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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

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Friday 8:45-1pm

\* lunch hour 1-2pm

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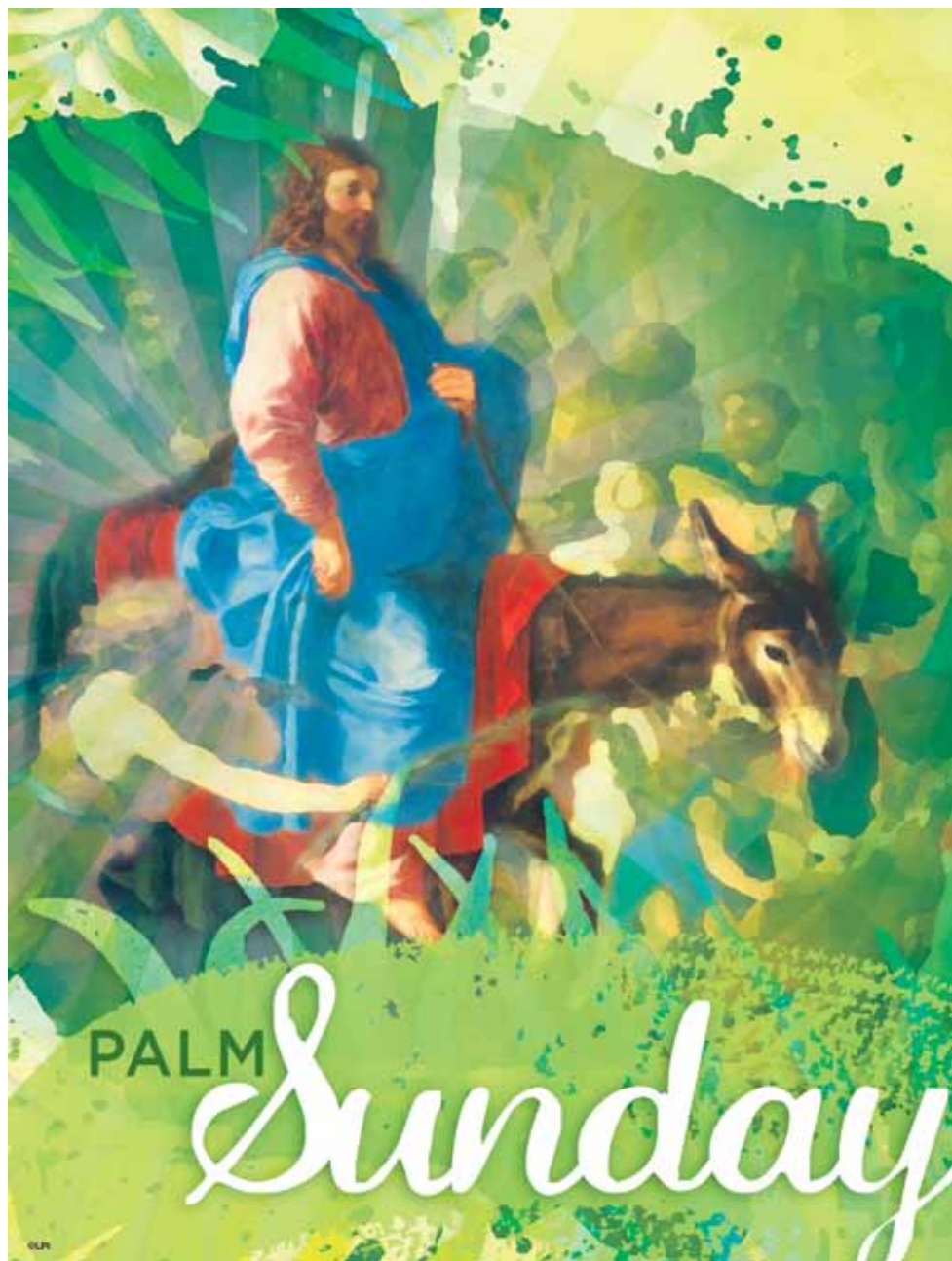
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### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All employees and volunteers working with  
minors are required to:

- Create an account at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)
- Attend a Protecting God's Children  
workshop
- Complete 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.



## Holy Land Collection

Good Friday  
March 29



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

This is Father Christian's last week with us before he returns to his pastorate in St. Joseph. It cannot be stressed enough what a God-send his arrival was to assist me in the sacramental offerings of the parish. Please join me in expressing appreciation for his five months with us that were as renewing for me as I hope they were for him.

With Father Christian's departure, our Masses re-trench some until new assistance arrives, hopefully this summer. Beginning with Easter, there will be no Monday or Friday 6:15am Masses, and Saturday morning Confession/Mass (7:15/8:15AM) are limited to First Saturdays only.

Please join me this Holy Week in our many liturgical offerings, including the Saturday Easter Vigil (8PM) where we will welcome new Catholics in the celebration of the sacraments. To note:

+ There are no morning Masses Thursday through Saturday, as we celebrate the Triduum services in the evenings.

+ Holy Thursday will be the last day of scheduled confessions (5-6PM) ahead of Easter. There will be no scheduled confessions on Holy Saturday.

+ The Divine Mercy Novena begins this Friday (Good Friday). The novena can be found on page 7 of this bulletin.

+ Good Friday is also a day of fasting (one full meal for the day) and abstinence (no meat) as we align ourselves for intentionally with Jesus' passion.

Father Justin

## Holy Week at STM

As we prepare for Holy Week, the Church undergoes a number of signs to awaken our senses. Among them:

- **Votive Candles Removed** - Unlit votive candles from the Saint Joseph and Saint Mary devotional area have been removed. The remaining candles will be allowed to burn down ahead of the Triduum. A fresh batch of devotional candles will be back in place beginning on Easter.
- **Statuary is Covered** - This veiling anticipates the pall of sorrow that falls upon the faithful as our Savior nears his passion. Statues are covered until the Easter Vigil.
- **Tabernacle is Emptied** - Ahead of Holy Thursday, the tabernacle will remain empty and open, with no lit tabernacle candle. The tabernacle will remain empty until the end of the the Easter Vigil. (Availability of the Eucharist shifts during Holy Week. Visits to the homebound might need to be adjusted.)
- **Holy Water Fonts Emptied** - Ahead of Holy Thursday, the holy water fonts remain dry, to be refilled at the Easter Vigil.



## Come Home to Communion



### Daily Masses for Holy Week

Monday-Wednesday, 6:15 & 8:15am

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, 7:30am, 9am & 11am

### Sign Interpreted services:

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday & Good Friday

**Masses are recorded daily;** find them at [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com) or [youtube.stmkc.com](http://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 or the Fatima devotions with others on first Saturdays, after the 8:15am Mass.

Lent  
AT STM

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



## 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

## Year of Prayer

After the year dedicated to reflection on the documents and the study of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council in 2023, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. This is not a Year marked with particular initiatives; rather, it's a privileged time in which to rediscover the value of prayer, the need for daily prayer in the Christian life; a time to discover how to pray, and above all how to educate the people of today in prayer, in this age of digital culture, so that prayer can be effective and fruitful.

## Church Hours for Private Prayer for Holy Week

Monday-Wednesday, 6am-6pm

Thursday-Saturday, 7am-6pm

Sunday, 7am-5pm

## 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.

**Go out of your way.** How can you make Adoration a regular part of your weekly rhythm of prayer? It may

mean sacrificing other things, such as time online or watching TV. Start searching for more opportunities to sacrifice other things for that prayer time with Jesus-- and watch how he blesses you.

## Praying for Vocations

After Easter Sunday and through Pentecost (May 19), the STM Vocations Committee is seeking to concentrate efforts on prayer for Vocations from STM. People will be invited to sign up to take home one of the Vocation crucifixes for the week (one at each of the weekend Masses), to return it for another to take home the following weekend. Everyone will also be asked to pray a prayer for Vocations. Watch next weekend's bulletin for more details and the prayer!



## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

March 22 - SPRED

## 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

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

Cynthia Kirkendoll  
Rita Kopp

Denise Adams Mehlo  
Linda Moore

Sean Pinkerton  
Peter Szumigala

John Webb  
Agnes Welliver

### ...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

**VA Hospital:** Larry LeFebvre

### ...our family and friends who have died:

Ryan Comiskey, son of Tom and Joanne Comiskey;  
Mark Halloran, brother of Rita Hense, Karon McGlinn & Shawn Giblin;  
William Heft, father of Cathy Cashen

## 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.

## Seven Last Words of Christ

### Good Friday (March 29), Noon

In the four gospels, Jesus spoke seven times as he hung on the cross. You are invited to attend to reflect on Jesus' seven last words. This prayer service, led by David Butel, will include scripture readings, reflections written by Msgr. Charles McGlinn, and music.

## 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.



## Care & Support

### Grief Peer Support Group

**1st Wed. (Apr. 3), 4-5pm, Bauman Room of More Hall**  
**3rd Wed. (Apr. 17), 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](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x210.

## Journey to Bethany Spring Survivor Gatherings

Jennifer Prusa, [jprusa@journeytobethany.org](mailto:jprusa@journeytobethany.org)

816-683-8999, [journeytobethany.org](http://journeytobethany.org)

### 3rd Tuesdays (April 16) 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. For meeting location and additional information, visit [journeytobethany.org](http://journeytobethany.org).



### \$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/](http://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.

## Serve Breakfast at Morning Glory

### March 25, 6:30-8:30am

Ten volunteers are needed to drive/carpool to The Catholic Center to serve breakfast to the homeless. Email Father Justin at [frjhoye@stmkc.com](mailto:frjhoye@stmkc.com) to sign up.

## Missouri Right to Life-Western Region presents Bunco for Babies

### Sat., 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](http://mrl-wr.org).

## Green Team



### Maryknoll Lenten Reflection: Caring for Creation

Though we read it every year, the story of Christ's Passion and Resurrection comes as a fresh relief, like the first rain of the season. And like the smell of fresh rain, life is a mixture of many elements,

some of them undesirable. Without suffering, would I recognize joy? Without sin, would I know my need for salvation? (by Stephen Veryser. Visit [maryknollogc.org](http://maryknollogc.org) to read the entire reflection.)

#### Questions

1. Are there areas of your life, or in the natural world around you, in which undesirable elements coexist with more pleasant ones?
2. Can you imagine God's grace transforming them together into something beautiful?

### Pick Up Trash Along Blue River Road

**Saturday, April 6, 9-11am; begin at Minor Park**

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](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com). This event is sponsored by the STM Green Team.

### Linger Over Breakfast

#### Healing the Universe One Plant at a Time

**Saturday, April 20, 9-11am; doors open at 8:30am**

Want to enjoy beautiful butterflies, delicious vegetables and fabulous flowers, all in your backyard...and help enhance sustainability in our lives as well? Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph as Amy Hereford, CSJ shares earth saving tips from gardening, composting and seed-saving to home-energy-audits and bee keeping. Through our shared care for our common home, we can enhance all of our lives, one plant at a time. The event will be held at Saint Teresa's Academy, 5600 Main Street. The cost of \$20 includes breakfast. Register online at [csjsl.org/events/](http://csjsl.org/events/) by Monday, April 15.

## 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!



### Bible Study: Discover the Story of Salvation - Last one!

**Monday, March 25, 6-7:30pm in More Hall**

Rediscover the one story that really matters, revealed through Scripture—and your place in it! 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 if you are able!



### 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](mailto:frjhoye@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x204.

**Mar. 26:** Triduum: The Three Holiest Days of the Year

### SPRED Class

**Monday, April 8, 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.

### 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!



# MEN OF STM CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

## FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

**1:00pm Shotgun Start (12:00pm check-in, 4-Man Scramble)**  
**Dinner immediately following Tournament at Eagle's Landing**

EAGLES LANDING GOLF COURSE ♦ 4200 BONG AVENUE ♦ BELTON, MO ♦ (816) 318-0004



\$200 Hole Sponsorship  
\$140 per Player  
\$20 Dinner only  
Mulligans \$5 each or  
5 for \$20.

### SIGN UP AT MENOFSTM.ORG

**OR...PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND  
RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW:**

Hole Sponsorship\_\_\_\_\_ \$200

Team Captain\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_ \$140

Contact me about: ☐ Volunteering ☐ Raffle / Door Prize Donations

Player 2:\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \$140

Player 3:\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \$140

Player 4:\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \$140

*All players will receive shirt, 18 holes of golf with  
cart, practice range balls, drinks on the golf course,  
dinner and drinks after the event.*

**SIGNUP AT MENOFSTM.ORG  
OR SEND THIS FORM  
(WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO STM) TO:**

*Men Of STM Golf Tournament  
c/o Liam Cahill 12108 Madison Ct, KC MO 64145*

### QUESTIONS:

*Call 913-558-9835  
or email: LiamPGA@sbcglobal.net*

# Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday (March 29, 2024)

## To prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy,

the Lord asked Saint Faustina to make a novena (nine days) of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday. Jesus said, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796). Jesus instructed Saint Faustina to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and bring to His Heart a different group of souls each day that He dictated to her. Jesus said: "I desire that during these nine days, you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy" (Diary, 1209).

### Note:

Posters, holy cards, pamphlets, etc. for Divine Mercy may be found in the narthex.

## Instructions for the Novena (Diary, 1209)

**STEP 1:** Read the intention for the day, listed below.

**STEP 2:** Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the intention.

### Intentions

**DAY 1:** Today, bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners.

**DAY 2:** Today, bring to Me the souls of priests and religious.

**DAY 3:** Today, bring to Me all devout and faithful souls.

**DAY 4:** Today, bring to Me the pagans (those who do not believe in God) and those who do not yet know Me.

**DAY 5:** Today, bring to Me the souls of heretics and schismatics (the souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church).

**DAY 6:** Today, bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children.

**DAY 7:** Today, bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy.

**DAY 8:** Today, bring to Me the souls who are in the prison of Purgatory.

**DAY 9:** Today, bring to Me the souls who have become lukewarm.

## How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**BEGIN** with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Apostle's Creed.

### OPTIONAL OPENING PRAYERS

- "You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us" (Diary, 1319).
- "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!" (Diary, 84).

**ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:** "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world" (Diary, 475).

**ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:** "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world" (Diary, 475).

**AFTER FIVE DECADES,** pray the concluding doxology three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

**OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER:** Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion--inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself.



## 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 \$140 per player, \$200 for hole sponsorship or \$20 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

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

Thu., Mar. 28 - Holy Thursday

No morning Masses

Confessions, 5-6pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Adoration after Mass until 10pm

Fri., Mar. 29 - Good Friday

No morning Masses

Seven Last Words of Jesus, Noon

Holy Land Collection

Evening Service, 7pm

Sat., Mar. 30 - Holy Saturday

No morning Mass; no 4pm Mass

No Confession times

Easter Vigil, 8pm

Sun., Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday

Masses at 7:30, 9 & 11am

No Adoration

Mon., Apr. 1 - Parish Office closed

STM serves at One City Cafe, 4:15-6:pm

No Living Waters

Tue., Apr. 2 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

No OCIA

Wed., Apr. 3 - Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm Bauman Room

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

Reach More, 6:30-8pm, Parish Office

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

## New Bulletin Deadline!

**March 31 bulletin:** Items due Mon., March 25 by 9am

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday Weekend, March 23-24

Saturday: Confessions 3-3:45PM & Mass at 4PM

Sunday: Masses at 7:30AM, 9AM and 11AM.

Adoration Noon-9PM

### Monday, March 25

Masses at 6:15AM and 8:15AM

### Tuesday, March 26

Masses at 6:15AM and 8:15AM.

Confessions 5-6PM

### Wednesday, March 27

Masses at 6:15AM and 8:15AM.

### Holy Thursday, March 28

Confessions, 5-6PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM.

Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel until 10PM.

### Good Friday, March 29

7 Last Words of Jesus, Noon-1PM.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7PM.

Divine Mercy Novena Begins

### Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil, 8PM

No Scheduled Confessions

No 4PM Mass

### Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses at 7:30AM, 9AM and 11AM.

No Eucharistic Exposition

### Easter Monday, April 1

Mass at 9AM



# STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

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## Office Hours

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

## STM School Dates to Note

Wed., Mar. 27 - Tanner's Dine Out night  
Thu., Mar. 28 - 12:30pm Dismissal (Holy Thursday)  
Fri., Mar. 29-Mon., Apr. 1 - Easter Break  
April 1-6 - Glory Days  
Tue., Apr. 2 - No STM Kindergarten (K Round-up)  
Papa John's Dine Out night

## Dine Out Nights

### Tanners at Red Bridge - Wednesday, March 27

We are excited to partner with another local fave for dinner! Tell them you are with STM!

### Papa Johns - Tuesday, April 2

See next week's bulletin or contact the school for the necessary code for ordering!

## STM School Registration

### 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](http://brightfuturesfund.org) or find a brochure in the narthex to make a contribution or to see if you qualify for a scholarship.

## Vacation Bible School

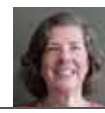
### The week of June 24 at STM

Plans have already begun! To volunteer, contact Hayley Shaver at [hayley@stmkc.com](mailto:hayley@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x223. The theme is "SCUBA: diving into friendship with God."

## Parish Office Staff



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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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Joe Crayon [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) or 816-812-2500

## To register as a member of Saint Thomas More Parish...

...go to [stmkc.com/registration](http://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
- After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) or 816-812-2500 if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City~Saint Joseph.

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**, contact:

**Joan Sandford**, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, [safety@stmkc.com](mailto:safety@stmkc.com) or 942-2492 x202, OR

**Meredith Blair**, School Safe Environment Coordinator, [blair\\_meredith@stmcyclones.org](mailto:blair_meredith@stmcyclones.org) or 942-5581.

## Mass Intentions

Mon: 3/25	<b>6:15AM Stefany Avenel<sup>†</sup></b> 8:15AM Ann Oxler Hughes <sup>†</sup>
Tues: 3/26	<b>6:15AM John Buckley<sup>†</sup></b> 8:15AM Mary Edith Burns <sup>†</sup>
Wed: 3/27	<b>6:15AM Mike Ronan<sup>†</sup></b> <b>**8:15AM Thomas Fahey<sup>†</sup></b>
Thur: 3/28	<b>7:00PM Holy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri: 3/29	<b>7:00PM Good Friday</b> - Service with Veneration of the Cross and Communion
Sat: 3/30	<b>8:00PM Holy Saturday</b> Easter Vigil, welcoming new Catholics
Sun: 3/31	<b>7:30AM Our Parishioners</b> 9:00AM Virginia Gioia <sup>†</sup> <b>11:00AM Gloria Thompson<sup>†</sup></b>

<sup>†</sup> 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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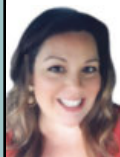
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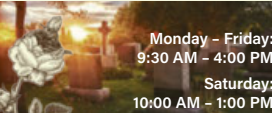


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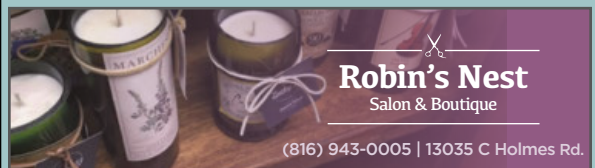
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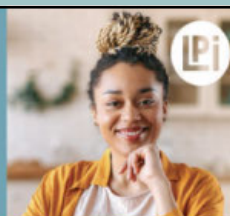
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