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MASSES

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

Father Justin Hoye, Pastor

In Residence: Father Paul Sappington

AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:

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

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

Friday 8:45-1pm

* lunch hour 1-2pm

Parish Office 816-942-2492

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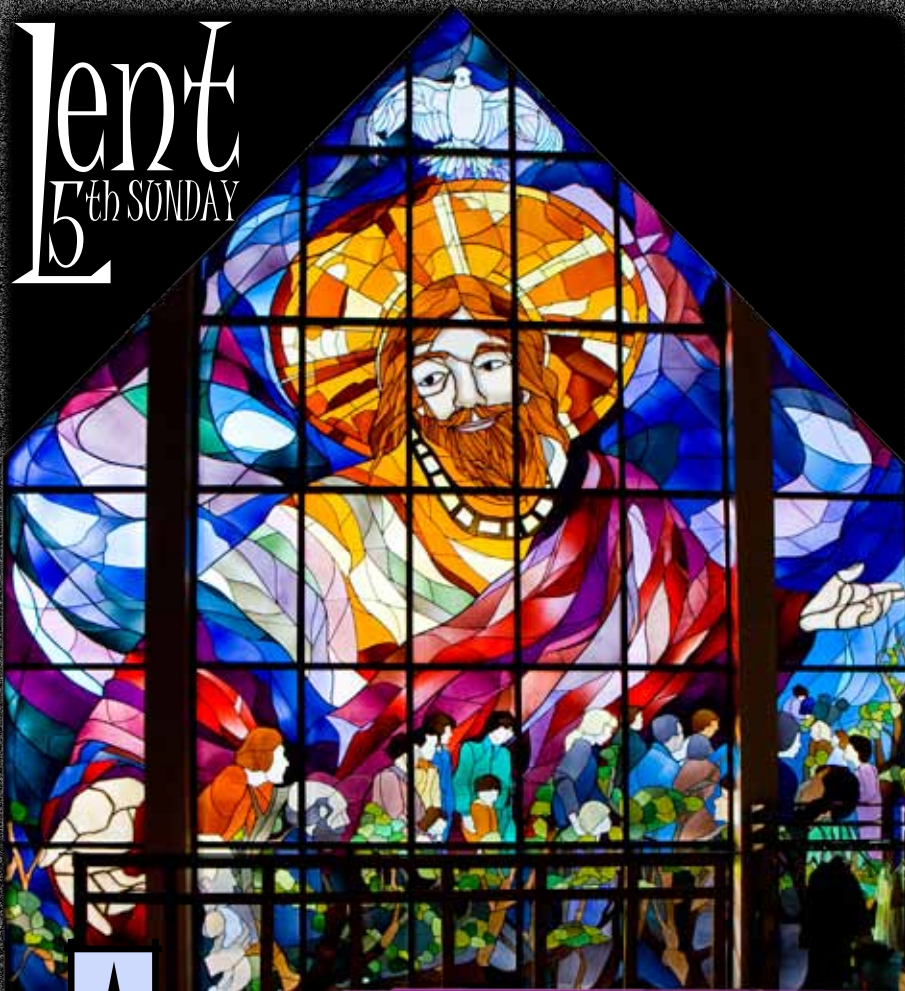
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Lent

5th SUNDAY



And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself." John 12:33

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.



World Apostolate of Fatima Presentation

Sunday, March 17, 2pm, More Hall



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Our campus has been on spring break this week, and our fish fry returns next Friday for one final offering during Lent.

This Thursday is Chrism Day for the priests, when we gather with Bishop Johnston for a half-day of spiritual reflections and a recommitment to our ordination promises. Due to our gatherings, there will be **no Thursday evening confessions this week.**

Next weekend is Palm Sunday, initiating the holiest week of the Christian year. Our 4pm Mass will begin with the blessing of the palms, out in the narthex, followed by a procession into the church. (The Sunday morning Masses will all begin in the church as usual.) Please participate in our holy week offerings to the extent that you are able, as they help us rekindle the remembrance of what God gifts us in the person of Jesus Christ. (See page 7 for the holy week schedule.)

Father Justin

P.S. May Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph...endearing to the cultural heritages of so many of us...intercede for our good as we near the end of our Lenten sojourn.



Dear parishioners of Saint Thomas More,

Beginning April 1st, 2024 I will be returning to my parish assignment in St. Joseph, MO. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Justin, the parish staff and all of you for welcoming me these past five months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at the parish and it has been a huge benefit to me. Thank you for your kindness and support. Please continue to pray for me as I will keep Saint Thomas More close to my own heart and in my daily prayers.

Sincerely,
Father Christian

What is YOUR Plan in an Emergency?

In the month of March, we're asked to review our ability to respond to an emergency while on our STM campus. New, colored maps are posted throughout our narthex and hall, and parishioners are encouraged to identify the locations of the automated external defibrillator fire extinguishers, phone and exit routes to downstairs or outside. Check the maps in the building, consider where you usually sit, and talk about what YOU might do in the event of different emergencies within the building.



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 (not March 21), 5-6pm
Saturday, 7:15-8am & 3-3:45pm (neither time March 30)
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 (Not March 31)

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

Stay practical. It might not be possible for you to get to your church whenever you feel like it. But maybe you can arrive early for Mass and spend time with Jesus. Or perhaps you could arrange your schedule so that you can stop in as you're driving past the church. Even a few minutes can change your week for the better.



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

Take notice, STM men!

Are you willing to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament a half hour per week, in addition to Mass, to pray for the sanctification of the parish and school community? If yes, you are invited to join a new endeavor, called "STM Prayer Brotherhood." To join, please call Tom B at 816-564-1763 or Bob T at 816-322-2629.

March Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: That those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Bishop Johnston: For the monasteries in our diocese.

Lenten Art Participation Project

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

March 15 - Women of STM

March 22 - SPRED

Fresh Fire Fridays

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:

Thomas Edwards
Seth Gulsby

John Hylander
Steve Janner

Sarah Katz
Bobby Murphy

Brian Owara
Alycia Pouch

Nathan Pouch
John P. Sullivan

...our parishioners who are sick:

Bill Cusick
Beth Dierks
Christine Edmunds

Mike Gaines
Gene Grillot
Donna Johnson

Kathy Lawson
Larry LeFebvre
Susie Reardon

Bob Switzer
Yvonne Teeple
Ed Thomas

Gafo Viserio
Anita Wagner

...our family and friends who are sick:

Melissa Hanover Cassady
Michael Dierks
Kerry Hartzell

Kyle Hartzell
Lynn Hoover
Jerry Job

Julie Aguirre Johnson
Noel Mehlo
Debbie Nichols

Lawrence T. Rouen III
Ron Simmons

Ava Smith
Rachael Cassady Smith

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

VA Hospital: Larry LeFebvre

Save the date: BEHOLD KC

Sun., May 4, 4-9:30pm, Liberty Memorial North Lawn

The first major outdoor Eucharistic Adoration event in Kansas City occurred at the Liberty Memorial on May 4, 1941. As the National Eucharistic Revival closes out its Parish Year in 2024, join our Catholic community from Kansas and Missouri as we recreate the first special gathering at Liberty Memorial.

This public outdoor event is being hosted in partnership with the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. BEHOLD KC will feature nationally-recognized live musical talent, local musicians, speakers and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years.

Learn more at BeholdKC.org.

2024 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Schedule

Catholic communities across the country are invited to be part of the historic movement to set hearts ablaze along the four distinct routes that make up the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Organizers released an updated map highlighting the special events that correspond to the cities and dioceses punctuating each leg of this journey. Anyone who wishes to travel with our Eucharistic Lord as a day pilgrim or celebrate our shared faith with the Perpetual Pilgrims at milestones along the way may register online.

The Saint Junipero Serra Route will begin on May 19 with 11am Mass at the Cathedral in San Francisco, CA. This route will pass through the Archdiocese of KC, KS and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph at the end of June. Stops along the way include the Golden Gate Bridge, Sacramento River, Rocky Mountains, Benedictine College and St. Louis before arriving in Indianapolis. Search "National Eucharistic Pilgrimage" for info!

Care & Support

Journey to Bethany Spring Survivor Gatherings

Jennifer Prusa, jprusa@journeytobethany.org

816-683-8999, journeytobethany.org

3rd Tuesdays (March 19) through June, 6:30-8pm

Journey to Bethany hosts a monthly gathering for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their supporters. This is a safe, welcoming space where survivors can connect with those who share similar experiences. At each gathering we present an activity and tools to help foster peace, hope and healing. Survivors are welcome any time and can invite a support person to join them. Participants share or contribute as much or as little as is comfortable for them. The March gathering will be held at Waldo Library, Meeting Room B. For additional information, visit journeytobethany.org.

Grief Peer Support Group

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

1st Wed. (Apr. 3), 4-5pm, Bauman Room of More Hall

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.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, March 23, 10am at Cure of Ars Parish

Bishop James V. Johnston and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will concelebrate the Mass with a ritual blessing of the sick in the manner done at Lourdes, France, 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, KS. Mass will be preceded by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9-9:45am. Anyone who is sick, suffering, chronically ill - and their caregivers - are encouraged to attend. All attending will receive prayer cards and Lourdes water to take home. A short reception will be held after the Mass. If possible, please send the names of those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to maltakc@yahoo.com or call Doug Rivard at 913-620-1759.

Turning Point Programs for People with Serious Illness

Turning Point educates and supports individuals, families and friends living with a wide variety of serious or chronic physical illnesses through classes, activities and education. They help participants increase resilience so they may live life to the fullest, even while experiencing chronic disease. Brochures for March-April that list their upcoming programs can be found in the magazine rack at the north end of the narthex.



\$20 for Lent: \$6,991 raised so far!

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 - Last one!

March 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.

No Fish Fry March 15

Serve Breakfast at Morning Glory

March 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. Thanks to last Monday's volunteers!

Help deliver Mass to shut-ins, nursing homes & more!

Our Mass recording team currently consists of six people, as others have moved to other ministries. Now would be a great time to jump in to be trained for this ministry! With summer schedules, it could be challenging, with our current team, to continue to record Masses daily. About 50 people participate in daily Masses online and nearly 100 participate in Sunday Mass. Would you consider keeping our homebound and nursing home parishioners connected with STM Masses?

- High school teens and adults welcome!
- Computer skills helpful, but not necessary.
- Sign up monthly for the days that work in your schedule.
- Training provided, on your schedule, as long as you like. Can always work in pairs!
- Must be able to climb the steps to the choir loft.
- Masses are recorded Monday-Friday at 6:15am OR 8:15am, when both are offered; Saturday 8:15am when offered; and Saturday 4pm OR Sunday 7:30am preferred.

For more information, contact Joan Sandford at 816-942-2492 x202 or joan@stmkc.com.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet: Dining to Donate Wednesday, March 20, at Jaspers Restaurant

Jasper's will donate twenty percent of all lunch & dinner sales to benefit the good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family, and help the sisters at the same time. Reservations encouraged! Contact Jasper's at 816-941-6600 or jasperskc.com. For more details, visit csjsl.org.

Missouri Right to Life-Western Region presents Bunco for Babies

Saturday, April 6, 5pm at Los Cabos in Independence

Come play bunco to benefit babies while enjoying food, fun, & fellowship, games & gifts, a silent auction & rolling raffles! All proceeds will go to Missouri Right to Life to defend the rights of the unborn, the welfare of women, and facilitate pro-life education. Tickets \$25. To register, call 816-353-4113, or go to mrl-wr.org.



Green Team

Maryknoll Lenten Reflection: Caring for Creation

As a child in Kenya, I heard stories that our ancestors would never cut down trees, till the land, or plant, or harvest crops without first asking for permission from the Great One. They believed that the land and forest belonged to the Creator. Unfortunately, the younger generations have lost the belief that God speaks through nature... In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis impresses on us our responsibility to care for our common home and for the poor—our covenant between God, humans, and all that is. Additionally, in *Laudate Deum*, he says, "How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!" (by Sister Susan Nchubiri, MM. The entire reflection can be found at maryknollogc.org).

Questions

1. What elements in your life help you feel most deeply your own relationship with nature?
2. How can you nurture that connection?

Green Team Tip of the Week

In her letter "Earth Hope," Ghanaian theologian Mercy Oduyoye calls on future generations to encounter the reality of the earth and our place in it.

"The long and short of all this is that if we want to live long, and have a healthy earth with healthy waters, we have to stop being self-centered. Life is stronger than us but life is also fragile and vulnerable in human hands. We are greedy and inconsiderate and so degrade the earth, the waters, and other human beings.

"If we are to leave a beautiful world for you and your grandchildren, we have to take seriously the fact that creation does not belong to us; we are part of creation. We cannot do what we like with earth, water, and other human beings. God expects us to keep the earth in good condition. The earth takes care of us and we have to take care of the earth and of each other."

Questions: 1. What are you doing to help care for the earth? 2. What else can you do?

Pick Up Trash Along Blue River Road

Saturday, April 6, 9-11am

As part of the city-wide Project Blue River Rescue, volunteers from STM will pick up trash along a two-mile stretch of Blue River Road. We will meet at the parking lot of the Minor Park tennis courts (located on Blue River Road 1/2 mile south of Red Bridge Road) at 9am. Please wear appropriate clothing - jeans, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and gloves. A hot dog lunch will be served at Lakeside Nature Center beginning at 11am. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 3, to Peggy Lucas at peggy@stmkc.com. This event is sponsored by the STM Green Team.

Thank You!

The STM Respect Life Team organized a Lenten baby shower for Saint Mary's Home for Mothers in the Northland. They received this note of gratitude:

Thank you for the generous donation of various baby and women's items on February 27, valued at \$4,000. Your gift will directly benefit Saint Mary's Home for Mothers. The Gabriel Project KC (GPKC) and Saint Mary's Home for Mothers provide emotional, material, and spiritual assistance to women in the KC metro area who are pregnant and homeless. We will provide a loving, nurturing, environment where mothers can live and become empowered to choose life. Thank you again for your support of this worthy cause! ~ Deacon Kevin Cummings, GPKC/Saint Mary's Home for Mothers

February Financials

Regular - \$243,276.77 Plate - \$3,239.72
Facilities - \$1,064.60
Education Fund - \$406.60 School - \$462.75
Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance - \$7,741.85
Thank you for your continued contributions!

Bulletin Board

For rent: Spacious 3 BR, 2.5 Bath, 2 car garage, walking distance from STM. Call or write Phil 816-809-6053 or ppaschang1@gmail.com.



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.

Barb Ernster, National Co-ordinator for the World Apostolate of Fatima USA, will be giving this presentation. The Fatima devotion is celebrated on First Saturdays at STM, following the 8:15am Mass.

Bible Study: Discover the Story of Salvation

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

Rediscover the one story that really matters, revealed through Scripture—and your place in it! This Lenten Bible Study guides 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. Attend as you are able! 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.



SPRED Class

Monday, March 18, 6:30-8:30pm in More Hall

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

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.

Mar. 19: Walk Through the Mass

Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Thu., March 21, 9am-Noon, Church of the Nativity

Enjoy breakfast, learn about the Ladies of Charity, and hear guest speaker Jennie Punswick. Cost is \$20 and reservations are needed **by Friday, March 16**. RSVP at signupforlocevents@gmail.com and pay online.

2024 HOLY WEEK AT SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24 MASSES 11AM

4pm Mass starts with palm blessing in the narthex and procession into church

Saturday 4pm

Sunday at 7:30, 9 & 11am

CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

5-6pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

5-6pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

No confessions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

PALM SUNDAY

Noon-9pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Chapel 8pm-10pm

EASTER SUNDAY

No adoration

TRIDUUM
MARCH 28-30

MORNING MASSES are not celebrated on these three days.

LIVE STREAM

We intend to live-stream the Triduum Masses at stmkc.com. They will then be posted at stmkc.com and youtube.stmkc.com where you may watch them later.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

STM School dismissed at 12:30pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm

At this Mass, we remember the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles. We leave in silence. After the Mass, there will be Adoration in the Chapel until 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

† Parish Office is closed; no STM School

† SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS, noon, in the church

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7pm

This liturgy consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. We enter and leave in silence

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

VIGIL MASS at 8pm

The Vigil Mass is longer, but very beautiful! It begins with a blessing of the fire, service of light and the Easter proclamation. The Liturgy of the Word contains readings that recall the wonderful things God has done for his people from the beginning. Water is blessed and new members are welcomed to the Table of the Lord as we continue with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER
MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

† MASSES will be celebrated at 7:30 (recorded), 9 and 11am.


11AM

EASTER MONDAY

† Parish Office is closed; no STM School

† MASS will be celebrated at 9am only.



SIGNED SERVICES

Sign interpreted services are marked with this symbol.

Women of STM Events

Blingo

Thursday, March 21, 6pm in More Hall

The Women of STM will again host the ladies from Journey House and Peace House for an evening of pizza and Bingo. Here are the details:

- Pizza, salad, dessert will be provided. To cover the cost of the food, we are asking for a \$5 donation (or \$10 if you also want to cover the cost for one of our guests as well). This will be an alcohol-free event.
- The prizes are gently used jewelry, scarves, purses, or new fun socks. Bring any items that night that you wish to donate.
- In conjunction with Blingo, we are holding a shower of personal hygiene items needed at the houses. Requested items are tampons, shampoo, conditioner, body wash (no trial sizes please), bath towels, hairbrushes, and razors. Bring your donations that night.
- Questions - Contact Linda H, nhageman@msn.com or 816-896-3129, or Kathy G, kgrier@pryor.com or 816-942-2289.
- **RSVP by Monday, March 18** to wstm@stmkc.com.

More Friends (Parishioners 55+ years)

Have you paid your 2024 dues? It's not too late to join! \$10/person. Call/Text Beth at 816-547-5541.

Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden

Monday, April 22, 11am in More Hall

Michele Livergood, a Certified Master Gardener with the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City, will speak and answer questions about your garden. This free program includes a light lunch. To RSVP, call or text Beth at 816-547-5541. All members invited!

Knights of Columbus Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Friday, April 26; 7pm Registration, More Hall



Poker begins at 7:30pm. ALL are welcome. Proceeds benefit Knights' charities.

Cash Prizes - 1st \$300 - 2nd \$200 - 3rd \$100

Buy-In: \$30 Pre-Registered - \$35 Walk-In

To pre-register, call 816-213-9375 or email

kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net.

Men of STM Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, May 3; Noon Check-in, 1pm Shotgun Start

Join other men of the parish to spend a beautiful day playing golf. Dinner at the course will follow the tournament. The cost is \$130 per player, \$200 for hole sponsorship or \$15 for dinner only. All players will receive a shirt, 18 holes of golf (with cart), practice balls, drinks on the course, and dinner with drinks. Questions? Contact Liam at LiamPGA@sbcglobal.net or 913-558-9835. Online registrations is available at stmkc.com, under Community Life.

Safe Environment

Protecting God's Children Training in More Hall!

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

Wed., Mar. 13 - School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

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

Thu., Mar. 14 - Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm

Fri., Mar. 15 - Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church

No Fish Fry

Sun., Mar. 17 - 5th Sunday of Lent

OCIA: 3rd Scrutiny

Fatima Presentation, 2pm, More Hall

Mon., Mar. 18 - STM Serves at Morning Glory, 6:30-8:30am

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

SPRED Class, 6:30pm, More Hall B/D

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

Tue., Mar. 19 - Feast of Saint Joseph

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

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

Wed., Mar. 20 - Uplift Casseroles, 1:30-3:30pm, Kitchen

Grief Peer Support Group, 6-7pm, Parish Office

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

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

Thu., Mar. 21 - Women of STM: Blingo, 5-9pm

Fri., Mar. 22 - Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church

Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall

Fresh Fire, 7pm, Church

Sun., Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday

Good Friday Rehearsal, 1pm, Bauman Room

Mon., Mar. 25 - STM Serves at Morning Glory, 6:30-8:30am

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

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

Tue., Mar. 26 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, Bauman Room

Wed., Mar. 27 - School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

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

New Bulletin Deadlines!

March 24 bulletin: Items due Mon., March 18 by 5pm

March 25 bulletin: Items due Mon., March 25 by 9am

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 - \$2,400

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

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

March 8-18 - Spring Break

Tue., Mar. 19 - Home & School mtg., 6:30pm

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

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

PLKC Track, Grades 4th-8th - Spring 2024

Register today at plkc.org/program/73443/plkc-track.



STM Auction Fund-a-Need continues

It's not too late to contribute!

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Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.

Questions? Email FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com.



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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 Sandy Price [†]
3/18	8:15AM Tim Steffens [†]
Tues:	6:15AM Patrick Hughes [†]
3/19	8:15AM Stephen Brancato [†]
Wed:	6:15AM Patrick McGuan [†]
3/20	**8:15AM Paul Muehlebach [†]
Thur:	6:15AM KaRosie & Ed Ismert [†]
3/21	8:15AM Dec'd members of Lange family [†]
Fri:	6:15AM Claire Bolton [†]
3/22	8:15AM Luke Bresette [†]
Sat:	8:15AM Lou Kilo [†]
3/23	4:00PM Julian Ominski [†]
Sun:	7:30AM Our Parishioners [†]
3/24	9:00AM Josephine Badale [†]
	11:00AM Mike Pistone [†]

[†] Deceased

****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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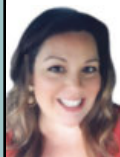
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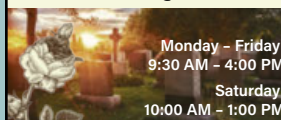
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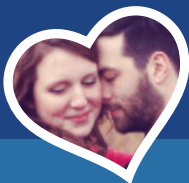
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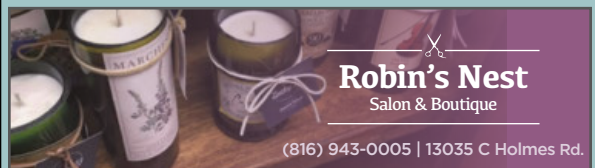
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