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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

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

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

Friday 8:45am-1pm

* lunch hour 1-2pm

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Office directory at stmkc.com and p.9

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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.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Nov. 3-9, 2024

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves.

Mold us in the image of your Son, to respond to your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay servants of the Gospel.

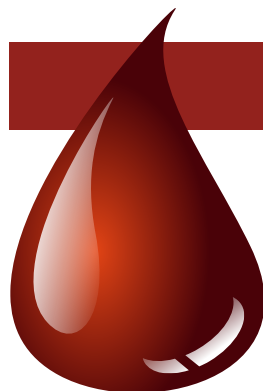
Embolden us all to grow in knowing you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds and souls to your enduring call.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Give blood. Give life.

Blood Drive

**Wednesday, November 6,
2-6pm In More Hall**



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Dear Parishioners,

During this month of November, we are invited to focus on the big things of life.

- Among them is the duty to elect our leaders. Voting is your right. I urge you to go and vote on Tuesday.
- With Thanksgiving at the end of the month, we count our many blessings and thank God and others for them.
- We meditate on the last things, praying for our departed brothers and sisters.
- And, as our church year draws to an end, we take time to look back and see how we are becoming the most loving, most effective and most intimate disciple of Jesus.

Last week, our priests spent the entire week assembled in prayer for you. We thank you for accompanying us in prayer. Over 65 priests, together with Bishop Johnston, were united. It was such a spirit-filled, fraternal, priestly assembly. Our meditations centered on missionary discipleship and our various divine callings that emanate from our baptism.

Bishop Johnston profoundly thanked all of the Catholic faithful of Kansas City-St. Joseph for the faith, love and generosity you offer for the continuity of the mission of Christ in this local church.

Last week Pope Francis published his fourth encyclical entitled: "Dilexit Nos" meaning "He Loved Us." In this encyclical, the pope appeals to us to renew our Christian lives through love. He calls us to take a new look at the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. As brothers and sisters, he says our human and divine love of Jesus Christ must be witnessed in our social interactions, caring for others as an extension of a personal, intimate relationship of love with God. This could be a good time to consider a devotion that is near to your heart and promote it as your family devotion.

This month we also meditate on our different divine callings: our vocations. Jesus calls each of us to do something that impacts the continuity

of his mission. One of the foundational callings is that of matrimony, from where all vocations emerge. As a larger family of Saint Thomas More Parish, now in its 60th year, can you share stories of your calling with our young people? Can you pray for a calling to priesthood or religious life from your family? As adults, have you ever thought of responding to a call to the permanent diaconate or consecrated women, taking vows to live a life of prayer, service, and community?

Finally, let us keep Father Justin in prayer as he completes his silent retreat. May you have a fruitful week ahead.

Father Pius

National Vocations Week

During the week, November 3-10, we will pray the prayer on the back of the hymnal at the end of each Mass. This same prayer is on the cover of this bulletin.

STM Annual Stewardship & Diocesan Annual Appeal

Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider both asks and to discuss a response with spouses and children. What we do with our many blessings of time, talent and treasure in our lives is a very important part of life and how we live our faith!

Please return your pledge form by or on the weekend of November 9-10.

THANK YOU for all you do at and for Saint Thomas More: your prayers and continuing formation, supporting the many ministries of the parish, caring for the school students and their families, keeping the utility bills paid, and always ready to reach out to help others. STM is an amazing parish because of you and your support!

Bulletin Deadline Changes

Bulletin	Due Date
November 17	Monday, Nov. 11, 5pm
November 24	Monday, Nov. 18, 9am
December 1	Thursday, Nov. 21, 9am
December 8	Monday, Dec. 2, 9am

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 or 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

Church Hours for Private Prayer

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

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.

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.

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.

Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Bishop Johnston: For the protection of the lives of pre-born children and their mothers from the wounds of abortion, and the defeat of Amendment 3 on November 5.

Please hold in prayer

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, BULLETIN@STMKC.COM OR 942-2492 X202, TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST. IF YOUR NAME IS DROPPED OFF AND YOU ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. **NAMES APPEAR EVERY OTHER WEEK.**

...our family and friends in the military:

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

...our parishioners who are sick:

Patrick Adams	Bill Cusick	Carol Gretencord	Kathy Lawson	Ed Thomas
Roberta Aguirre	Beth Dierks	Iva Hamilton	Susie Reardon	Kathy Vervaecke
John Altergott	Christine Edmunds	Carol Katzer	Laura Rupp	Anita Wagner

...our family and friends who are sick:

Duane & Melinda Brown	Joy Davie	Jerry Job	Brian Robinson	Glnny Torchia
Alissa Carter	Charles Haster	Julie Aguirre Johnson	Missy Seaman	Lester Wells
Rachel Casady	Glen Horton	Richard Layton	Ron Simmons	

...our family and friends who have died:

Randy Mertes, brother of Greg Mertes; Richard Utarnachitt, father of Ryan Utarnachitt; Geri Angotti, mother of Laura Christopherson

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

St. Luke's East: Merle Pace

Care & Support

Wanted: Funeral Lunch Assistance

Sign up November 16-17 in the Narthex

The funeral lunch coordinator team will be available to provide information on this very important and rewarding ministry that Saint Thomas More provides to the families that have lost a loved one. If you are considering volunteering to help with this ministry, please stop by after Mass to gather more information and meet with one of the coordinators, or contact Peggy Lucas, peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210.

Photos of Loved Ones

During the month of November, we take time at STM to remember our loved ones who have preceded us in death. As a part of our remembrance, parishioners are invited to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to the parish office (please no larger than 5x8). A display will be set up in the church which will remain throughout November. **Please put your name and contact information on the back of the picture frame** so we know to whom the photograph belongs.

Cemetery Sunday: Remembrance, Prayer & Faith

Sunday, November 3, at 2pm

Meet at Mount Olivet, 7601 Blue Ridge, to pray for the souls in Purgatory.

For those who plan to participate in the prayer service, a **plenary indulgence** for the Souls in Purgatory can be granted if all of the requirements are met:

- Attend confession at least once within 20 days
- Receive Eucharist Communion
- Pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and one Hail Mary)
- Pray the Eternal Rest Requiem...

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.
And may the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.*

Fall Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 6, 2-5:30pm in More Hall

Donating blood is extremely important for saving lives and can benefit donors themselves. To make an appointment online, go to savealifenow.org/group and use sponsor code 3D or email hdc635@aol.com and Linda can schedule it.

Grief Peer Support Group

1st & 3rd Wed. (Nov 6), 4-5pm, Bauman Room

Grief is difficult and can be experienced as a result of any kind of loss. In addition to supporting each other, we use various resources to better understand our grief. Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate, facilitates these

groups. Attend as you are able. For more info, contact her at peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210.

Join the STM Prayer Chain and Pray for Others

When we receive a prayer request, an email is sent asking for prayers. 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.

One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION



Using Resources Wisely

Aligning God's gifts for the Church's life and mission

Food Drive This Weekend

November 2-3, in the Narthex

Our monthly food drive helps people who are struggling to put food on their tables and is distributed by Seton Center and our Red Bridge food pantry.

Please bring the following items for Seton Center: canned tuna, meats, low-sodium soups, vegetables and fruit; pancake mix & syrup, sugar, dry milk, boxed meals, pasta & sauce, peanut butter & jelly, rice, jello, condiments, white beans, laundry soap, toiletry items, and paper goods.

To make a monetary contribution to Seton Center, visit setonkc.org and click on the donate tab.

Red Bridge Pantry

For November, our pantry is low on:

- jelly (out!), pasta sauce, vegetable oil
- oatmeal (both instant and regular), cereal, instant mashed potatoes, boxed meals (Hamburger Helper type)
- canned: peas, mixed veggies, carrots, mushrooms, beets, fruit (except applesauce), soup, chicken (both small and large cans), pasta, chili, stews, sloppy joes
- dish soap (out!), men's deodorant, facial tissues, laundry detergent (small bottles)

Pray for Our Seminarians

Saturday-Sunday (November 2-3), in the Narthex

The Serra Club of SEKC will have the 2024-2025 Seminarian Display to share photos/information of our 19 Seminarians in formation for priesthood. You are invited to select one or more of the photo/information page(s) to take home as a reminder to pray for them regularly.

Contributions will also be accepted for the Seminarian Christmas Fund. You can receive a packet of cards from the Serrans in exchange! (The greeting cards are from "Altar + Home" by Conception Abbey.)

Chili Dinner Fundraiser for Our Seminarians

Sunday, November 3, 4:30-7pm, More Hall

Join in the fun and support our seminarians! Enjoy hot bowls of red or white chili, hotdogs, salad, desserts and drinks. Take-out chili is available. Cost is \$25/family, \$10/adult, \$3/child. Sponsored by the Serra Club of KCMO.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, November 3, noon-5pm

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for homemade spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and drink at Jeanne Jugan Center (8745 James A. Reed Rd, KCMO). All proceeds benefit their home for the elderly. Cost: \$15/adult, \$8/kids, 3-10 yrs. Dine in, take out and drive thru available. Cash or card accepted. Enjoy live music while browsing the bake sale and craft sale and entering the raffle for a chance to win big.

Blue River Clean Up Report

Twelve people cleaned up a two mile stretch of Blue River Road on October 26. We collected 35-40 bags of trash, as well as other items like tires, a flat screen television, cans of paint, two vacuum cleaners, tarps, and furniture. Thank you to Kathy, Thad, Beth, Abigail, Garrett, Jack, Tarah, Bill, Scott, Chuck, Terri and David.



Guatemala Summer Mission Trip Dates

June 2-8 and June 30-July 6

Deposits are in for the flights to Guatemala! If you would like to travel to Guatemala to help our partner community, now is the time to sign up. The total cost (including flight, room and board) is \$1700/person. There is a \$250 non-refundable deposit. For questions or to sign up, please email Phil, philsmith4470@gmail.com.

September Financials

Regular - \$211,741.47	Plate - \$4,603.21
Facilities - \$1,270.24	
Education Fund - \$580.24	School - \$1,772.69
Latin America - \$5,631.00	

Thank you for your continued contributions!

Bulletin Board

For sale: King-size wood headboard from Crowley's Furniture and a curio cabinet with 7 glass shelves. Both in excellent condition. Call Diana at 816-820-3424.

SPRED Class

Monday, November 11, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall

An adult group for the developmentally delayed meets about every other week to share their faith. Questions? Email Becky at bturner727@yahoo.com.

G.I.F.T. Growing in Faith Together

Tuesdays, 9-10:30am, Bauman Room of More Hall

Women gather each week to break open the Sunday readings. All are welcome to join in! Questions? Email Becky at bturner727@yahoo.com.

Considering becoming Catholic?

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

Nov. 5: No Session

Nov. 12: *What is this Church we come to? Tour of the church.*

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.

School of Religion (SOR)

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

School of Religion provides catechesis for grade school children, grades 1-8, who do not attend Catholic school. Visit stmkc.com to register online. Click on the "School of Religion" box. Questions? Email Susan at aquiel2000@yahoo.com.

God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life/10 Commandments

Thursdays thru Nov. 21; Dec. 5, 7-8:30pm, More Hall

To learn how the Ten Commandments are God's guidebook for raising strong and loving Catholic families, the STM Knights of Columbus are offering this new adult faith formation program. Please visit stmkc.com to register and be sure to choose Saint Thomas More Parish. It's never too late to join in!



The Pro-Abortion Initiative Petition seeks to amend the Missouri Constitution and legalize abortion throughout ALL stages of pregnancy.

What it does.....

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “person” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Missouri laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed and to administer medication abortions in person in case of complications for the woman. These health and safety standards could be seen as an “interference” or “delay” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS FOR ABORTIONS INTO THE SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER

The amendment allows abortions at any time to protect not only the physical, but also the mental health of the woman. This means that a health care provider could justify a late-term abortion due to a woman’s “emotional, psychological, [and] familial” concerns**. An abortion provider would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this petition.

What it says.....

1. This Section shall be known as “The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative.”
2. The Government shall not deny or infringe upon a person’s fundamental right to reproductive freedom...including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion care, miscarriage care, and respectful birthing conditions.
3. The right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, interfered with, delayed, or otherwise restricted unless the Government demonstrates that such action is justified by a compelling governmental interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Any denial, interference, delay, or restriction of the right to reproductive freedom shall be presumed invalid.
4. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this Section, the general assembly may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortion after Fetal Viability provided that under no circumstance shall the Government deny, interfere with, delay, or otherwise restrict an abortion that in the good faith of a treating health care professional is needed to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person. ...
8. For purposes of this Section, the following terms mean:
 - (1) “Fetal Viability”, the point in pregnancy when, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus’s sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

* Missouri Revised Statutes, Sections 188.010 - 188.375 ** Based on Doe v. Bolton



SAINT THOMAS MORE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

STARTS THIS WEEKEND

GIVING TREE

A Giving Tree will be set up in the narthex in November, providing gift ideas on tags for Journey to New Life and Catholic Charities.

Please take a tag and bring the unwrapped gift to the narthex by the weekend of

Nov 30 / Dec 1



SETON CENTER RED BAG PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Drive gets underway November 9-10. We will again provide gifts for children.

Giving guidelines are provided and the cost is approximately \$60 per child. If you would like to help provide Christmas gifts for one or more children, email Betty Wilson at bewboops@gmail.com.

All Red Bags need to be brought to the Narthex by

Sunday, November 17

The last pick-up of bags is Monday morning, November 18.



Questions? Peggy Lucas at 816-942-2492 x210 or peggy@stmkc.com

More Friends (Parishioners 55+ years)

Monday, November 18, 11am-2pm in More Hall

Friendsgiving: Thanksgiving with friends!

Our community will gather for a potluck meal, followed by some exciting games of bingo!

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 or 816-547-5541.

Members may pick up directories at the parish office.

Come Fall in Love Again

Next KC Weekend: November 15-17

Going through a change of seasons in your marriage - new baby or career, emptying nests, aging parents? Register today for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience to embrace the changes while falling in love all over again. For more information, or to register for a weekend, visit WWME.org, call 816-286-4557, or email greaterKC.wwme@gmail.com.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sat., Nov. 2 - All Souls Day

Mass of Remembrance, 8:15am, Church

Sun., Nov. 3 - Monthly Food Drive

National Vocations Awareness Week begins

Serra Seminarian Prayer display, Narthex

Serra Club Chili Dinner, 4:30-7pm, More Hall

Mon., Nov. 4 - Habits of Freedom, 2-3pm, More Hall

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

Tue., Nov. 5 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, More Hall

No OCIA Inquiry

Knights Leader mtg., 7pm, More Hall

Wed., Nov. 6 - Blood Drive, 2-6pm, More Hall

Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman Room

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

Thu., Nov. 7 - 10 Commandments series, 7-8:30pm, More Hall

Mon., Nov. 11 - Habits of Freedom, 2-3pm, More Hall

Children's Choir Rehearsal, 3:20-4:15pm, Church

SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D

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

Veteran's Day Event, 7pm, More Hall

Tue., Nov. 12 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, More Hall

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

Knights mtg., 7:15pm, More Hall D

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

Home & School mtg., 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall C

Thu., Nov. 14 - 10 Commandments series, 7-8:30pm, More Hall

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 16-17 - Funeral Lunch Volunteer Sign-up

Sun., Nov. 17 - Children's Liturgy, 9am Mass

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

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School Dates

Sat., Nov. 2 - 2nd Grade Gathering Party

Mon., Nov. 4 - No STM School

Wed., Nov. 6 - Dine Out Night at Papa Johns

Thu., Nov. 7 - Kendra Scott Event, 5-7pm

Fri., Nov. 8, 3:30-5:30pm - Leaf Pick-up Day on campus

Sat., Nov. 9 - Basketball Evaluations

Tue., Nov. 12 - School Adoration, 2-3pm

Sat., Nov. 14 - Pickleball Tournament, 6-10pm

Thu., Nov. 21 - Martin City Tree Lighting at 6pm; STM students sing 5:30-5:45pm

Fri., Nov. 22, 7-9pm - 8th Grade Mixer

Trivia Night - NEW DATE - ALL parishioners welcome!

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30-9:30pm at Southside

Meet at the Southside Bar & Grille to support STM School! A donation match will be made to the STM Booster Club for the first 60 people in attendance and playing trivia, up to \$300!

Football Frenzy Winners

Week 8

\$500 (147) - Richard Hayward

\$250 (146) - Gloria Pizzichino

\$100 (144) - Randy Herr

\$50 (143) - Sharon Bundy

\$25 (142) - Rebecca Johnson

\$50 (56) - Bill Hain

\$25 (57) - Jean-Paul DesMarteau

Dine Out Night!

Wednesday, November 6 - Papa Johns (must use code: KSS009 - at Blue Ridge and Wornall only)

The school receives a percentage of ALL sales that night that are credited to STM. Be sure to support our local restaurants and STM by participating!

Event with Kendra Scott

Thursday, November 7, 5-7pm

ALL parishioners are welcome to meet at Kendra Scott in Leawood Town Center Crossing. 20% of your purchase comes back to support STM School. Or shop online at kendrascott.com November 7-8 and use code GIVEBACK-HVFIX at checkout.

PLKC Basketball Evaluations

Saturday, Nov. 9 at Notre Dame de Sion High School

Noon-1pm - 4th grade boys and 5th grade girls

1:15-2:30pm - 5th grade boys

2:30-3:45pm - 7th grade boys and 8th grade boys

3:45-5pm - 6th grade girls and 7th grade girls

No tryouts are needed for 3rd grade (boys and girls), 4th grade girls, 6th grade boys, and 8th grade girls.

A big thank you for Sion for clearing their gym for the evaluations!

5th Annual STM Booster Club Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, November 16, 6-10 pm

ALL parishioners are invited to gather your friends and family for a night of friendly competition, fun, and fundraising at SW19 Tennis Academy, 2008 W 103rd Ter, Leewood. Every paddle swing and point scored will directly support the amazing kids of STM School. Visit givebutter.com/2024pickleball to sign up. BYOB, Snacks provided. Festive attire appreciated.

Bunco Night was a huge success!

Our evening raised \$1,160! All proceeds will go towards this year's Fund A Need, which is to improve our school playgrounds. Thank you to all who showed up to play! We had school parents, Cyclone Circle members, More Friends and outside parish friends join us for this fundraiser! A special thanks to the hosts: Jean Donaldson, Kathy Mitchell and Jane Quarnstrom. We couldn't have done it without you!



Cyclone Circle members greet the children!

Some members of the "Cyclone Circle" group gathered to greet the children as they arrived at school last Tuesday. Their group consists of 50+ grandparents and parishioners at-large who offer assistance in the lunchroom, classrooms, projects like Bunco Night, and extra hands when requested by teachers. There are many opportunities to get involved throughout the year. To join them, contact Jean Donaldson, 816-213-6015 or ljf1953@aol.com.



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

Finance Ministry Team

Justin Hicks, Chair

Stefanie Bresette

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Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.

Questions? Email FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com.



Diocesan Ombudsman

Joe Crayon crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org or
816-812-2500

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

...go to 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 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 or 816-392-0011 for more information.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:

Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x202, OR

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11/6	**8:15AM Bob Switzer [†]
Thur:	6:15AM Firefighters
11/7	8:15AM Carolyn Rasmussen [†]
Fri:	
11/8	8:15AM Jane Keller [†]
Sat:	
11/9	4:00PM Mary Edith Burns [†]
Sun:	7:30AM Mary Kate Hughes[†]
11/10	9:00AM Our Parishioners
	11:00AM Betty Moore[†]

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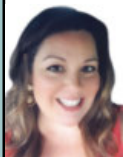
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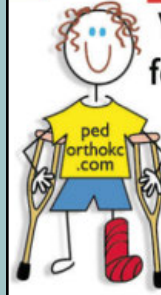
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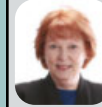
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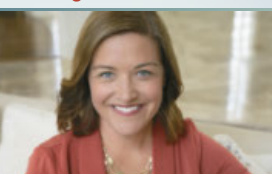
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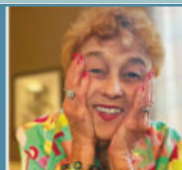
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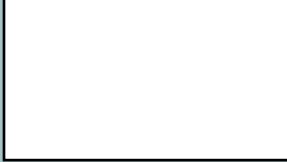
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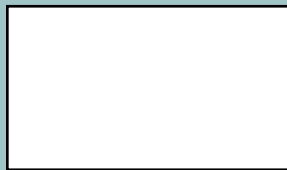
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