Harbor House	222.50
VIDA (formerly Mother & Unborn Baby)	410.00
St. Anthony's Parish	2,747.27
Holy Land	256.00
Operation Rice Bowl	832.76
Haiti Mission	710.00
Dismas Ministry	222.50
Our Own Needs/Home Missions	800.00
World's Poor	3,153.00
Typhoon Relief	<u>197.05</u>
GRAND TOTAL	165,170.39

St. Thomas More Grant Program

Proposed Grants 2021

Organization	Purpose	U.S.	Non-U.S.
Compassionate Home Health	Personal care items for needy	\$1,000	
COTS, Inc	Basic needs in transitional shelters	\$3,000	
Dupont Enkare (DEI)	Assist moms/kids w/basic needs in Kenya		\$2,000
Harbor House	Shelter Program	\$1,000	
Justice & Development for All	Help irrigation farmers in Tanzania		\$2,000
Michaud Charitable Group	Basic needs – Lububu, Tanzania		\$2,000
Mount Tabor Center/SPIRITUS	Team education/formatio	\$3,000	
Riverview Gardens, Inc	Service Works Program	\$1,000	
School sisters of St Francis	Scholarships-Assisi School in Bangalore, India		\$4,000
Sister Water Project	Tanzania: clean water project		\$4,000
Society of St Vincent de Paul	Basic Needs Program	\$3,000	
St Joseph Food Program, Inc	Backpack Food assistance program	\$2,000	
The Compass	Subscriptions for homeless shelters in Diocese	\$1,000	
Volunteer Fox Cities	Help fund Phone Pals, a telephone outreach	\$1,000	
Total		\$16,000	\$14,000

ST. THOMAS MORE CONGREGATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund is now invested through the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay. The market value of the fund as of June 30, 2021 is \$168,396. All gifts to the scholarship fund are used for tuition assistance for our students attending STM Missionary Discipleship Formation and St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System.

The Scholarship Fund has been established and continues to give because of the generous memorials and gifts from parishioners and other interested persons. Gifts were received during the current year from the following:

GIFTS:

Charles & Shirley Smith
Paul & Judy Werner
Al & Phyllis Malak Charitable Trust

MEMORIALS:

Merle Brimmer
Theresa Schroeder

ST. THOMAS MORE CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund is invested through the St Francis Xavier Investment Corporation and had a market value of \$1,480,517 as of June 30, 2021.

This Endowment Fund has been established and continues to grow because of the generous memorials and gifts from the following:

GIFTS:

Charles & Shirley Smith
Paul & Judy Werner

MEMORIALS:

Merle Brimmer
Margie Douglas
Tom Grace
Richard Kilsdonk
Jim Knapp
Dave Schuh
Ken VanDeWettering
Joseph Winkelman
Agnes Witeck