

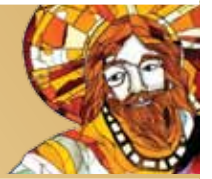


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MASSSES

WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 6:15am & 8:15am

Sat 8:15am

WEEKEND: Sat 4pm, Sun, 7:30am, 9am & 11am

MASS ONLINE CONTINUES

RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions: by appointment and

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6pm

Saturdays, 7:15-8am and 3-3:45pm

OUR CLERGY

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In Residence: Father Paul Sappington

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Mon. & Wed. 8:45-1pm, 2-3:30pm*

Tues. & Thurs. 8:45-1pm, 2-5pm*

Friday 8:45-1pm

* lunch hour 1-2pm

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and he was transfigured before them



Lent
2ND SUNDAY

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over
them; from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."*

Mk9:8

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All volunteers working with minors or
vulnerable adults are required to:

- Attend a Protecting God's Children
workshop
- Attend a mandated reporter training
- Submit to a background check
- Read the online Policy on Ethics and
Integrity in Ministry

For more Safe Environment information,
including reporting and victim resources,
see page 10.

Baby Shower

Last weekend for donations!

February 24-25 in the narthex



Items go to

Saint Mary's Home for Mothers in Liberty, MO



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Our Auction results from three weeks ago are nearly solidified, with a gross of **\$319,426**. Of that, \$143,865 is ear-marked for our Fund-a-Need project to replace carpet and integrate the phone systems on campus, and a little over \$42,000 is being paid out toward expenses. (A final Presidents Day Auction opportunity is occurring through this Monday, providing last minute bids on two dozen items that received no previous bids. Please visit one.bidpal.net/stm24/browse/noBids to check out the offerings.) Again, my heartfelt appreciation for those who organized, worked and supported this amazingly successful event!

This weekend we conclude our Lenten collection for items to assist those at Mary's Home for Mothers in Liberty. (I've been to the property and know several of those involved in ministering to the women and their babies who seek shelter there... it's a wonderful space to rejoice in the gift of life.) We do so at a time when the diocese alerts us to efforts in the state to advance ballot proposals for the expansion of abortion access in our state. (See page 6).

Our Christian identity urges us to create a culture of life that both insists upon the unacceptability of the intentional termination of an innocent human life, and then backs that up by providing and funding resources that accompany and support mothers during and after their pregnancies. Without our investment in accompanying care, women and their families can find themselves overwhelmed by a pregnancy, sensing only a single option before them.

Along this same topic, our Knights of Columbus Council will show a new movie on campus in two weeks, showcasing the life of Mother Teresa. This saint spoke forcefully to a Western culture that grew tolerant toward abortion, and modeled an attentiveness toward the voiceless and marginalized in our world that remains invaluable, a quarter-century after her death. The movie is family-friendly, just under two-hours long, and will come with popcorn and drinks, provided by the Knights.

Father Justin

P.S. We continue to pray for those who are preparing to be received into the Church at STM this Easter. Several of them participated in last weekend's Rite of Election (see photo below).



One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION
 **Healing Our Family**
Tending wounds and accompanying hearts to freedom in Christ

Come Home to Communion



Daily Masses for Lent

Monday-Friday, 6:15 & 8:15am
 Saturday, 8:15am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 4pm vigil Mass
 Sunday, 7:30am, 9am & 11am

Sign Interpreted Mass: 2nd
 Sundays at 11am

Masses are recorded daily; find them at stmkc.com or youtube.stmkc.com.

Pray the Rosary with Others

Sundays, after 9am Mass

Join with the Knights of Columbus in prayer.

Monday-Friday, after the 8:15am Mass, Chapel

All are welcome to pray the rosary with others on Saturdays, after the 8:15am Mass. Fatima devotion is also celebrated on First Saturdays.

The Light is on for You This Lent

Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room.

Tuesday, & Thursday, 5-6pm
 Saturday, 7:15-8am & 3-3:45pm
 and by appointment

Church Hours for Private Prayer This Lent

Monday-Friday, 6am-6pm
 Saturday, 7am-5pm Sunday, 7am-9pm

Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sundays, Noon-9pm in the Church

Regular time spent with the Lord in Adoration can be life changing! First Sundays, Noon-1pm, has music.

Like anything else that is worthwhile in life, it takes a certain degree of discipline to become more eucharistic in your prayer life. Remember, however, that God is never outdone in generosity.

February Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Bishop Johnston: For those who are discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated religious life.

Lent
AT STM

Lent events and activities at STM are listed in purple font and scattered throughout the bulletin, under the appropriate "One Family" headings.

Lenten Art Participation Project

Through the Lenten season, the Art & Environment Committee invites people to bring twigs (no longer than six inches, please!). There is a display on the round table in the narthex where twigs may be added. The twigs are to unite your own slivers of crosses to those of Jesus'.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 5pm

February 23 - Monday Rosary Group
March 1 - Kathy Thomas' 4th Grade Class
March 8 - Mary Roach & friends
March 15 - Women of STM
March 22 - SPRED

Fresh Fire Fridays

Feb. 23, Mar. 22, Apr. 19, May 10; 7-9pm

Fresh Fire is a prayer experience crafted to open hearts to experience Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist by combining candlelit Eucharistic Adoration throughout, with praise and worship music, a speaker offering personal witness, and opportunities to come to the altar for a blessing and intercessory prayer.



Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passport

STM is one of eight sites throughout the diocese listed on the diocesan Eucharistic Revival Passport, highlighting our Fresh Fire Nights. Parishioners who document the visitation of at least five sites can submit their passport for a special gift, blessed by Bishop Johnston! Stickers for passports are found under the Saint Thomas More portrait in the narthex.



Please hold in prayer

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, BULLETIN@STMKC.COM OR 942-2492 X202, TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST. IF YOUR NAME IS DROPPED OFF AND YOU ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. **NAMES APPEAR EVERY OTHER WEEK.**

...our family and friends in the military:

Nick Alder
Drew Belzer
J.D. Corless

Mike Dean
Logan Elrader-Effertz

TJ Francik
Luke Jokerst

Jonathan Kennaley
Zach Love

Patrick Rogers
Christopher Yates

...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams
Debbie Crawford
Jean Fuller

Betty Moore
Mary Robinson
Charlotte Scanlon

Debbie Siemieniowski
Bob Switzer

Cathy Terwelp
Karen Tritt

Leonardo Viril
Bill Young

...our family and friends who are sick:

Emma Beaver
Scott Carson
Chris Frantze

Mary Jane Grimaldi
Cynthia Kirkendoll
Rita Kopp

Denise Adams Mehlo
Linda Moore

Sean Pinkerton
Peter Szumigala

John Webb
Agnes Welliver

...our family and friends who have died:

Joseph Effertz, Jr.; Carolyn Rasmussen; Bonnie Jean Holman

Care & Support

Grief Peer Support Group

1st Wed. (Mar. 6), 4-5pm, Bauman Room of More Hall

3rd Wed. (Mar. 20), 6-7pm, in the Parish Office

Grief is difficult and can be experienced as a result of any kind of loss. In addition to supporting each other, we use various resources to better understand our grief. Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate, facilitates these groups. Attend as you are able. For more info, contact her at peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210.

Caring for the Caregiver

If you were not able to stop by the table on February 11 and would like to discuss ideas on how we can meet the needs of either yourself or others as caregivers, please feel free to reach out to me at 816-942-2492 x210 or peggy@stmkc.com. More will be forthcoming in the near future as to what STM offerings of support will be.

~ Peggy Lucas

Take notice, STM men!

Do you have the will to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament or Adoration at least a half-hour per week, in addition to Mass, to pray for the parish and school?

If yes, you are invited to join a new endeavor: the STM Prayer Brotherhood. There are no meetings to attend, no dues, just your weekly commitment in a church to pray for the sanctification of the parish and school, that we all grow in holiness. If you choose to join, please call Tom B at 816-564-1763 or Bob T at 816-322-2629.



\$20 for Lent

The recipient for this year's \$20 for Lent campaign is the Little Sisters of the Poor. They are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious, with a local center in KCMO. They were founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan to serve the elderly poor. The last time STM took up a collection for the Little Sisters was 2018. For more information on this mission, please visit littlesistersofthepoorkansascity.org/.

Scout Fish Fry Fridays

Feb. 23; March 1, 8, 22; 5-7pm, More Hall

Cost: \$10/senior (60+), \$12/adult, \$35/family, \$15/senior premium (including two drinks), \$17/adult premium (including two drinks). Desserts: \$2 each.

Menu includes baked & fried fish, potatoes, corn, green beans and rolls. Cheese pizza available for the kids. Dine out or get to go! Proceeds go to help the kids pay for summer camp.

STM Respect Life Baby Shower - Final Weekend!

Sunday, Feb. 25 is the last day for the drive

The Respect Life Committee would like to help Saint Mary's Home for Unwed Mothers in Liberty, MO and needs your help! Please refer to the list in last Sunday's bulletin or visit Target.com registration and enter "St. Mary's Home for Mothers, Liberty, MO" under "Organizations."

Items may be left in the baby furniture set up in the narthex. Thank you for helping to honor mothers and their babies!



Food Drive Next Weekend

March 2-3 in the Narthex

Our monthly food drive helps people who are struggling to put food on their tables. Please bring the following items: canned tuna and meats, low-sodium canned soups and vegetables, pancake mix, syrup, sugar, dry milk, boxed meals, pasta and sauce, canned fruits, peanut butter, jelly, rice, jello, condiments, white beans, laundry soap, toiletry items, and paper goods. Monetary donations are also helpful!

Needs of the Red Bridge Food Pantry

dish soap; small laundry detergents; Hamburger Helper-type, one-dish meals (or Knorr side dish items); jelly; boxes of unflavored mashed potatoes; paper towels; rice (1 or 2 # bags); canned pasta

If you want to support Seton Center online, you can make a financial contribution at setonkc.org. Click on the donate tab.

Serve Breakfast at Morning Glory

March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6:30-8:30am

Ten volunteers are needed each Monday to drive/car-pool to The Catholic Center to serve breakfast to the homeless. Email Father Justin at frjhoye@stmkc.com to sign up.



Green Team

Maryknoll Lenten Reflection: Caring for Creation

World leaders returned from COP28, the UN Climate Change Summit in Dubai in December, 2023. Pope Francis said to the participants: "Let us choose life. Let us choose the future. May we be attentive to the cry of the

earth, may we hear the plea of the poor.”... And lastly, consider the proverb popular in Kenya: “You must treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It is loaned to you by your children.” Then teach a child the importance of the care of creation. (by Father Joseph Healey, MM. The entire reflection can be found at maryknollogc.org).

Questions

1. What sacrifice do you feel called to make this Lenten season to better care for creation?
2. What is one way you can teach children the importance of care for creation?

Green Team Tip of the Week

“And it was [so], when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes?” (2 Kings 5:8)

In North America, we cut down millions of trees each year in order to produce paper towels. To reduce our paper product consumption, save an old piece of clothing and use it as a rag to wipe up messes. By reusing materials, we decrease the pressure on our forests. This helps save forest ecosystems, which are an important part of the biodiversity of our planet.

January Financials

Regular - \$306,230.33 Plate - \$3,945.96
Facilities - \$4,288.00
Education Fund - \$747.00 School - \$1,077.40
Catholic Home Missions - \$4,480.00

Thank you for your continued contributions!



Overview of the Minor Prophets of Lent

Sundays (through March 10), 10:05-10:50am



Join Father Justin in More Hall for a brief overview each week of one of the minor prophets who appear during our Lenten Journey.

February 25th - **Jonah**
March 3rd - **Micah**
March 10th - **Hosea**

Bible Study: Discover the Story of Salvation

Mondays (through Mar. 25), 6-7:30pm in More Hall

This Lent, rediscover the one story that really matters, revealed through Scripture—and your place in it! This

Lenten Bible Study will guide you through the big picture of salvation history. Re-encounter God’s love for his people, reclaim the story of salvation as your story, and learn to share God’s story with others. Sessions include videos with Dr. Edward Sri and Curtis Martin, followed by small group discussion. All are welcome!



Please bring a bible, a pen/pencil, and something to write on. To reserve a seat, contact Hayley Shaver at 816-942-2492 x223 or hayley@stmkc.com.

Considering becoming Catholic or want to know more?

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm in More Hall A

Journey with other individuals to learn more about the Catholic Church and to discern God’s invitations offered through the Catholic Church. Sessions are open to adults and children, baptized and not. Questions? Contact Father Justin, frjhoye@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x204.

Feb. 27: Sacraments of Vocation: Holy Orders

SPRED Class

Monday, March 4, 6:30-8:30pm in More Hall

A group for the developmentally delayed meets about every other week to share their faith. Questions? Email Becky T at 816-550-3655.

More Friends (Parishioners 55+ years)

February Pilgrimage: Thu., Feb. 29, 8:30am-4:30pm

Charlie L & Beth S are putting together a Missouri pilgrimage to visit:

- **Saint Ann's Church in Plattsburg** (just celebrated 135 years as a parish),
- **the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles** in Gower, MO (where Sister Wilhelmina's grave is)
- **the Cathedral in St. Joseph** (where Father Benjamin Fenlon has been assigned)

Saint Ann's and the St. Joseph Cathedral are both points on the diocesan Pilgrimage Passport.

The day, open to parishioners who have renewed their More Friends membership, will be carpooling to the above locations and eating lunch in St. Joseph. Mass will also be included. Plan to have money for lunch and the carpool driver!

Call/Text Beth S at 816-547-5541 to express your interest in driving or riding.

Membership: It's not too late!

To join More Friends, contact Beth. Dues for the 2024 year are only \$10!



The Missouri Pro-Abortion Ballot

Read below for more information.

Issued February 21, 2024



I. What is the Missouri Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative?

It is an attempt by pro-abortion groups to put forth a ballot measure to amend the Missouri Constitution and legalize abortion throughout ALL stages of pregnancy.

- What are the pro-abortion groups doing to get the proposed change to the constitution on a fall 2024 ballot?
They are in the process of collecting signatures on a petition throughout Missouri. They need to collect approximately 172,000 total valid signatures from registered voters in six out of eight congressional districts.
- If the measure is passed by Missouri voters in the general election, what does it mean?
It would place a right to abortion in the state constitution and would nullify all current state pro-life and parental notification laws.

II. What does the slogan “Decline to Sign” mean?

If you are approached to sign anything, read the petition summary on the front or the actual language on the back before you sign anything. After reading, you can say, “No, thank you.”

- Don’t take for granted what the signature gatherers tell you. In other states, voters have been falsely told that the petitions protect “women’s health” or that it is “pro-life.” None of the pro-life groups in Missouri are collecting signatures for an initiative petition, so don’t be misled.
- Don’t fall for the tactic “you can sign it, but still vote against it later.” No one should participate in abortion to any degree. It is morally wrong to help put it on the ballot so that others can vote in favor of it.

III. Why we as Catholics must NOT sign & allow this to appear on the fall ballot.

The dignity of the human person, the sacredness of each human being in God’s eyes, and the humanity of the preborn is at the center of what we as Catholics must accept as truth.

- We are called to defend human life by standing up against the proposed ballot initiative to put a right to abortion in the Missouri Constitution.

IV. How does the Church help mothers and fathers choose life for their children?

The Church’s pastoral response will continue to focus on the needs of women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies. We must and will answer Pope Francis’ repeated challenge to go to the margins and bring help to those in need.

There are abundant ministries and agencies in the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph that support women, children, and families. Please learn more and get involved.

- The Gabriel Project - supports women with a friend for the journey.
- Walking with Moms in Need - is a parish-based ministry to assist pregnant mothers. Many parishes collect funds for baby bottles, donate diapers, partner with a local pregnancy resource centers and more.
- Meet Life with the Knights of Columbus - offers ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) and the ultrasound initiative which gifts pregnancy resource centers with technology to view preborn babies and hear the heartbeat.
- Catholic Charities Moms Empowerment Program - equips mothers with knowledge and material support.
- There are over 20 Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes in the Diocese that work with the Office of Life and Justice and the Knight of Columbus. To learn more, please scan the QR code.



V. What does the Church do to help those wounded by abortion?

Research shows that by the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved.

- Sadly, these numbers generally remain consistent for both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Many Catholics who have participated in abortion believe they have committed the “unforgiveable sin.”
- However, the Church does not abandon women and men who have experienced abortion and then find themselves in spiritual, emotional, and psychological turmoil. All who are touched by abortion are invited to go to a priest for the sacrament of reconciliation. Additionally, Project Rachel and Project Joseph ministry offer local, confidential, healing retreats known as Unfailing Mercy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DEB SHEPPARD AT SHEPPARD@DIOCESEKCSJ.ORG.



LENT - February/March 2024 - UPDATED

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Catholic Charities Collection Overview of Minor Prophets, 10:05-10:50AM	19 Salvation History Bible Study, 6-7:30PM	20	21	22	23 Stations of the Cross, 5PM Fish Fry, 5-7PM Fresh Fire, 7-9PM	24
25 Overview of Minor Prophets, 10:05-10:50AM Baby Shower ends	26 Salvation History Bible Study, 6-7:30PM	27	28	29	March 1 Stations of the Cross, 5PM Fish Fry, 5-7PM	March 2
3 Overview of Minor Prophets, 10:05-10:50AM	4 Serve at Morning Glory, 6:30-8:30AM Salvation History Bible Study, 6-7:30PM	5	6	7 Lenten-themed Care Notes Are available on the north side of the narthex.	8 Stations of the Cross, 5PM Fish Fry, 5-7PM	9
10 Catholic Relief Services Collection Overview of Minor Prophets, 10:05-10:50AM Movie: Saint Teresa, 2PM	11 Serve at Morning Glory, 6:30-8:30AM Salvation History Bible Study, 6-7:30PM	12	13	14 Lighthouse Books & CDs Are available in the narthex, free of charge.	15 Stations of the Cross, 5PM	16
17 Presentation by CEO of World Apostolate of Fatima, 2PM	18 Serve at Morning Glory, 6:30-8:30AM Salvation History Bible Study, 6-7:30PM	19	20	21 No 5pm Confessions	22 Stations of the Cross, 5PM Fish Fry, 5-7PM Fresh Fire, 7-9PM	23
24 Palm Sunday* *Sign Interpreted Masses Palm Sunday, 11AM Holy Thursday, 7PM Good Friday, 7PM	25 Serve at Morning Glory, 6:30-8:30AM Salvation History Bible Study, 6-7:30PM	26	27	28 Holy Thursday* Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM Adoration until 10PM	29 Good Friday* 7 Last Words of Christ, Noon Holy Land Collection Evening Service, 7PM	30 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass, 8PM
31 Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM	Mass Schedule for Lent Monday-Friday, 6:15AM & 8:15AM Saturday, 8:15AM & 4PM Vigil Sunday, 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM		Confession Schedule for Lent Tuesday-Thursday, 5-6PM* Saturday, 7:15-8AM & 3-3:45PM * Not Thursday, March 21		Private Prayer Hours for Lent Monday-Friday, 6AM-6PM Saturday, 7AM-5PM Sunday, 7AM-9PM	

Lenten Care Notes Available

A Lenten Journey Through Grief
Longing for God - The Grace of Lent
40 Ways to Enrich Your Lenten Prayer
The Season of Lent: From Ashes to Easter
Lent - A Time to Pray for Others
Praying the Bible During Lent

Lenten-themed Lighthouse Materials

The Woman at the Foot of the Cross (CD)
Family & Prayer Life During Lent (CD)
The Imitation of Christ (Book)

Synod Interim Phase | Diocesan-wide listening sessions

South KC Listening Session: Sat., Mar. 2, 9-11am

Following the meeting of the Synodal Assembly in November 2023, an interim phase has been requested to prepare for the discussion at the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024.

Each diocese will focus on the following questions:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

The listening session will be held at Visitation Parish, 5141 Main St., KCMO 64112. There is no cost to attend, but all participants must register online. Register at surveymonkey.com/r/synodkcsj. Earlier reports may be found at diocesekcsj.org, search "Synod."

Movie: Saint Teresa, No Greater Love

Sunday, March 10, 2pm in More Hall

The STM Knights of Columbus will host the showing of this film. *"Filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times."*
~ motherteresamovie.com

The movie is appropriate for all ages and is nearly two hours long. Popcorn and soft drinks provided!



World Apostolate of Fatima Presentation

Sunday, March 17, 2pm in More Hall

In the early years of the Cold War, having discovered Our Lady of Fatima's message, Msgr. Harold V. Colgan

partnered with John M. Haffert to create the "Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima." Members of this "Blue Army" were the spiritual force standing against the atheistic policies of the Soviet Union and their Red Army. They pledged to offer their daily sufferings and difficulties for the conversion of sinners, to pray the Rosary daily, to wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart, and to practice the Five First Saturdays devotion.

David Corollo, CEO of the World Apostolate of Fatima, will be giving this presentation. The Fatima devotion is celebrated on First Saturdays at STM, following the 8:15am Mass.

Safe Environment

Protecting God's Children Training in More Hall!

Thu., Feb. 22; Tue., Apr. 9; Wed., Jun. 19, 6-9pm

Adults who work with minors are required to attend in-person or Zoom Protecting God's Children workshops. Three workshops have been set up to be held at STM! To register, set up an account on virtus.org. Other requirements, accessed through Virtus, are listed on the front cover of this bulletin.

Parish Calendar of Events

Thu., Feb. 22 - Protecting God's Children, 6-9pm

Fri., Feb. 23 - Scout Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall

Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church

Fresh Fire, 7-9pm, Church

Sat., Feb. 24 - Living Waters, 9am-1pm, Church & Hall

Sun., Feb. 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Baby Shower - last day to leave items in Narthex

Overview of Minor Prophets, 10:05-10:50am, Hall

Mon., Feb. 26 - Salvation History Study, 6-7:30pm, Hall

Living Waters, 7-10pm, Church & More Hall

Tue., Feb. 27 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A

Wed., Feb. 28 - School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7-8:30pm, Choir Loft

Fri., Mar. 1 - Scout Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall

Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church

Sun., Mar. 3 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

OCIA: 1st Scrutiny

Monthly Food Drive

Overview of Minor Prophets, 10:05-10:50am, Hall

Mon., Mar. 4 - STM Serves at One City Cafe

Salvation History Study, 6-7:30pm, More Hall

SPRED Class, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall

Faith in Action mtg., 6:30pm, Parish Office

Living Waters, 7-10pm, Church & More Hall

Tue., Mar. 5 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A

Wed., Mar. 6 - Grief Support Group, 4-5pm, More Hall

School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7-8:30pm, Choir Loft

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 STMKC.COM/SCHOOL



Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 8am-3:45pm; Fri., 8:30am-3:30pm

STM School Registration: Now Open!

Register before March 8 for the 2024-25 school year!

Registration Fee for 1 student - \$2,200

STM Parishioners must have a 2024 pledge on file.

Tuition for 1 student - \$7,100

Discounts are given to multiple children in the same family.

Pre-School & PreK

Registration Fee - \$330/child (ages 3 & 4)

5-day - \$7,100

3-day - \$4,850

After March 8, there is a \$200 late fee.

To complete the financial piece, you may come to the parish office Tuesday, February 22 or March 5, 2-5:30pm.

MOScholars Tax Credit/Scholarships

MO residents can direct HALF of their annual state income taxes to be used for scholarships for children to attend Catholic Schools - all at NO COST to the contributing resident! Visit brightfuturesfund.org or find a brochure in the narthex to make a contribution or to see if you qualify for a scholarship.

STM School Dates to Note

Fri., Feb. 23 - Booster Club Bags Tournament, 6:30pm

Thu., Feb. 29, 6-8pm - All School Skate at Skate City

Tue., Mar. 5 - 8th Grade Penance Service

Thu. Mar. 7 - School Penance Service

March 8-18 - Spring Break

Thu., Mar. 28 - 12:30pm Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

Fri., Mar. 29-Mon., Apr. 1 - Easter Break

2nd Annual Bingo for Books: Save the date!

Friday, March 1, 6:30-8:30pm, Flanagan Hall

\$20/family, \$5 for extra cards

Prizes for the highest grade and class attendance.

BYOB and a dessert and snack to share!

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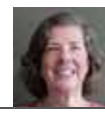


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Parish Office Hours (until further notice)

Office Hours: M-W 8:45am-3:30pm; T-Th 8:45am-5pm
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Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.

Questions? Email FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com.



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...go to stmkc.com/registration, contact the parish office or pick up a registration form on the Information table in the church narthex.

Safe Environment Information

The Diocese of Kansas City~Saint Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

- Call the **MO Child Abuse Hotline**, 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), or **KS Protection Report Center**, 1-800-922-5330, and
- Contact your **local law enforcement agency** or call 911, and
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:

Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x202, OR

Meredith Blair, School Safe Environment Coordinator, blair_meredith@stmcyclones.org or 942-5581.

Mass Intentions

Mon:	6:15AM Jay Lofthouse[†]
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Tues:	6:15AM Carol Hummel[†]
2/27	8:15AM Thomas Fahey [†]
Wed:	6:15AM Rosemarie Beeler[†]
2/28	**8:15AM Anthony Hicks[†]
Thur:	6:15AM Stephen Brancato[†]
2/29	8:15AM Herb Dierks [†]
Fri:	6:15AM Michelle Buechter
3/1	8:15AM Pat, Andy & LaVonne Klein [†]
Sat:	8:15AM Nick Arello[†]
3/2	4:00PM Kenny Benso [†]
Sun:	7:30AM John Helgeson
3/3	9:00AM Della Potter [†]
	11:00AM Our Parishioners

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****School Mass**

To request a Mass intention, stop by the parish office or call 816-942-2492. Suggested donation per Mass is \$10.

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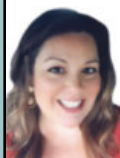
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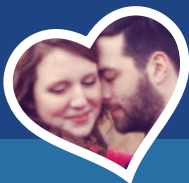
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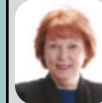
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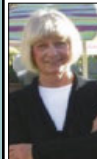
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