

WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS MORE  
THE CATHOLIC CHAPEL & CENTER AT YALE UNIVERSITY



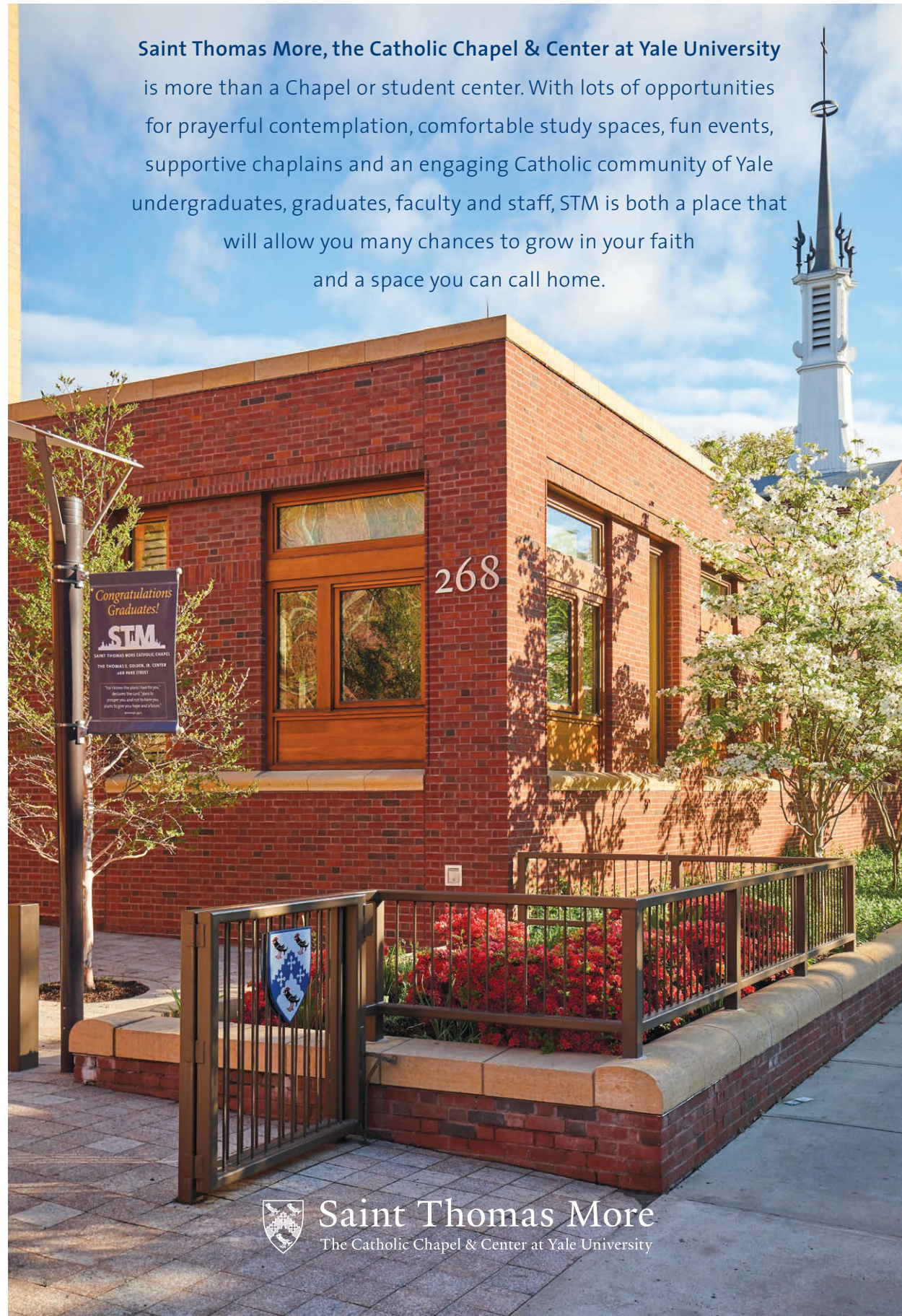
Pray  
Gather  
Study  
Act

THERE IS ALWAYS

*a place for you*



**Saint Thomas More, the Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University**  
is more than a Chapel or student center. With lots of opportunities for prayerful contemplation, comfortable study spaces, fun events, supportive chaplains and an engaging Catholic community of Yale undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff, STM is both a place that will allow you many chances to grow in your faith and a space you can call home.



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**THAN A CHAPEL**



**Pictured on the cover:**

**STM students deliver welcome gifts to  
Catholic first-year students  
in Yale College on move-in day.**



A PLACE TO MAKE  
*friends*



Join fellow students for social events throughout the year. STM's annual undergraduate Welcome Back Ice Cream Social or the Grad Welcome Back Wine & Cheese Social are a great way to start the school year. Throughout the academic year, students are invited to meet the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplains for lunch or dinner for informal conversations in the residential colleges or graduate schools. Check the weekly bulletin for locations.



Travel  
Serve  
Engage  
Experience

Alternative Spring Break trips introduce students to new friends around the world.





Study  
Focus  
Relax  
Learn

The Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Center is the perfect place to study or meet with your ESTEEM mentor.

## A PLACE TO *study*



Come tour STM and you are sure to find an amazing place to study (or two or three or four) both during the day and at night. Sit by the fire in the Library Reading Room on a cold winter night or curl up on one of the comfy couches in the sunny courtyard.

Yale offers a number of courses for credit on Catholicism. This fall consider enrolling in *Meditation: East and West* (REL 835) or *Discernment of Spirits: in Selected Mystics* (REL 837), both with Professor Janet Ruffing, R.S.M.; *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition* (HIST 280/RLST 160) with Professor Carlos Eire; or Global Catholicism with Professor Erika Helgen (REL 749).

STM offers programs that will help you through the stressful time of midterms and finals.

Take a break for smoothies and waffles with friends in The Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Center; enjoy delicious desserts during a study break in the residential colleges; or, maximize your productivity with an evening of distraction-free studying during our Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP).



A PLACE TO  
*pray*



You can gather with friends Sunday nights in the Meditation Room for Taizé Prayer. You can also participate in special seasonal prayers, like Lenten Stations of the Cross.

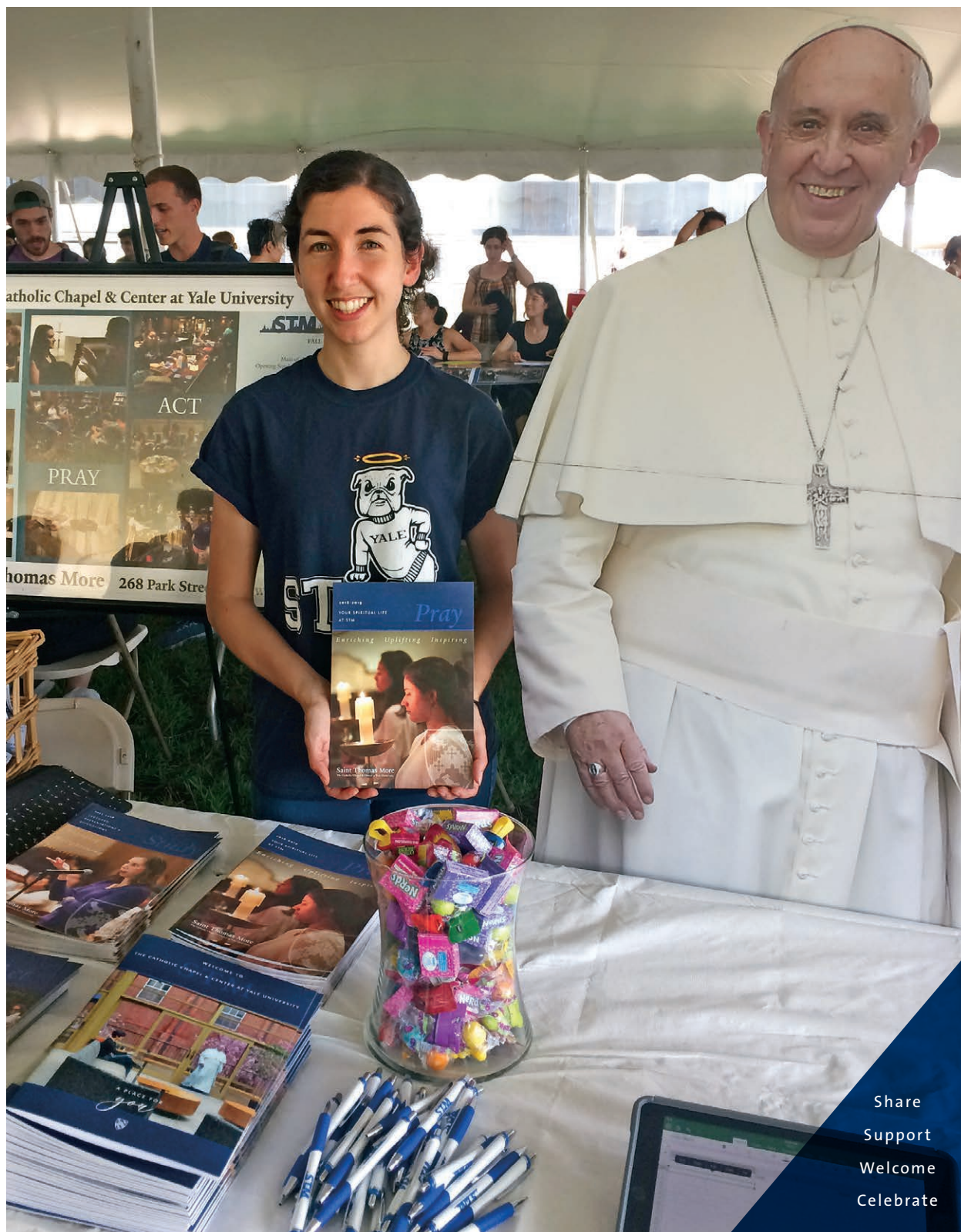
Mass is celebrated in the Chapel daily – Tuesday through Thursday at 5:30pm and 8:00am on Fridays. On Sundays, the community gathers for Mass at 10am, 5pm and 10pm during the school year. Adoration and confession are also offered. We encourage you to take part in the Mass by serving as an Acolyte, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Choir Member. Training for liturgical ministers is held at the beginning of each semester.



Pray  
Reflect  
Sing  
Meditate

Students and community members participate in the Easter Vigil at STM.





STM Graduate Council members attend the Grad Fair on campus each Fall to meet new Catholic students.

A PLACE TO EXPERIENCE

*community*



STM is a welcoming community where you can join with others in renewing your faith life in small groups, Sunday night dinners and one-on-one meetings.

Sunday night dinners and lectures are the perfect start to the week. The STM community meets after 5pm Mass for dinner and a discussion on contemporary Catholic topics. If you are a night owl, come to STM for Mass on Sunday nights at 10pm and stay for a late night snack. If you are an early riser and 10am Mass works for you, stay for brunch in the dining hall.

Join a Small Church Community peer group (Bible Study/Faith-Sharing) or Cathletes (a student-athlete faith-sharing group) with other Catholic students who are committed to meet weekly to pray, discuss scripture and reflect on how it relates to life as a Yale student.

You can also participate in Catholic celebrations and feasts that honor the many cultures and traditions of our students.

Share  
Support  
Welcome  
Celebrate



A PLACE TO BE  
*yourself*



Learn how to develop your skills as a leader through sharing your gifts and talents at STM and beyond through the ESTEEM (Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) Leadership program.

If you enjoy event planning, program building or finding creative ways to connect with other STM students, consider joining the Undergraduate Council or the Graduate Council and collaborate with the Chaplains in planning the myriad of programs and social activities STM has to offer. If you enjoy expressing your faith through creative writing or reporting, you can write reflections for Advent and Lent, blog posts on the STM website or an article in the *STM Magazine*.

If you need a cup of coffee, a place to study, a place to pray, someone to talk to, somewhere to belong – STM is right across from the Pierson College gate.



Connect  
Lead  
Question  
Develop

The high point of STM's ESTEEM program is the Capstone Conference in Chicago, where ESTEEM students from across the country network and discuss what they've learned.





Teach  
Care  
Rebuild  
Partner

STM students prepare the Little Red Hen Community Garden for spring planting.

## A PLACE TO MAKE A *difference*



Your faith is lived out through serving God and demonstrating compassion for humankind.  
You can explore your spiritual path through STM's service opportunities and  
Alternative Spring Break trips.

Work alongside STM community members and serve lunch to hundreds of guests each week  
at STM's Wednesday Soup Kitchen. Stop by on Wednesdays to serve, set up or clean up;  
or, participate in group events preparing care packages.

Participate in service opportunities like preparing food and serving at Amistad Catholic  
Worker House in New Haven; partnering with area churches on local environmental projects  
like Project Longevity (in the spirit of Pope Francis's *Laudato Si*) and participating in Catholic Relief  
Services meal packing day. If your schedule permits, you can tutor students from a local  
Catholic school or teach religious education at STM on Sunday mornings.



A PLACE TO GROW CLOSER TO

*christ*



STM's retreats offer an opportunity to step away from distractions of everyday life and spend time with God and other students in a unique way. The first retreats for the 2018-19 academic year are planned for Saturday, September 13th and 14th at STM for first-year students and for graduate students on Saturday, September 28th at Mercy Center in Madison, CT.

Catholics who have been baptized and received Holy Communion can complete the sacraments of initiation through adult Confirmation classes. Reconciliation is offered on Tuesdays at 6pm or by appointment.

STM's monthly spirituality groups for undergraduate and graduate women and men provide a supportive environment in which you can explore questions and ideas related to your experience as Catholics.



Retreat  
Explore  
Worship  
Hope

Fr. Ryan begins Palm Sunday Mass on the steps of STM's Chapel.





From the moment you arrive on campus  
until the moment you receive your degree, we are here for you.

We can't wait to meet you!

ALWAYS HERE

*for you*



Rev. Ryan Lerner, Chaplain

Fr. Ryan officially began his role as the eighth Catholic Chaplain at Yale University on June 1, 2019, although he was on campus meeting students in March. "I am totally amazed by STM," says Fr. Ryan. "From the moment I arrived here, I have found the students to be excited and deeply engaged, both spiritually and intellectually, in their Catholic faith."



Sr. Jennifer Schaaf, O.P.,  
Assistant Chaplain



Rev. Karl Davis, O.M.I.,  
Assistant Chaplain



Carlene Demiany '12  
M.Div. '14 S.T.M.,  
Assistant Chaplain



Allan Esteron, M.A.  
Assistant Chaplain

Chaplains are always available for confidential conversations when you want to explore ways to deepen your relationship with God; during times of questioning, difficulty, stress and anxiety; or if you just need a break from the rigor of life at Yale.



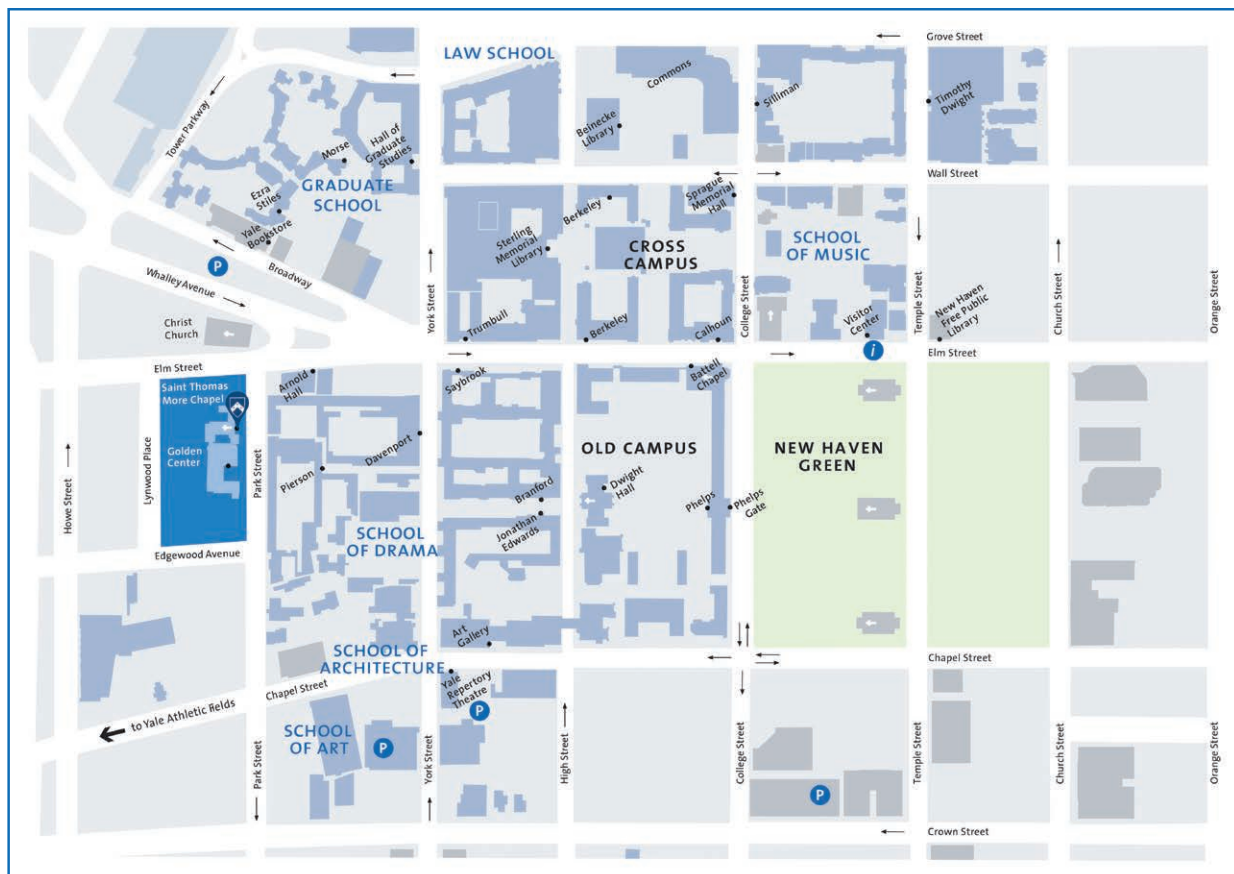


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THAN A CHAPEL



## Golden Center Hours

Sunday, noon to midnight

Monday – Thursday, 9 am to midnight

Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 10 pm

Text STM to 84576 to join Flocknote and receive weekly updates on STM events.

Check the STM App or Flocknote for vacation and summer hours.

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