



OUR **MISSION** IS TO PROVIDE A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE, AND LOVING COMMUNITY BY PROCLAIMING AND LIVING GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

# SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • stmkc.com

August 11, 2024



## BULLETIN ONLINE

this and last week's at stmkc.com  
Subscribe at stmkc.com/emailme→



## 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: see p.9

School Office 816-942-5581

School fax 816-941-2450

School email directory at stmkschool.org

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

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All employees and volunteers working with minors are required to:

- Create an account at 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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

# THE QUEEN

STANDS AT YOUR RIGHT HAND, ARRAYED IN GOLD.

PSALM 45:9

---

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

---

## MASSES

6:15AM, 8:15AM, 6PM

---

## CONFESSIONS

OFFERED 5-6PM

---

## PARISH OFFICE

IS CLOSED

CLPI

One holy, catholic and apostolic Church...



Respect Life Office • Human Rights Office

**COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**  
FOR MORE, SEE  
**LIFEANDJUSTICEKCSJ.ORG**  
**& PAGE 2**



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

We are a just over a week away from the beginning of our STM School year! See pages 6-7 for updates on projects and events we have going on.

Among those: a new roof on the school due to hail damage. In addition, our parish office deck took a wallop during a recent late night storm, and we had it removed after insurance adjustors examined the loss.

This Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times will be at 6:15AM, 8:15AM and 6PM. Our usual 5PM Confessions will still be available as well.

Lastly, a note about next weekend's second collection for Diocesan Life & Justice. These funds are distributed as grant dollars to ministries operating throughout the diocese who promote the defense of life and issues concerning justice. Last year, **STM's donations provided 5% of all grant dollars** distributed; not insignificant with over 90 communities collecting funds. This is simply another indication of STM's generous support of needs far beyond our borders. Read more about this collection on page 3.

Father Justin

P.S. This weekend (Friday, the 9th), our new associate pastor, Father Pius, celebrates his ordination anniversary (2001) with his religious community, the Apostles of Jesus. Please congratulate him on the occasion!

### STM Financial Report Available

Both the report from our just-concluded fiscal year, as well as the budget for 2024-25, have been submitted to the diocese and are available to parishioners on our website, stmkc.com. See "Annual Report." Ignoring the sale of Saint Catherine's - which left us with a sizeable amount we have placed on deposit with the diocese - we ended the year with expenses exceeding income. That difference, though, is attributed to the HVAC replacements throughout campus this year.



## Come Home to Communion



### 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 - Friday, 6am-9pm  
Saturday - Sunday, 7am-9pm

### Eucharistic Exposition at STM

#### Sundays, Noon-9pm in the Church

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

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

### August Prayer Intentions

**Pope Francis:** For political leaders to be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

**Bishop Johnston:** For all who are victims of violence, that they are healed, held and lifted up by Christ crucified.

### Fresh Fire Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, August 23, 7-9pm in the Church**

Looking for a wonderful experience of prayer with others? Fresh Fire is an evening of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music, personal testimonies, and prayer teams. Experience the power of Jesus' healing presence! Other dates through 2024 are Sept. 13, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22.

## Care & Support

### Courage And Encourage Apostolates

**Courage** Kansas City is the local chapter of the Courage Apostolate. Spiritual support is offered to Christian men and women with same-sex attractions who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of Scripture and Catholic moral teaching.

**EnCourage** offers support for families of those with same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria.

Monthly meetings are held at a location convenient for those throughout the KC metro area. Call 816-714-2371 if you are interested in either support group. Visit [kcsfamily.org/courage-encourage](http://kcsfamily.org/courage-encourage) to learn more.

### Grief Support Group mtg.

**Saturday, August 17, after 8am Mass**

The Bereavement ministry at Cure' of Ars, 9405 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS will meet in the Father Burak room. A grief counselor will speak. Questions? Call 913-649-2026.

### Join the STM Prayer Chain and Pray for Others

If you are in need of prayer or interested in praying for those requesting prayer, contact Peggy Lucas, 816-942-2492 x210 or [peggy@stmkc.com](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com).



### Diocesan Life & Justice Campaign

**Sunday, August 18**

The Life & Justice Campaign is a program co-sponsored by the Human Rights and Respect Life offices of the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph. It is through these offices that our faithful have the opportunity to support local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life.

Last year's collection of nearly \$50,000 provided shoes to homeless people, groceries to people who are hungry, housing for pregnant mothers ages 12-18, economic development in rural communities, addiction recovery for teenagers, and more.

## 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  
Drew Belzer

Nathan Butcher  
Logan Elrader-Effertz

TJ Francik  
Luke Jokerst

Jonathan Kennaley  
Zach Love

Christopher Yates

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

Mary Sue Adams  
Sandy Hess  
Donna Johnson

Linda Latimer  
Mary Robinson

Charlotte Scanlon  
Cheryl Steffens

Cathy Terwelp  
Karen Tritt

Leonardo Viril  
Bill Young

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

Emma Beaver  
Scott Carson  
Chris Frantze

Geoff Hanover  
Bob Kennaley  
Emily Kurek

Denise Adams Mehlo  
Noel Mehlo  
Linda Moore

Sean Pinkerton  
Stephanie Shaver  
Peter Szumigala

Tony Torchia  
John Webb  
Agnes Welliver

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

Cheryl Steffens, mother-in-law of Christiina Steffens

## Choirs starting up

### Celebration Choir - high school & adults

This choir is starting with Wednesday, August 21, 7-8:30pm rehearsal. Our first Mass of the choir season is Sunday, September 8, 9am. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7-8:30pm. We serve at 2nd Saturday 4pm Mass and all other weekends at the 9am Mass. Contact Bob Sandford bob@stmkc.com or call the parish office.

### Children's Choir - children 2nd-4th grade

The children will serve at 11am Masses on the 2nd Sunday, starting in October. Rehearsals will be Mondays after school 3:25-4:15pm. To sign up, email Megan at meganmollemusic@gmail.com.

### Pew Choir

The Pew Choir is open to Spirit-filled catalysts of communal sung prayer. Rehearsals consist of living your faith. Ministry includes giving audible witness to our identity as the body of Christ and encouraging others to do the same.

## EMHC & Reader Training coming to STM soon!

Now that vacations are over and school is starting, are you looking for a way to share your time and talent with STM? Do you like to read the Bible? Do you have a deep devotion to the Eucharist? Are you willing to help at Sunday Masses. If so, we have a great solution for you. STM needs help in the following ministries:

**Reader:** Diocesan training (one class) held at STM on Mon., Sep. 16, 6:30-8:30pm. Then serve on a rotating schedule at the weekend Mass you normally attend.

**Eucharistic Minister:** Diocesan training (one class) held at STM on Mon., Sep. 30, 6:30-8:30pm; then one short session for all STM Eucharistic Ministers with Father Justin after a weekend Mass (date TBD). Then serve on a rotating schedule at the weekend Mass you normally attend.

**Usher:** On the job training serving at the weekend Mass you normally attend. Help is really needed at the Sat. 4pm and Sunday 11am Masses. Duties include greeting people before Mass, taking up the collection, handing out bulletins after Mass, and checking the pews for any valuables left behind.

To register for the training or for more information, contact Sharon Arnett, Liturgy Coordinator, after any weekend Mass or email sharon@stmkc.com. The information needed is your name, which ministry you are interested in, phone number and email address.

## Refugee Resettlement

Once again, Della Lamb has reached out to Saint Thomas More to sponsor a refugee family. Parishioners are planning to set up the home for the family on Saturday, August 24. The family (a mother and her two sons, ages 5 and 8) will be arriving on August 29. They are origi-

nally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As with our past families, we will set up a SignUp Genius for things needed to set up their home. This should be available with a link to the SignUp Genius in the next week. Please watch the bulletin for more information. If you have any questions, contact Michele at 816-210-6351 or michele.kerwin@gmail.com.

## The STM Knights of Columbus host the 12th Annual Leo Amor Memorial Fantasy Football League Draft Wednesday, August 28, 6pm



Everyone is welcome including the ladies. If you're a rookie this is a great league to start your learning curve, lots of fun and an inexpensive while contributing to a good cause.

The entry fee is \$50, and the champion is awarded half the pot; the other half will go to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. Reserve your spot now by contacting the Commissioner Deputy Grand Knight Joe Lewellen (call or text) 816-721-7190 or joe@lewellen.net. Be sure to ask Joe for the location! If you cannot make the draft, contribute by sponsoring a family member and don't forget that you can always partner up.

## Ladies of Charity (LOC) Summer Social Potluck Wednesday, August 28, begins with 5pm Mass

Members of LOC are hosting Mass, dinner and bingo at Church of the Nativity! Please RSVP for this popular event by Monday, August 26, by emailing signupforlocevents@gmail.com. The local LOC has approximately 400 members in 40 parishes on both sides of the state line. Their mission is to provide opportunities for faith-filled women to work together in assisting at-risk people who live in poverty. New members are welcome!

## Bishop Johnston's 7th Annual Golf Classic Monday, September 9, Blue Hills Country Club

This golf tournament has been voted as one of KC's top 5 Golf Tournaments, 3 years running. Featuring 4-Man Scramble with registration and lunch at 11am and a shotgun start at noon. Live Auction, dinner and awards ceremony follow the tournament. For more info, contact Ken Kremer, Director of Development, at 816-714-2492 or kremer@diocesekcsj.org.

## More Smoke Annual BBQ Event October 11-12 (Friday-Saturday), STM School

This year's booth fees are:

Team Registration - \$175

Sponsorship - \$400

Premier Sponsorship - \$600

Visit [givebutter.com/2024STMBBQ](https://givebutter.com/2024STMBBQ) today to sign up your team!

Spots will be assigned after Sep-



tember 15. To choose your preferred location, consider opting for a sponsorship package today. Reach out to Mindy, 913-205-8518 or hello@mindyclarke.com, with any questions.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support. We look forward to seeing you there!

### OutPace Poverty 5K Run/Walk

**Saturday, October 12; Registration starts at 7am**



Peggy's Pacers, start getting ready! Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate, is leading a team again this year and she would love for you to join her! Last year, STM Parish participated in this run/walk and raised around \$800.

The event will begin at 8am at Avila University. Food, music, games and live entertainment will be provided all morning at Avila. The route will lead participants through the STM and Avila area and end at Avila.

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in our mission to care for our brothers and sisters in need! Visit [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com) and click on the Outpace Poverty box on the main page to register or donate.

### June and July Neighbors in Need Report

In June and July, STM helped thirteen families with rent and utility bills through our Neighbors in Need program, totaling \$5,744.65 in assistance. Most of the funds were distributed to people not able to make ends meet due to employment issues. Another person worked their way from homelessness into an apartment, but had unexpected expenses that could not be covered with a full-time job and needed help with rent.

Thank you to all who contribute to the fund. STM couldn't provide assistance without your generous donations! It is truly an act of gratitude of our own blessings when we can help someone who is struggling.

To make a contribution to this fund, checks may be made payable to STM with "Neighbors in Need" in the memo line or you may go online, noting the correct purpose.

### July Financials

Regular - \$210,206.26	Plate - \$2,976.85
Facilities - \$3,940.00	
Education Fund - \$295.00	School - \$476.00
Mission Co-op - \$81,332.65	

**Thank you** for your continued contributions!



## Safe Environment

Our diocese and STM are committed to providing a Safe Environment for our children. Adults who interact with our children and youth must fulfill some requirements in order to assist with STM School or School of Religion, chaperone field trips and youth outings, help with Boy and Girl Scout groups, assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word or children's choir, serve in the church nursery, etc. The requirements are:

- Create an active account at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org).
- Submit to a background check.
- Commit to the policy on Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM).
- Attend an in-person Protecting God's Children training (PGC).
- Complete an online Mandated Reporter training and submit a certificate of completion to Joan Sandford or Tracy Stewart for that training.

Completed items must generally be updated every five years. Contact Joan Sandford, [joan@stmkc.com](mailto:joan@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x202, for ANY assistance or hand-holding!

**Protecting God's Children Trainings at STM**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 6-9pm in More Hall**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 6-9pm in More Hall**

Registration is online at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org).

### 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

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.

### God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life

**Thursdays (Sept. 12-Nov. 21), 7-8:30pm in More Hall**

Passing on our Catholic faith is the most important responsibility we have to the children in our lives. Therefore, setting a strong foundation for their faith is vital in passing on the faith. To help prepare you to pass on the faith to the children in your life, the STM



Knights of Columbus are offering this new adult faith formation program. To register, visit [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com) and be sure to choose Saint Thomas More Parish.

# A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE



Summer 2024  
Progress Update

## Our Belief Statements

### Saint Thomas More Community,

In March of 2024, the STM strategic planning task force sent out a survey to the community. The purpose was to gather information on our school and parish strengths and areas for improvement to help lay the foundation for our work. Since that survey, the Saint Thomas More school staff, along with the task force and parish staff representatives, developed new Mission and Beliefs statements for our school and named five pillars which will serve as our targeted areas to building a brighter, more connected future. It is through work on these pillars that we will better serve our students and community.

As a task force, we have all agreed that continued transparency in decision making is key to our success. As we move forward with plans, we will share our goals and timeline with the community. If you have questions about the task force, please reach out to one of its members. Mary Kate Beck, Meredith Blair, Nan Bone, Meg Burke, Linda Crosthwait, Michael Day, Matt Engler, Neely Giangreco, Father Justin Hoye, Katie Raccuglia, Joan Sandford, Tracy Stewart, Lindsay Thum, Natalie Wellington, Tim Waris and Mary Ann Welsh.



We believe that kindness, honesty, and respect honor the worth and uniqueness of each classmate.



We believe we are stewards, entrusted by God, to care for and protect all of His creation with reverence, gratitude, and accountability.



We believe our faith is the cornerstone guiding and deepening our connection with God, empowering us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus with courage and compassion.

We believe embracing all God's children creates a caring and supportive community where all are welcome.

We believe character is the foundation of who we are and how we treat others.

## Our Pillars

Parish/School  
Relationship



Technology



Staff Support  
& Retention



Professional  
Development



Math & Language  
Arts Curriculum



# Our Mission

St. Thomas More School educates all students through a vigorous, relevant, and faith-based curriculum to positively impact God's world.



## Preparing for the new school year

Thank you to all who support our school!



- Painted 2 rooms and the hallway in the Junior High
- Painted 7 classrooms and touched up all the hallways in the other parts of the school
- Painted the wall of the stage area in Flanagan Hall
- Replaced carpet and tile in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms and hall
- Installed new phones in all rooms and trained teachers to use them



## Domestic Church Married Couples Retreat

### September 6-8 (Friday-Sunday)

This retreat, with no overnight stays, is first and foremost a chance to encounter Christ together as a married couple and to enrich your spiritual life together. It is also an introduction to the Domestic Church movement which provides ongoing support and formation for married couples. The opportunity to participate in this ongoing formation at a parish will be discussed during the retreat.

The retreat will be held at Coronation of Our Lady Parish 13000 Bennington Ave, Grandview MO. Registration is open now at [kcsjfamily.org/light-life](http://kcsjfamily.org/light-life). The cost of \$100/couple includes meals. Financial assistance is available.

## School of Religion (SOR)

### Formation begins on Wed., Sep. 11, 6:15-7:30pm

School of Religion provides catechesis for grade school children, grades 1-8, who do not attend Catholic school. An online registration form may be found at [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com). Click on "Faith Formation," then "For Children and Youth." Please pass this information along to anyone else you know who might benefit from this small-group instruction. Email Susan, [aquiel2000@yahoo.com](mailto:aquiel2000@yahoo.com), if you have any questions.

## Considering becoming Catholic?

### Inquiry: Tuesdays beginning Sep. 10, 6:15-7:30pm

Inquiry sessions are for those from other Christian traditions or those with no religious background. 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. They are also open to Catholics who would like to take advantage of this formation opportunity. Questions? Contact Father Justin, 816-942-2492 x204 or [frjhoye@stmkc.com](mailto:frjhoye@stmkc.com).

## City On A Hill (COAH) Young Adult Events

Visit [kansascityonahill.org/](http://kansascityonahill.org/) for more info. Click on Get Involved to sign up for *The Loop*, a weekly email.

### KC Underground - Thursday, August 29, 7-9pm

All are welcome for an evening of beauty at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Redemptorist). Come for an evening of adoration, confession, and worship music! Doors open at 7pm, and confessions and adoration begin at 7:30.

### One Day Wiffle Ball Tournament - Sunday, August 25

Join Catholic Challenge Sports for the annual Wiffle Ball Tournament! Sign up as a team with 9-11 players (at least 3 women per team!) or put your name down on the free agent list to be drafted! The tournament will take place at Franklin Park, 11am-5pm. To sign up, visit [kansascityonahill.org/](http://kansascityonahill.org/) and click on "Sports."

## Parish Calendar of Events

Tue., Aug. 13 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

Wed., Aug. 14 - Protecting God's Children training, 6-9pm, More Hall

Thu., Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption

Parish Office closed

Masses at 6:15 & 8:15am, 6pm

Guatemala Action Group mtg., 7pm

Sun., Aug. 18 - Diocesan Life & Justice collection

Tue., Aug. 20 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

Wed., Aug. 21 - STM serves Uplift

No Grief Peer Support Group mtg.

Choir Rehearsals begin, 7-8:30pm, Choir Loft

Thu., Aug. 22 - More Friends Potluck & Bingo, 5pm, More Hall

Fri., Aug. 23 - Fresh Fire, 7-9pm, Church

### September Dates to Note

Sun., Sep. 1 - World Day of Prayer for Creation

Wed., Sep. 4 - Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm

Tue., Sep. 10 - Inquiry Sessions begin, 6:15pm

Wed., Sep. 11 - School of Religion begins, 6:15pm

Thu., Sep. 12 - God's Recipe series begins, 7pm

Fri., Sep. 13 - Fresh Fire, 7pm

Tue., Sep. 17 - Protecting God's Children training, 6pm

Sat.-Sun., Sep. 28-29 - Priest Appreciation Weekend  
Guatemala Weekend

## STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

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



## Office Hours

Mon.-Thu., 8am-3pm; Fri., Aug. 16, 12:30-3pm

## Cyclone Circle

Cyclone Circle began as an idea for grandparents of school children to assist at STM School, but it is a volunteer opportunity for anyone who would like to help with the students. If you would enjoy the opportunity to be involved and interact with our nice, energetic and enthusiastic children, now is the time to jump in! Those who have been involved in the last year or two have found it very rewarding and fun.

Opportunities to serve include helping with lunch (10:30am-1pm) and helping out in the classrooms, one-on-one or in small groups, with reading and math (Tue. & Thu., 2:40-3:10pm). Classroom help is beginning with 1st grade, expanding to other grades when possible.

All volunteers must be Virtus-compliant (see page 5 "Safe Environment") before assisting. An orientation,



noting helpful hints, will be provided and you will never have to be in charge. When ready, you will not be assigned but are able to choose the individual days and duties that suit you and your schedule.

Sign up for days at your convenience. These programs will begin after Labor Day and are a unique opportunity for school and parish to share our talents. Questions? Please reach out to Jean at 816-213-6015 or Ljf1953@aol.com.

### Employment Opportunity at STM School

**Half-time PreSchool Art & Movement position** - This position may be combined with a half-time paraprofessional position if desired. Email Christina for additional information.

### Parochial League of KC: Sports beginning soon!

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

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

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

### Cross Country team this fall!

Boys & girls, grades 3-8, may be signed up at [plkc.org](http://plkc.org). Practices begin the week of August 12 and meets will be held on Mondays (Sept. 23 & 30, Oct. 7; Tues. Oct. 15). For more information, contact Cathy, Cross Country Coach, at 816-536-2212 or [ccisetti@bsd124.org](mailto:ccisetti@bsd124.org).

### School Dates

- Sun.-Mon., Aug. 11-12 - 4th-8th Volleyball Evaluations
- Mon., Aug. 12 - Preschool/PreK Open House, 10am-noon  
Homeroom Teachers/Jr High Schedules posted, 4pm
- Wed., Aug. 14 - Boot Camp for grades 5-8, 10am-noon;  
Parent Meetings - 5-6: 10-11am; 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  
Home & School mtg., 6:30pm, More Hall C
- Fri., Aug. 23 - Picture Day
- Mon., Aug. 26 - Hot Lunch begins
- 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
- Sat., Sep. 28 - 8th Grade Gathering Party

**Please drive carefully as little ones return to campus!**

### School Pick-up

Please note that school pick-up will be in the back of the school, generally 3-3:30pm. If you have parish office business, you are welcome to park directly in front of the parish office, disregarding the "Senior Parking" signs, during that time.

### 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>
	Mary Begnaud Receptionist x201 <a href="mailto:mary@stmkc.com">mary@stmkc.com</a>		Joan Sandford Office Manager x202 <a href="mailto:joan@stmkc.com">joan@stmkc.com</a>
	Scott Dulle Building & Grounds Director <a href="mailto:dulle_scott@stmcyclones.org">dulle_scott@stmcyclones.org</a>		Father Paul Sappington In Residence <a href="mailto:frsappington@smacatholic.org">frsappington@smacatholic.org</a>
	Father Justin Hoyer Pastor x204 <a href="mailto:frjhoye@stmkc.com">frjhoye@stmkc.com</a>		Hayley Shaver Evangelization & Discipleship x223 <a href="mailto:hayley@stmkc.com">hayley@stmkc.com</a>
	Becky Johnson Finance Coordinator x224 <a href="mailto:becky@stmkc.com">becky@stmkc.com</a>		Tim Waris Business Manager x218 <a href="mailto:tim@stmkc.com">tim@stmkc.com</a>
	Judy Kashka Funeral & Wedding Liturgist <a href="mailto:judy@stmkc.com">judy@stmkc.com</a>		Father Pius Wesonga, AJ Associate Pastor x203 <a href="mailto:frpwesonga@stmkc.com">frpwesonga@stmkc.com</a>
	Peggy Lucas Pastoral Associate/Outreach x210 <a href="mailto:peggy@stmkc.com">peggy@stmkc.com</a>		

### 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:	
8/12	8:15AM Bill Waris <sup>†</sup>
Tues:	<b>6:15AM Firefighters</b>
8/13	8:15AM Linda & Carl Fiorella <sup>†</sup>
Wed:	<b>6:15AM Mary Edith &amp; Pat Burns<sup>†</sup></b>
8/14	8:15AM Bill Brady <sup>†</sup>
Thur:	<b>6:15AM Stefany Avenel</b>
8/15	8:15AM Matthew McCullough <sup>†</sup> <b>6:00PM Our Parishioners</b>
Fri:	
8/16	8:15AM Pat, Andy and LaVonne Klein <sup>†</sup>
Sat:	
8/17	4:00PM Julian Ominski <sup>†</sup>
Sun:	<b>7:30AM Mary Kate Hughes<sup>†</sup></b>
8/18	9:00AM Lisa Lopez Galvan <sup>†</sup> <b>11:00AM Our Parishioners</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.