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# SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## MASSES

WEEKDAY: Mon & Fri 8:15am,  
Tues, Wed, Thu 6:15am & 8:15am  
First 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:  
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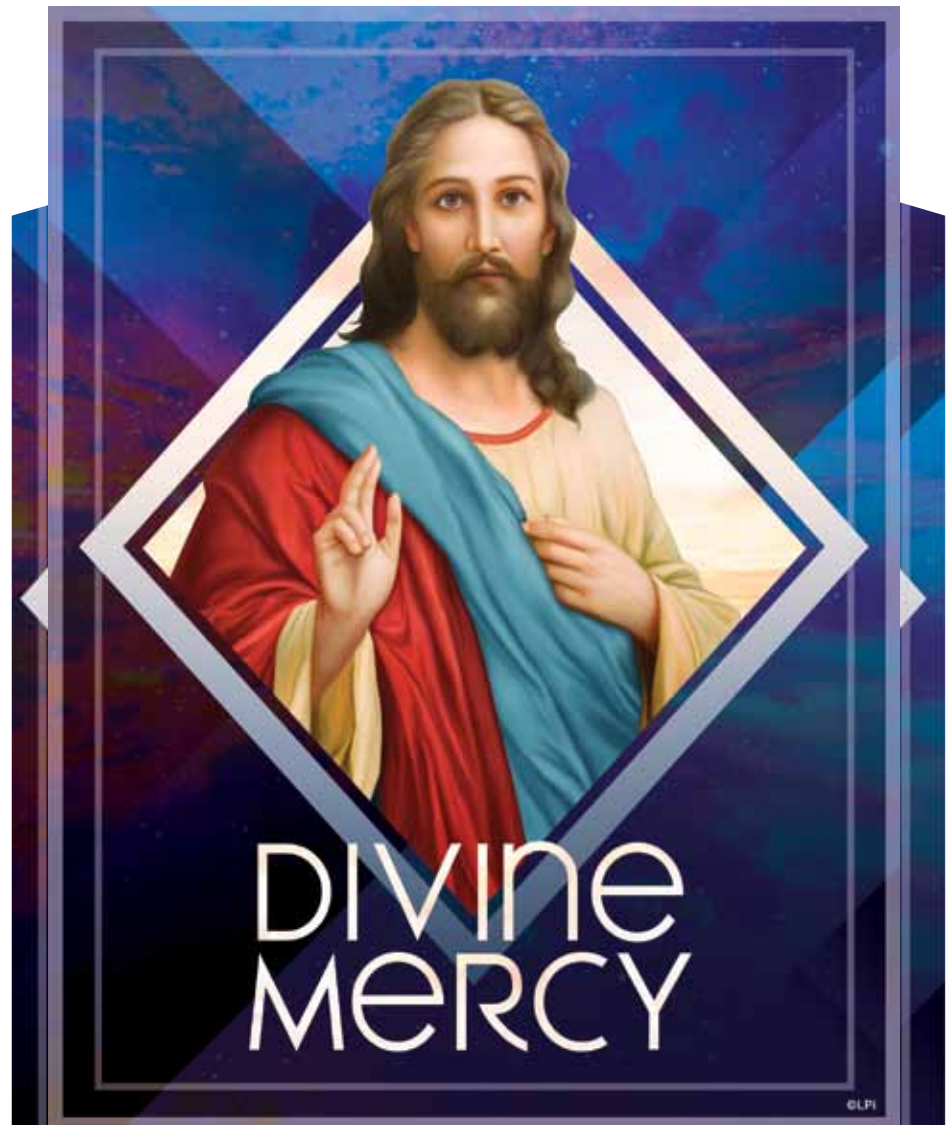
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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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.



Saint Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 14270 presents  
**TEXAS HOLD 'EM  
POKER TOURNAMENT**  
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**MEN OF STM  
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
FRIDAY, MAY 3, NOON



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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Congratulations to the eleven individuals who celebrated Sacraments of Initiation at last weekend's Easter Vigil. (See page 7 for names and photos.)

This week we celebrated our Kindergarten Round-up, welcoming the kindergartners who will join us in the Fall. **As of last week, Pre-school, PreK, Kindergarten and 3rd grade all have waiting lists.** At this time last year, we had 372 students enrolled for the fall. As of this week, we again have 372 enrolled for next year.

Next Sunday is First Communion Sunday at STM. We will celebrate First Communion for our SOR and Homeschool families at the 11AM Mass, and a 2PM Mass for our STM School families. Because of our celebrations, there will be no Eucharistic Exposition in the Church next weekend.

A reminder that in four weeks, the dioceses on both sides of State Line will gather together for "Behold!", a gathering of the Church at the Liberty Memorial, on the 80th anniversary of Kansas City's first Eucharistic Congress. Vigil Masses in the city are canceled that evening (including STM), so no 4PM Mass on Saturday, May 4th. I hope many of you can join both bishops, dozens of clergy (including me), musicians from across the region, and the faithful from multiple parishes throughout the area. Info and registration can be found at BEHOLDKC.ORG. (Registration is free and strongly encouraged but is not required to attend BEHOLD. RSVPs will also help for Communion, number of food trucks needed, etc.)

Father Justin

P.S. Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Usually held on March 25th, it was transferred this year because of Holy Week.



## Come Home to Communion



### Daily Masses

Monday, 6:15am  
Tuesday, 6:15 & 8:15am  
Wednesday, 6:15 & 8:15am  
Thursday, 6:15 & 8:15am  
Friday, 8:15am  
First Saturday, 8:15am

### Weekend Masses:

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

### Sign Interpreted services:

2nd Sundays at 11am

**Masses are recorded daily;** find them at [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com) or [youtube.stmkc.com](http://youtube.stmkc.com).

### Easter Weekend Views of Services

Holy Thursday - 71 views      Easter Vigil - 56 views  
Good Friday - 42 views      Easter Sunday - 68 views  
*Special thanks to Michael Gaughan & Nancy Sciortino for recording Masses!*

### 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.

### The Light is on for You This Lent

*Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room.*

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

## Year of Prayer

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

Monday, 7am-6pm	Friday, 7am-6pm
Tuesday, 6am-6pm	Saturday, 9am-5pm
Wednesday, 6am-6pm	First Saturday, 7am-5pm
Thursday, 6am-6pm	Sunday, 7am-9pm

## Eucharistic Exposition at STM

### Sundays, Noon-9pm in the Church (Not April 14)

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

**Be real with yourself.** Holy hours are great, but if you don't have that much time, or if you aren't used to spending that long of a time in prayer, you might need to build up to it. Start with attending for fifteen minutes at a time. The quality of time you spend with our Lord and the frequency of times are often more meaningful than the length.

## Praying for Vocations

Join the STM Vocations Committee to pray for Vocations from STM. Vocations crucifixes will be sent out with parishioners at each weekend Mass (up to Pentecost) for special prayers. To sign up to take a crucifix home for a week, please visit [stmkc.com/vocations](http://stmkc.com/vocations). And ALL parishioners are asked to join them in prayer for vocations.

## 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.

## April Prayer Intentions

**Pope Francis:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Bishop Johnston:** For the safety of all children and the healing of all children who have been abused.

## Fresh Fire Fridays

### April 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

If you have collected a sticker from at least five of the eight stops along the pilgrimage route, plan to bring your passport to the BEHOLD KC event on May 4, 2024 for a free commemorative gift blessed by Bishop James Johnston.



# Please hold in prayer

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, [BULLETIN@STMKC.COM](mailto: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	Logan Elrader-Effertz	Luke Jokerst	Zach Love	Christopher Yates
Drew Belzer	TJ Francik	Jonathan Kennaley	Patrick Rogers	

### ...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams	Donna Johnson	Charlotte Scanlon	Cathy Terwelp	Leonardo Viril
Debbie Crawford	Sharon Reardon	Debbie Siemieniowski	Karen Tritt	Bill Young
Jean Fuller	Mary Robinson	Bob Switzer		

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

Emma Beaver	Cynthia Kirkendoll	Linda Moore	Peter Szumigala	Agnes Welliver
Scott Carson	Denise Adams Mehlo	Sean Pinkerton	John Webb	
Chris Frantze				

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

Select Specialty Hospital: Larry LeFebvre

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

Bob Switzer; Sharon Reardon Flynn; John Schwantes, son of Howard & Sharon Schwantes

**BEHOLD KC**  
EVENT DETAILS

Register for the event here!

**WHEN:** MAY 4 | 4-9:30 PM

**WHERE:** NATIONAL WORLD WAR I  
MEMORIAL, NORTH LAWN

**WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

- PRAISE & WORSHIP
- CONFESSION
- ROSARY
- CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS
- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**VISIT [BEHOLDKC.ORG](http://BEHOLDKC.ORG) OR  
USE THE QR CODE ABOVE TO  
REGISTER FOR THE EVENT!**

**Food Drive This Weekend**

**April 6-7 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, laundry detergent (small bottles), paper towels, toilet paper, deodorant (men's and women's), mashed potatoes (boxes and packets), canned foods (peas, mixed vegetables, fruit, chicken) peanut butter, jelly, syrup, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, boxed meals (Hamburger Helper type or Knorr sides), and 1# & 2# bags of rice.

In March, the Red Bridge pantry served 17 families with 55 individuals.

**If you want to support Seton Center online,** you can make a financial contribution at [setonkc.org/donate/](http://setonkc.org/donate/).

**Care & Support**

**Grief Peer Support Group**

**3rd Wed. (Apr. 17), 6-7pm,** RSVP by Apr. 15 for location

**1st Wed. (May 1), 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](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. They will meet at the Red Bridge Library, meeting room 2.

**reStart Looking for Help Serving Meals**

reStart works with people who are homeless, helping them transition to permanent housing. They serve meals seven days a week and are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast, lunch or dinner. For more information, contact Satara Brown at 816-481-8855 or [sbrown@restartinc.org](mailto:sbrown@restartinc.org).

**Blood Drive – Spirit Wear Opportunity for STM Students**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2-6pm in More Hall**

Community Blood center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals. They need to collect 580 pints of blood every day to meet the needs of these hospitals. Please take some time out of your busy lives to donate blood at the upcoming STM Blood Drive.

STM students have an opportunity for a "Spirit Wear Day" by having a parent, adult friend or relative donate blood at this drive. Hope to see you there. Sign up at [savealifenow.org/](http://savealifenow.org/) group code 3D or email Linda at [hdc635@aol.com](mailto:hdc635@aol.com).

**A Celebration of Hope: Catholic Charities Ball**

**Sat., April 27; 5pm Cocktails; 6pm Dinner/Program**

Catholic Charities changes life for generations as the cycle of poverty is broken and hope is restored. This year, a new tradition begins: high school juniors and

seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to acts of charity will be recognized. Purchase your tickets at [catholiccharitiesgala.org/](http://catholiccharitiesgala.org/) today to join Bishop Johnston and Rita & Lamar Hunt, Jr. The event will be held at the Muehlebach Hotel. Cost is \$250/person or \$2500/table of ten.



## Green Team

### Pick Up Trash Along Blue River Road Saturday, April 6, 9-11am; begin at Minor Park

Meet at the parking lot of the Minor Park tennis courts (on Blue River Road 1/2 mile south of Red Bridge Road). Please wear appropriate clothing: jeans, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and gloves. A hot dog lunch will be served at Lakeside Nature Center at 11am. Questions? Contact Peggy Lucas at [peggy@stmkc.com](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com).

### Prescription Pill Bottle Collection

#### April 20-21 (Saturday-Sunday), Narthex

Parishioners are invited to bring prescription (not over-the-counter) pill bottles to be taken to the pet shelters. Please remove labels (by heating with a hair dryer if needed). Please don't leave pill bottles in the narthex before OR after the April 20-21 weekend, due to April 14 First Communion and that they will be taken to the shelters April 22. Questions? Contact Peggy Lucas at 816-942-2492 x210 or [peggy@stmkc.com](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com).

### Linger Over Breakfast

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

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

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. The event will be held at Saint Teresa's Academy, 5600 Main Street. The cost of \$20 includes breakfast. Register online at [csjssl.org/events/](http://csjssl.org/events/) by Monday, April 15.

### Green Team Tip of the Week

Better fabric softener for our world and your health: Use wool dryer balls and skip the added chemicals! Laundry dries faster (25% less time and less energy!) so be sure not to over-dry your clothes, that can cause static cling. Two medium-sized loads will dry faster and more efficiently than one gigantic load.

The National Center for Biotechnology Information reports that the perfumes and additives in laundry products may cause skin problems. Fabric softeners are allergenic and can cause eczema, which appears as dry, itchy skin.

Dryer sheets contain fragrance and volatile organic

compounds like acetaldehyde and butane, which can cause respiratory irritation. Fabric softener chemicals known as quaternary ammonium compounds have been linked to asthma. Acetone, also used in dryer sheets, can cause nervous system effects like headaches or dizziness.

### 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!



### Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)

#### Tuesdays, 9-10:30am in the Bauman Library

G.I.F.T. is a group of ladies that meets after 8:15am Mass most every Tuesday. We read the gospel and talk about its meaning in our lives. If you are interested, please call Becky T at 816-550-3655.

### School of Religion

#### Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm in More Hall

School of Religion provides catechesis for grade school children who do not attend Catholic school. An online registration form can be found at [stmkc.com/sor](http://stmkc.com/sor). Questions? Email Susan at [aquiel2000@yahoo.com](mailto:aquiel2000@yahoo.com).

### 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.

### Considering becoming Catholic or want to know more?

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

Our newest Catholics are beginning Mystagogy, to learn more about what it means to be Catholic Christians. Questions? Contact Father Justin, 816-942-2492 x204 or [frjhoye@stmkc.com](mailto:frjhoye@stmkc.com).

**April 9:** Mystagogy: Discerning Gifts & Entering the Mystery of the Church

### Former parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Reunion

#### Saturday, April 20; 4pm Mass at STM, dinner after

Dinner will be at the O'Hara Council Knights Hall at 5:30pm. Questions? Contact Kathy V at 816-509-0368 or [ksvervaecke@gmail.com](mailto:ksvervaecke@gmail.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!

### Future More Friends Events

**Saturday, May 11, 8am** - Bird Migration (off-trail) walk in Minor Park

**Friday, June 14, 5pm** - Potluck and patriotic presentation in More Hall

### 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, email [kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net) or call 816-213-9375.



### April/May Catholic Key Magazine Available

The magazine is available in print and online at [catholickey.org](http://catholickey.org). This issue's cover story features ideas for keeping the Easter victory alive in your home, work and prayer life all season long.

Sign up to receive the Catholic Key magazine and let us know what you'd like to see in future issues. Email [hand@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:hand@diocesekcsj.org) or fill out the Contact Us form at [catholickey.org](http://catholickey.org).

In this issue:

- An invitation to Behold KC, the diocesan Eucharistic event to be held on Saturday, May 4, 4-9:30pm at the Liberty Memorial
- How the diocese is establishing a culture of protecting children
- An article on Church of the Holy Martyrs in its new location at the former Saint Catherine of Siena campus
- Reflections from two young men on their journey to priesthood

### Midwest March for Life

**Wednesday, May 1, in Jefferson City**

The Office of Life & Justice will once again coordinate a bus trip. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for news from their office on how you can participate. Questions? Contact Deb Sheppard, Director of the Office of Life & Justice, at [sheppard@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:sheppard@diocesekcsj.org) or 816-714-2367.

### 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](mailto:LiamPGA@sbcglobal.net) or 913-558-9835. Online registrations is available at [menofstm.org](http://menofstm.org).

### Safe Environment

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!**

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Our diocese requires background checks and training for adults to recognize and report suspicious behavior with minors for everyone who assists with minors.

**Protecting God's Children Training in More Hall**

**Tuesday, April 9; Wednesday, June 19, 6-9pm**

Adults who work with minors are required to attend in-person or Zoom Protecting God's Children workshops. To register, set up an account on [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). Other requirements, accessed through Virtus, are listed on the front cover of this bulletin.

### Parish Calendar of Events

Thu., Apr. 4 - Women of STM Paint & Sip, 6-9pm

Sat., Apr. 6 - Living Waters, 9am-1pm, More Hall

Blue River Road Clean-up, 9-11am

Sun., Apr. 7 - Monthly Food Drive, Narthex

Mon., Apr. 8 - SPRED Class, 6:30-8:30pm

Green Team mtg., 6:30pm, Parish Office

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

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

Protecting God's Children training, 6-9pm, More Hall

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

Wed., Apr. 10 - School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

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

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

Thu., Apr. 11 - Finance Ministry Team mtg., 5:30pm

Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:15pm

Fri., Apr. 12 - Jesus Day in More Hall

Sun., Apr. 14 - SOR First Communion, 11am

STM School First Communion, 2pm

Mon., Apr. 15 - Living Waters, 7-10pm, Church & hall

Tue., Apr. 16 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

Blood Drive, 2-6pm, More Hall

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

Wed., Apr. 17 - Uplift ministry, 1:30-2pm, More Hall

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

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

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

# Welcome to our newest Catholics who received sacraments at last weekend's Easter Vigil service

Steve Davey  
Donovan Fahrmeier  
Willow Fahrmeier

Sophia Gassen  
Casside Hartford  
Rory Neidrich

Tori Park  
Christina Rodriguez  
Jenny Sterner

Ezra Turner  
Michael Wulff





# Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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## Office Hours

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

## STM School Dates to Note

Mon., Apr. 8 - Solar Eclipse Experience

Wed., Apr. 10 - Talent Show Auditions

Fri., Apr. 12 - Jesus Day for 2nd grade

Sun., Apr. 14 - First Communion

Tue., Apr. 16 - Home & School mtg.

Thu., May 2 - Bingo for Books

## STM School Registration

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

**As of last week, Preschool, PreK, Kindergarten and 3rd grade all have waiting lists.**

## MO Scholars 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.

## THANK YOU, SAINT THOMAS MORE!



Fund-a-Need (FAN) raised \$143,865  
Total (including FAN) = \$319,426  
FAN contributions will be used to upgrade the phone system to integrate with the rest of campus and replace worn-out carpet.

## 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.

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## Parish Office Hours (until further notice)

Office Hours: M-W 8:45am-3:30pm; T-Th 8:45am-5pm  
F 8:45am-1pm

## Finance Ministry Team

Justin Hicks, Chair

Mark Meierhoffer

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Questions? Email [FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com](mailto:FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com).

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## Diocesan Ombudsman

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

## A good time to join the choir

The Celebration Choir will be singing at Masses April 13 through Pentecost on May 19. This short stretch before the summer break is an excellent opportunity to share the joy.

Contact Music Director Bob Sandford for details.  
[bob@stmkc.com](mailto:bob@stmkc.com), 816-552-5321

## 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.

The diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, the **Victim Advocate** at [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) or 816-392-0011 for more information.

**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:	
4/8	8:15AM Laura O'Reilly
Tues:	<b>6:15AM Jim Kenny</b> <sup>†</sup>
4/9	8:15AM Fred Hess Jr. <sup>†</sup>
Wed:	<b>6:15AM Mike Ronan</b> <sup>†</sup>
4/10	<b>**8:15AM Carl &amp; Linda Fiorella</b> <sup>†</sup>
Thur:	<b>6:15AM Rosemary Schoenen</b> <sup>†</sup>
4/11	8:15AM Mel Korphage <sup>†</sup>
Fri:	8:15AM Bill Waris <sup>†</sup>
4/12	
Sat:	4:00PM Mark Ayers <sup>†</sup>
4/13	
Sun:	<b>7:30AM Our Parishioners</b>
4/14	9:00AM Julian Ominski <sup>†</sup>
	<b>11:00AM Mary Looney</b> <sup>†</sup>

<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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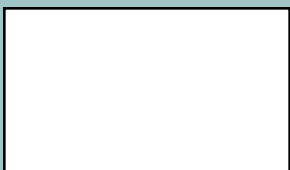


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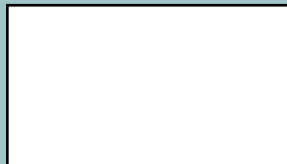
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