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December 8, 2024



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MASSES

WEEKDAY (ADVENT) Mon—Fri 6:15am
Mon—Sat 8:15am

WEEKEND: Sat 4pm, Sun, 7:30am, 9am & 11am

MASS ONLINE CONTINUES

RECONCILIATION (ADVENT)

Individual Confessions: by appointment and
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6pm
Saturdays, 7:15-8am, 3-3:45pm

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

Fri., 8:30am-3:30pm

School Office 816-942-5581

School fax 816-941-2450

School email directory at stmkcschool.org

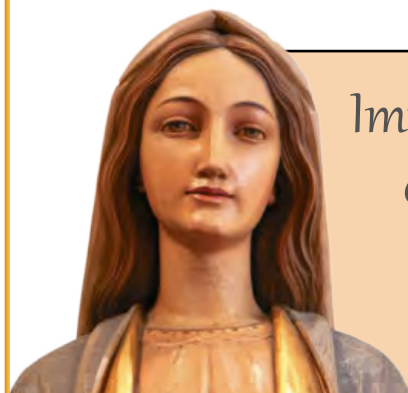
SCHOOL TOURS: contact Principal Linda Crosthwait at
816-942-5581 or crosthwait_linda@stmkcclones.org

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.



Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
a holy day of obligation

Monday, December 9
Masses at 6:15am, 8:15am (with school), 6pm



Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Congratulations to our community for surpassing our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal! STM continues its long tradition of vibrant support for our bishop and the ministries of the diocese.

A reminder that this Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation, transferred from this Sunday, December 8th. Our Mass times for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary are at 6:15AM, 8:15AM and 6PM. Our school community will be with us for the 8:15AM Mass that day, rather than their usual Wednesday Mass.

Thank you to all who donated gifts for our recently completed gift drives for Seton Center, Catholic Charities, and Journey to New Life. The last of the gifts were delivered this week, and I want to thank members of our Faith in Action ministry who organized these efforts.

I also want to thank those who occupied More Hall this weekend for our pop-up bar Friday evening, and/or our Advent Morning of Reflection on Saturday. Friday's efforts provide direct gifts for our teachers and school staff for Christmas, and Saturday's gathering reminds us of the "little ways" we can respond to the Lord's generosity with our own acts of love.

We continue to draw near the completion of our repairs to the gym and surrounding spaces, following a September lightning strike. We remain on schedule to be back in the gym this month.

Father Justin

P.S. Several of you have inquired about Father Pius, who announced last week that several members of his extended family were killed in landslides on Mount Elgon in eastern Uganda last week. 30 bodies have been recovered, with 100 still missing. If you would like to make a direct combination to response efforts, the affected diocese - Torono - has a reception center here in the U.S., where tax-deductible gifts can be sent:

Mission Support for the Archdiocese of Torono
PO Box 850195
New Orleans, LA 70185
Memo: Tunyi Mission Mudslides

P.P.S. This weekend, churches throughout the world have been invited to peel their bells in collaboration with the rededication of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. STM's bells will chime at 1PM Saturday afternoon!

Advent Confession Times in our Deanery

Mondays

7-7:30AM (Christ the King)
7:30-7:50AM (Coronation)
11-11:50AM (Christ the King)

Tuesdays

6:30-6:50AM (Coronation)
7-7:30AM (Christ the King)
11-11:50AM (Christ the King)
5-6PM (St. Thomas More)
5:15-5:45PM (St. Peter)

Wednesdays

7-7:30AM (Christ the King)
11-11:50AM (Christ the King)
5:30-5:50PM (Coronation)
6-7PM (St. Regis)

Thursdays

6:30-6:50AM (Coronation)
7-7:30AM (Christ the King)
11-11:50AM (Christ the King)
5-6PM (St. Thomas More)

Fridays

7-7:30AM (Christ the King)
7:30-7:50AM (Coronation)
11-11:50AM (Christ the King)

Saturdays

7:15-8AM (St. Thomas More)
7:30-7:50AM (Coronation)
2-2:45PM (St. Regis)
3-3:30PM (St. Sabina)
3-3:45PM (St. Thomas More)
3-3:50PM (Coronation)
3-3:50PM (Christ the King)
3:30-4:15PM (St. Elizabeth)
4:15-4:45PM (St. Peter)
4:15-4:50PM (Holy Martyrs)

Sundays

9-9:50AM (Coronation)
9-9:50AM (Holy Martyrs)
6:30-7:30PM (Christ the King)

SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH
Annual Stewardship

STM Annual Stewardship & Diocesan Annual Appeal

Commitment Weekend has passed.

If you have not returned your pledge form, please do so soon! Your returned form helps us to budget responsibly. For those who contribute online, it also lets us know you intend to continue your contribution. Please return pledge forms by the end of this calendar year so future contributions can be applied toward your pledge.



If you have not received a packet, contact Joan Sandford, joan@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202. Or pledge online by using the QR code above or visiting stmkc.com and clicking on the Annual Stewardship box.

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 in need. STM is an amazing parish because of you and your support!

Annual Stewardship Pledge Report
Goal: 100% Participation

As of 12/3/24, 349 households returned pledge forms.

Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

Goal: 100% response rate

As of 12/03/24 :

- 152 STM households pledged \$115,480 (101%)
- Across the diocese 3,577 households pledged \$1,278,529 toward a \$2 million goal (53%).

One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION



Healing Our Family

Tending wounds and accompanying hearts to freedom in Christ

Come Home to Communion



Daily Masses for Advent

Monday through Friday

6:15 & 8:15am

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.

Please hold in prayer

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

...our family and friends in the military:

Nick Alder
Drew Belzer

Nathan Butcher
Logan Elrader-Effertz

TJ Francik
Luke Jokerst

Jonathan Kennaley
Zach Love

Christopher Yates

...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams
Joan Cody
Cricket Hill

Donna Johnson
Linda Neenan
John Redmond

Mary Robinson
Cathy Terwelp
Karen Tritt

Carol Turner
Leonardo Viril
Gafo Visesio

JoAnn Walton
Bill Young

...our family and friends who are sick:

Tom Bauer
Emma Beaver
Scott Carson

Edward Dulle
Chris Frantze
Bob Kennaley

Emily Kurek
Denise Adams Mehlo
Noel Mehlo

Stephanie Shaver
Peter Szumigala

Stephan Tafuro
Pat Wells

...our family and friends who have died:

Donna Murray; Sue Tobler, daughter of Frank Petersen

The Light is on for You - Advent Schedule

Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room.

Tuesday, 5-6pm *Thursday, 5-6pm

Saturday, 7:15-8am and 3-3:45pm

and by appointment

*** No Confessions December 19.**

Church Hours for Private Prayer

Monday - Friday, 6am-9pm

Saturday - Sunday, 7am-9pm

December Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Bishop Johnston: Let us pray for those working to overcome addiction in any form; that the grace and love of Christ will bring them encouragement and strength and fill them with hope.

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.

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.

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24

4pm and 6pm

Wednesday, December 25

Midnight and 9am

Care & Support

Grief Peer Support Group

For Advent: Wed. (Dec. 11, 18), 4-5pm, in the Chapel

The group is meeting weekly during Advent. Grief is difficult and can be experienced as a result of any kind

of loss. As we support each other, we also use various resources to better understand our grief. Questions? Contact Pastoral Associate, at Peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210.

Care Notes in the Narthex

Care Notes are found on the north side of the narthex and the current themes are for Advent. A couple of titles are: "Coping with Holiday Stress" and "Going on an Advent Prayer Journey." Feel free to take a Care Note that will help you find a faith connection with Advent.

One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION



Using Resources Wisely

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

Collection for Religious Retirement - December 8

Our aging religious need your help. More than 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to service usually, for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation can help bridge this gap, providing critical support for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime. Visit retiredreligious.org for more information.

International Migrants Day

Wednesday, December 18

International Migrants Day is observed every December 18. Migrants are often forced to migrate and face stigma and limited access to services as they are displaced and also often face poor work conditions with high risk of insecurity and layoffs. VIA Immigration & Refugee Ministry ministers to migrants in our area and assists with many of their common needs, such as legal aid, document assistance, and connection with parishes. Contact Raiza Guevara, guevara@diocesekcsj.org or 816-756-1850x521, for more information.

Thank you!

The SMA (Saint Michael the Archangel High School) Guardians of Life thank you for your generosity during the bake sale in October. Your contributions totaling \$4001 lowered the per traveler cost, greatly reducing the cost barrier for students who desire to participate in this year's national March for Life. We look forward to sharing a picture from our trip with you when we return. Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who gifted to the Red Bags for Seton Center and to the Giving Tree for Journey to New Life and Catholic Charities. The gifts have been delivered and please know that the recipients of your generosity will have a blessed Christmas this year.



November Financials

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Regular - \$248,108.34 | Plate - \$3,915.12 |
| Facilities - \$1,050.00 | |
| Education Fund - \$345.00 | School - \$2,170.00 |
| All Saints - \$1,130.00 | |

Thank you for your continued contributions to STM!

Please help STM credit your contribution to YOU!

Did you know that some bank and stock contributions arrive at STM with no name attached? Before you make a stock contribution, please contact Tim Waris (816-942-2492 x218 or tim@stmkc.com) or visit stmkc.com. (Click on Stewardship and Alternative Giving to find the stock donation form.) If you contribute by having a bank send STM a check, please instruct your bank to include your name on the check. Thank you!

...and help STM honor your intention!

When you contribute, particularly at this time of year, please be sure to note the **year** for which you are giving and the **purpose** of your contribution (tithe, HVAC, etc.) As always, THANK YOU for your contributions!

One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION



Growing God's Family

Activating our baptismal call to holiness and being disciple makers

SPRED Class

Monday, December 9, 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.

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.

Considering becoming Catholic?

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

Dec. 10: *The Communion of Saints and the Liturgical Year*

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.

Rite of Welcome & Acceptance

Two weeks ago, the community prayed over participants of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) at our 4PM, 7:30AM and 11AM Masses, welcoming them into a new stage in their discernment: the Catechumenate Stage. These next few months will intensify their exposure to the beliefs and rituals that mark life in the Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for the 12 individuals in discernment to become Catholic at STM.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, December 15, at 9am Mass

Children through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Questions? Contact Joan Sandford, joan@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202.

48th Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Day Dinner

Wednesday, December 25, Noon-2pm

KCMO officer Richard White invites all seniors (60+) unable to be with family or friends on Christmas Day to enjoy dinner at Saint Peter's Elementary School, 6400 Charlotte, KCMO. Please call or text 816-572-2646 by Friday, Dec. 20. Homebound delivery is also available.



Living Waters

Relational Integrity through
the Broken Body of Christ

How does Jesus transform our brokenness
into a gift to His Church?

We can begin by applying His mercy to the ways we fail to love well: our sexual sin, sins against us, giving too much, or withholding ourselves altogether. We will seek wholeness through honest admission of our brokenness. This confidential, in-depth prayer/healing group is for men and women, marrieds, and singles.

Topics we will explore include:

Discovering the Father's love as the foundation for all our loves

Integrating the good fits of our gender and sexuality

Overcoming habitual sin through the help of Christ's members

Receiving healing from sexual abuse and distortions

Doing our part to prepare a pure Bride for Jesus

Mondays (7p-9:30p):

Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 17, 24, 31; Apr 7, 14, 28; May 5

Saturdays (9a-1p):

Feb 1, Mar 22

Saint Thomas More Parish

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kcomiskey@desertstream.org

(816)-683-1794

Scan QR code or
contact email
above to apply



Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

BALANCE YOUR TIME

How can I find a better balance as I prepare for Christmas this year?

Rigidity and laxity are two extremes to avoid when trying to find balance in your faith life. Rigidity is when we obsess over detail, fret over mistakes, tense up around rules, and so on. With laxity, the opposite, we let everything go, calculate the minimum we can do to get by, and approach life and love without the proper level of care and attention. How do we avoid both? Fr. Mike Schmitz offers advice.

Rigidity and Laxity

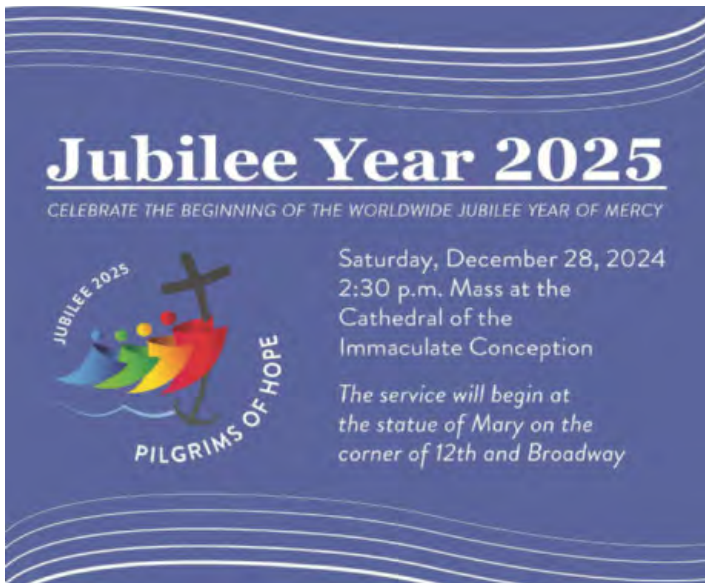
If we treat Christianity as a *project*, rigidity can result. When we treat Christianity like a *projection*, that leads to laxity. If you just look at what Christians are supposed to do and then follow those instructions, you're treating your faith like a project. That's bound to make you rigid. If you see Jesus as a buddy who'll look the other way when you do wrong, that's just your projection of who he is. That mentality is bound to make you lax.

Escaping Extremes

To help find a balance, think about the actions of an airline pilot. When he prepares to fly a plane, he trusts that the plane will fly, but he still has to make sure everything is working properly before taking off. He still has to check the controls as he is flying. There is a symbiotic balance between trust and diligence here. That's what walking with Jesus should be like.

Take Christ seriously. He is infinitely loving. Take grace seriously. God's grace is infinite. However, it requires application. Saying "Jesus, I trust in you" should help you let go and bolster your faith, but remember, "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:17).

Be like a pilot and land between rigidity and laxity.



Tue., Dec. 10 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Library
 No OCIA session
 Kerygma Study, 2-3pm, Bauman Library
 Kerygma Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Bauman Library
 Wed., Dec. 11 - Kerygma Study, 10-11am, Bauman
 School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
 Parish Office closes at 1pm
 Thu., Dec. 12 - Kerygma Study, 10-11am, Bauman
 Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm, More Hall
 Sun., Dec. 15 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass
 Mon., Dec. 16 - Children's Choir Rehearsal, 3:20-4:15pm
 Kerygma Study, 4-5pm, Bauman Library
 Tue., Dec. 17 - G.I.F.T., 9-10:30am, Bauman Library
 Kerygma Study, 2-3pm, Bauman Library
 OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
 Kerygma Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Bauman Library
 Wed., Dec. 18 - Kerygma Study, 10-11am, Bauman
 Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman Room
 School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
 Thu., Dec. 19 - Kerygma Study, 10-11am, Bauman
 Seminarian Mass/Dinner, 5:30pm, Church/More Hall
 School of Religion First Reconciliation, 7pm, Church

Do you want to help renew the parish?

If you have a heart for mission and a desire to see our parish grow into a community of missionary disciples, join us for a 6-week series that will help you do just that! STM will be hosting a 6-week series on Isaiah 49 that will equip you to share your faith with others and help our parish community grow in fruitfulness!

We will meet once a week, beginning in mid-January. Topics to be discussed are:

- Understanding The Lost – Knowing who you are seeking to reach.
- Mobilizing The 1% – All you need is a few missionary disciples at the beginning.
- A System For Intentional Accompaniment – No one does anything alone.
- The Indispensable Action of the Holy Spirit – Engaging with the principal agent of evangelization.
- Skills For Intentional Accompaniment – Leading people towards conversion.

Please contact Hayley, our STM Evangelization & Discipleship Coordinator, at hayley@stmkc.com to sign up.

Bulletin Deadline Changes

| Bulletin | Due Date |
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| December 15 | Monday, Dec. 9, 9am |
| December 22 | Thursday, Dec. 12, 9am (December 22 is the Christmas bulletin.) |
| December 29 | Wednesday, Dec. 18, 9am |
| January 5 | Friday, Dec. 20, 9am |

Parish Calendar of Events

Sat., Dec. 7 - Advent Morning of Reflection, 9-11am, More Hall
 Sun., Dec. 8 - Religious Retirement collection
 Mon., Dec. 9 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (observed)
 Masses at 6:15am, 8:15am, 6pm
 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 3:20-4:15pm, Church
 Kerygma Study, 4-5pm, Bauman Library
 SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal



816-942-5581 STMKC.COM/SCHOOL

School Dates

Sun., Dec. 8 - Children's Choir sings at 11am Mass
 Mon., Dec. 9 - Advent Prayer Services, 8:15am & 2:40pm
 Tue., Dec. 10 - School Adoration, 2-3pm, Church
 Home & School mtg., 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall C
 Mon., Dec. 16 - Advent Prayer Services, 8:15am & 2:40pm
 Fri., Dec. 20 - 12:30pm Dismissal
 4th Grade Craft Activity, 12:30pm, More Hall
 Tue., Jan. 7 - STM School resumes

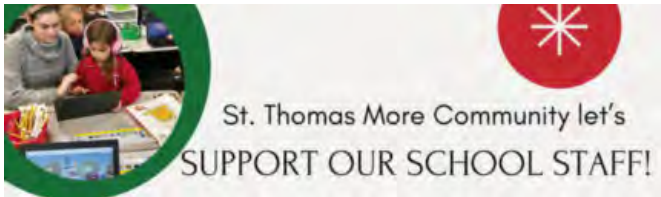
Hey, STM community!

Do you own a small business?! Our auction relies on donations from families, parishioners, and businesses in the surrounding community! We are still looking for items for our live and silent auctions, if you have any items, leads, or ideas please reach out to us! Below are a few ideas. No gift is too big or too small! What would you bid on?

Suggestions include vacation homes, video games, dining experiences, services, electronics, kid items, airline miles, artwork, private transportation, adult experiences, sporting event tickets, barware, concert tickets, bottles of liquor/wine, venue rentals. Contact Jaqui, jacobson.jaqui@gmail.com, with questions or to donate. We appreciate you!



School Staff Bonuses



STM Community, please consider donating to our school staff bonuses this year. Donating is a meaningful way to support and recognize the hard work of our educators and the impact they have on our STM students. Every little bit counts. Donate through our auction website stmauction.org and click on Teacher Bonus Fund. Or via Venmo @SaintThomasMoreSchool, memo: Staff Bonus or with cash/check at the parish office. Thank you for supporting our school staff!

Football Frenzy Winners

Week 12

\$500 (140) - Gary Smith
 \$350 (139) - Darlene Peck; Eddie Welsh
 \$75 (136) - Patrick Stanton; Kevin McCurdy; Keith Strack
 \$50 (29) - Tom Koke
 \$25 (34) - Stuart Collins

Week 13

\$500 (158) - Timothy Donaldson
 \$250 (150) - Lisa Ismert
 \$100 (147) - Jenny Ziegler
 \$50 (146) - Bradley Bennett
 \$25 (144) - Linda Crosthwait
 \$50 (59) - Sophia Trimble
 \$25 (62) - Don Olsen

Parish Office Staff

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|  | Peggy Lucas Pastoral Associate/Outreach x210 peggy@stmkc.com | | |

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.



Diocesan Ombudsman

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

Victim Advocate

816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

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-St. Joseph.

The diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:
Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202, OR
Tracy Stewart, School Safe Environment Coordinator, stewart_tracy@stmcyclones.org or 816-942-5581.

Mass Intentions

- Mon: 6:15AM Isabel Kunselman[†]
 12/9 ****8:15AM Betty Moore[†]**
 6:00PM Our Parishioners
- Tues: **6:15AM Firefighters**
 12/10 8:15AM Sharon Reardon Flynn[†]
- Wed: **6:15AM William Heft[†]**
 12/11 8:15AM Margaret & Jean Gillespie[†]
- Thur: **6:15AM Norman & Jean Ott[†]**
 12/12 8:15AM Matthew McCullough[†]
- Fri: **6:15AM Herb Dierks[†]**
 12/13 8:15AM Joe & Ginny Lafferty[†]
- Sat: **8:15AM Mark Sorentino[†]**
 12/14 4:00PM Barney & Rosemarie Maguire[†]
- Sun: **7:30AM Mary Kate Hughes[†]**
 12/15 9:00AM Jerry & Helen Cooke
11:00AM Our Parishioners










[†] 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. 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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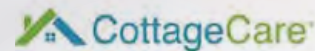


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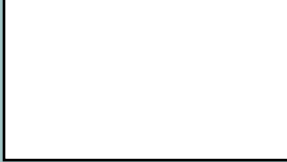
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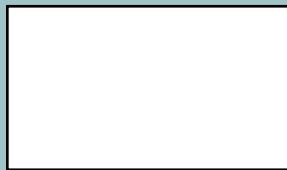
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