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

## OUR CLERGY

Father Justin Hoye, Pastor  
Father Pius Wesonga, AJ, Associate Pastor  
In Residence: Father Paul Sappington

## AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:  
Mon. & Wed. 8:45am-1pm, 2-3:30pm\*  
Tues. & Thurs. 8:45am-1pm, 2-5pm\*  
Friday 8:45am-1pm  
\*lunch hour 1-2pm

Parish Office 816-942-2492

Office directory at stmkc.com and p.9

## AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Linda Crosthwait Principal  
Tracy Stewart Assistant Principal

Office hours: closed for July

School Office 816-942-5581

School fax 816-941-2450

School email directory at stmkc.school.org

**SCHOOL TOURS:** contact Principal Linda Crosthwait at 816-942-5581 or crosthwait\_linda@stmcyclones.org

## 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S

# MISSION CO-OP

BUILDING  
A CLASSROOM BLOCK  
FOR 200 STUDENTS

AT ST. CHARLES LWANGA CATHOLIC SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL  
IN THE MASAKA DIOCESE, UGANDA



SEE P. 4 FOR HOW TO GIVE ONLINE



Saint Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 14270 presents

# TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY JULY 26, 7-11PM MORE HALL

SEE P.4



Seton Center's  
**Back to School Drive**  
Ends next weekend

Bring new school supplies  
for K-12th grade children!

See page 4



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Thank you for welcoming Father Aloysius Kasoma this weekend and our annual missionary appeal.

Next weekend is the final weekend hosting our summer seminarian, Dan Stump. He will head off to several days of events with the Vocations Office before returning to the seminary in Cincinnati. We'll have treats in the narthex next weekend after all Masses to celebrate Dan's time with us.

Dan's departure is an opportunity to thank those who are participating in our Vocation Committee's month-long invitation to pray for vocations. There are only two parishes in the diocese who have an active Vocations Committee. STM is one of them. Service in the church through these unique callings of priesthood, religious and consecrated life provide explicit witness in our world to the presence of God, and of values that supersede other earthly pursuits. Along with gratitude to our Vocations Committee, I want to also thank the Seven Sisters Groups at STM who have - and are - providing a covering of intercession for me and the other priests who serve STM.

Father Justin



## THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S PEN

Thank you, STM Parishioners

Wow! A wonderful week full of welcome messages. For this, it is good to give thanks because your words of welcome have made me feel at home. The psalmist says, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for you make me jubilant by your deeds," Psalm 92: 2-5.

New places are scary, new people come full of fears and anxieties. So did I arrive with my same package of sentiments. In a week this has all changed. Hearing sweet words has transformed my fears and anxieties so I feel like a member of the STM family; phrases like: you are welcome; we are proud to have you with us; thank you for being our priest; you will enjoy your stay with us; our pastor needed a helper....

These and many others give tremendous energy and assurance that I am accepted in the STM family. Not to mention the four receptions last weekend after every Holy Mass celebration and the grand tasty lunch with our staff members.

I am grateful to be part of this loving family, that lives up to its parish mission statement as a "welcoming and loving community." Thank you, Father Justin and the entire STM family, for your big and kind hearts. I was a Puerto Rican for eight years and now I am a young Kansas Citian. Thank you again! May I ask that we walk together so that we may "all have life and have it in abundance in Christ Jesus."

~ Father Pius Wesonga

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## Come Home to Communion

### MASS & CONFESSION



#### Daily Masses

Monday, 8:15am  
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).

#### The Light is on for You

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

## 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 8:15am Mass.

## Church Hours for Private Prayer

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

## Pray for Vocations in July - It's not too late to sign up!

Sign up on a calendar date in the narthex to attend Mass, pray the Rosary or participate in Adoration. On your day, set aside one hour to pray:

- for priests and religious who have served STM in the past;
- for those serving STM now;
- that the Lord will call future vocations from our STM family.



For more info, email Jerry at [jerryhaake@gmail.com](mailto:jerryhaake@gmail.com).

## Kansas City Vocation Day

### Saturday, August 3, at Saint Therese North

Join others for inspirational talks, interactive activities for children and youth, engaging workshops for young adults and enlightening sessions for older adults. Registration is required at [kcvocationday.com](http://kcvocationday.com).

Kansas City Vocation Day is:

- Learn how to discern and respond to God's call to holiness in your stage of life.
- Connect with others to find out how to you can foster and support vocations.
- Meet with priests and religious from all over the U.S.
- Hear speakers living faith JOYFULLY and get inspired.

Flyers with schedule and break-out sessions by age group, may be found on the Information Table in the narthex.

## Care & Support

### Journey to Bethany Prayer Service

#### Prayer Service

#### Monday, July 29, 6:30-7:30pm

You are invited to pray with and for survivors of clergy sexual abuse, their families, and their closest supporters at the Saint Francis Xavier Parish Chapel, 1001 E 52nd St, KCMO 64110. Visit [journeytobethany.org/events](http://journeytobethany.org/events) for more information.

## 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:

Thomas Edwards	John Hylander	Sarah Katz	Alycia Pouch	John P. Sullivan
Seth Gulsby	Steve Janner	Brian Owara	Nathan Pouch	

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

Bill Cusick	Mike Gaines	Susie Reardon	Ed Thomas	Gafo Viserio
Beth Dierks	Kathy Lawson	Carol Rotert	Denny Thompson	Anita Wagner
Christine Edmunds	Kathy Ramirez	Yvonne Teeple		

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

Joy Davie	Charles Hatler	Mary Kunz	Brian Robinson	Ron Simmons
Nick Giordano	Jerry Job	Richard Layton	Missy Seaman	Lester Wells
Tiffany Goodman	Julie Aguirre Johnson	Debbie Nichols		

### Mission Co-op - July 21

Father Aloysius Kasoma, from Masaka Diocese in Uganda is raising funds to build a classroom block for 200 students for their Catholic secondary school of 660 students. It is located in a rural area where the people are peasant farmers who consume what they grow. They have contributed the land on which the classroom block is going to be built and will provide the unskilled labor required in the construction of the building.

The estimated cost for the building is about \$70,000. Your support is very critical to the success of this project. Any and all support is much appreciated!



**Give Online: [stmkc.com/givenow](http://stmkc.com/givenow)**  
 Choose "Special Collections,"  
 then "Mission Co-op"

### Back-to-School Drive for Seton Center

**Now through Sunday, July 28, in the Narthex**

Please place items in the blue tubs. Your support is greatly appreciated!

To help sort supplies or if you have questions, please contact Mary Kate Beck, 816-304-1125; Rachel Kemper, 913-707-3207; Katie Raccuglia, 816-305-6015

#### School Supplies needed for 500 K-12 children

- spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, pocket folders, composition notebooks (all wide or college rule), graph paper, 3x5 index cards
- #2 pencils; large, pink erasers, colored pencils, 24 count crayons, highlighters, pencil boxes/pouches
- rulers, glue and glue sticks, protractors, scissors (pointed or blunt)
- socks, underwear, t-shirts, new or gently-used uniform clothes

**Please DO NOT purchase** backpacks, 3-ring binders or pens. Enough have been donated at this time.

#### Don't have time to shop?

Make checks payable to STM and write "Back to School Drive" in the memo or on the envelope. Thank you!

### Blessing of Animals - Pets welcome!

**Saturday, August 3, 7pm**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph has established a day of prayer, based on Catholic traditions of Rogation days and rooted in biblical respect for all life given by our Creator. The blessing will take place at Jerusalem Farm, 520 Garfield Ave, KCMO 64124. People can bring animals or plan to gather where the animals are: barn, field, pasture or yard.

### June Financials

Regular - \$222,709.90      Plate - \$4,250.35  
 Facilities - \$1,307.25  
 Education Fund - \$472.25      School - \$1,272.50  
 Communications Collection - \$2,130.20

**Thank you** for your continued contributions!

### Knights of Columbus Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

**Fri., July 26, 7:30pm, More Hall; Registration at 7pm**

ALL are welcome. Proceeds benefit Knights' Charities.

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

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

Email [kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net) or call 816-213-9375 to pre-register.



### Golden Wedding Anniversaries

**Mass: Sunday, August 25, 11am**

Are you celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in the 2024 calendar year? Please contact Mary Begnaud at 816-942-2492 or [mary@stmkc.com](mailto:mary@stmkc.com) by Thursday, August 1.

### God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life

**Thursdays (Sept. 12-Nov. 21), 7pm in More Hall**

Just like in sports, sometimes it is helpful and good to get back to the basics. To get back to the basics of our faith, our STM Knights are offering a new adult faith formation program. This course takes an engaging look at the basics of our Catholic faith by looking at how the Ten Commandments are relevant every day and how they offer authentic joy and abundant freedom. To register, visit [IfULoveMe.org/register](http://IfULoveMe.org/register) and click on Saint Thomas More Parish.

### More Friends (Parishioners 55+ years)

Mark these dates on your calendar!

**Thursday, August 22, 5pm in More Hall**

Potluck & Bingo

**Tuesday, September 10, 5pm in More Hall**

Master Gardener Presentation

**Saturday, October 5, 9am in More Hall**

Q & A Time with Father Justin

**Monday, November 18, 5pm in More Hall**

Friendsgiving

A leadership team is being assembled to guide this ministry for 2025. To add your name to the team, contact Beth at [bethmgmo@att.net](mailto:bethmgmo@att.net) or 816-547-5541.

# Parish Calendar of Events

Sat.-Sun., July 20-21 - Mission Co-op  
 Sun., July 21 - Catholic+ Mission of Priest, Prophet & King,  
 10:15-10:45am, More Hall  
 Tue., July 23 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room  
 Thu., July 25 - Prayer Series, 1-2pm, Huhmann Room  
 Finance Ministry Team mtg., 5:30pm, Huhmann  
 Prayer Series, 6-7pm, Parish Office  
 Fri., July 27 - Texas Hold 'Em, 7-11pm, More Hall  
 Sun., July 28 - **LAST DAY** for Back-to-School supplies!  
 Tue., July 30 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room  
 Thu., August 1 - Prayer Series, 1-2pm, Huhmann Room  
 Prayer Series, 6-7pm, Parish Office  
 Knights Officer mtg., 7pm, More Hall D  
 Sat.-Sun., August 3-4 - Monthly Food Drive

## STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 [STMKC.COM/SCHOOL](http://stmkc.com/school)



## Office Hours

Closed in July for projects.  
 For questions, tours or registration, email Christina at  
[steffens\\_christina@stmcyclones.org](mailto:steffens_christina@stmcyclones.org).

## Employment Opportunities at STM School

- Full-time Kindergarten teacher
- Full-time Paraprofessional
- Half-time PreSchool Art & Movement position
- Half-time Paraprofessional

The two half-time positions may be combined if desired. Email Christina for additional information.

## Parochial League of KC: Sports beginning soon!

Register today at [PLKC.org](http://PLKC.org).

**Tackle Football: Grades 5-8** - Practices begin August 1.

**Flag Football: Grades 2-5** - Practices begin August 8.

**Volleyball: Grades 3-8** - Season begins September 17.

## School Dates

Thu., Aug. 1 - School Office open 8am-3pm  
 Mon., Aug. 12 - Preschool/PreK Open House  
 Wed., Aug. 14 - Boot Camp for grades 5-6, 10-11am;  
 Boot Camp for grades 7-8, 11am-noon  
 Sneak-a-Peek for grades K-4, 6-7pm in Flanagan Hall  
 Tue., Aug. 20 - First day of school; 12:30pm dismissal  
 Wed., Aug. 28 - Back to School Night, PreK-4 -6-7:45pm,  
 Flanagan Hall  
 Thu., Aug. 29 - Back to School Night, grades 5-8, 6-8pm,  
 Flanagan Hall

## Parish Office Staff


	Sharon Arnett Liturgy Coordinator x208 <a href="mailto:sharon@stmkc.com">sharon@stmkc.com</a>		Bob Sandford Publications & Music Director x212 <a href="mailto:bob@stmkc.com">bob@stmkc.com</a>
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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  
 Bruce Gregg  
 Stefanie Bresette  
 Laura Christopherson  
*Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.*  
 Questions? Email [FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com](mailto:FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com).



**Diocesan Ombudsman**  
 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.

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

**Tracy Stewart**, School Safe Environment Coordinator, [stewart\\_tracy@stmcyclones.org](mailto:stewart_tracy@stmcyclones.org) or 942-5581.

## Mass Intentions

Mon: 7/22	8:15AM Peter Garcia <sup>100th Birthday</sup>
Tues: 7/23	<b>6:15AM Nurses</b> 8:15AM Mary Edith Burns <sup>†</sup>
Wed: 7/24	<b>6:15AM Ryan Comiskey<sup>†</sup></b> 8:15AM Vicki Walton <sup>†</sup>
Thur: 7/25	<b>6:15AM Carolyn Rasmussen<sup>†</sup></b> 8:15AM Alice Turner <sup>†</sup>
Fri: 7/26	8:15AM Michael & Michelina Yarnevich <sup>†</sup>
Sat: 7/27	4:00PM Thomas Fahey <sup>†</sup>
Sun: 7/28	<b>7:30AM Vera Irene Jones<sup>†</sup></b> 9:00AM Our Parishioners <b>11:00AM Judy Chaney<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.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the daily readings, visit [usccb.org/bible/reading](http://usccb.org/bible/reading). Have the readings sent to your email each day, hear the readings read to you, or watch a video with a reflection based on the readings.



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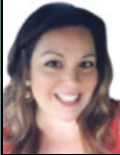
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