

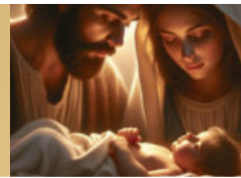


OUR **MISSION** IS TO PROVIDE A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE, AND LOVING COMMUNITY BY PROCLAIMING AND LIVING GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

# SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

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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](http://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](http://stmkcschool.org)

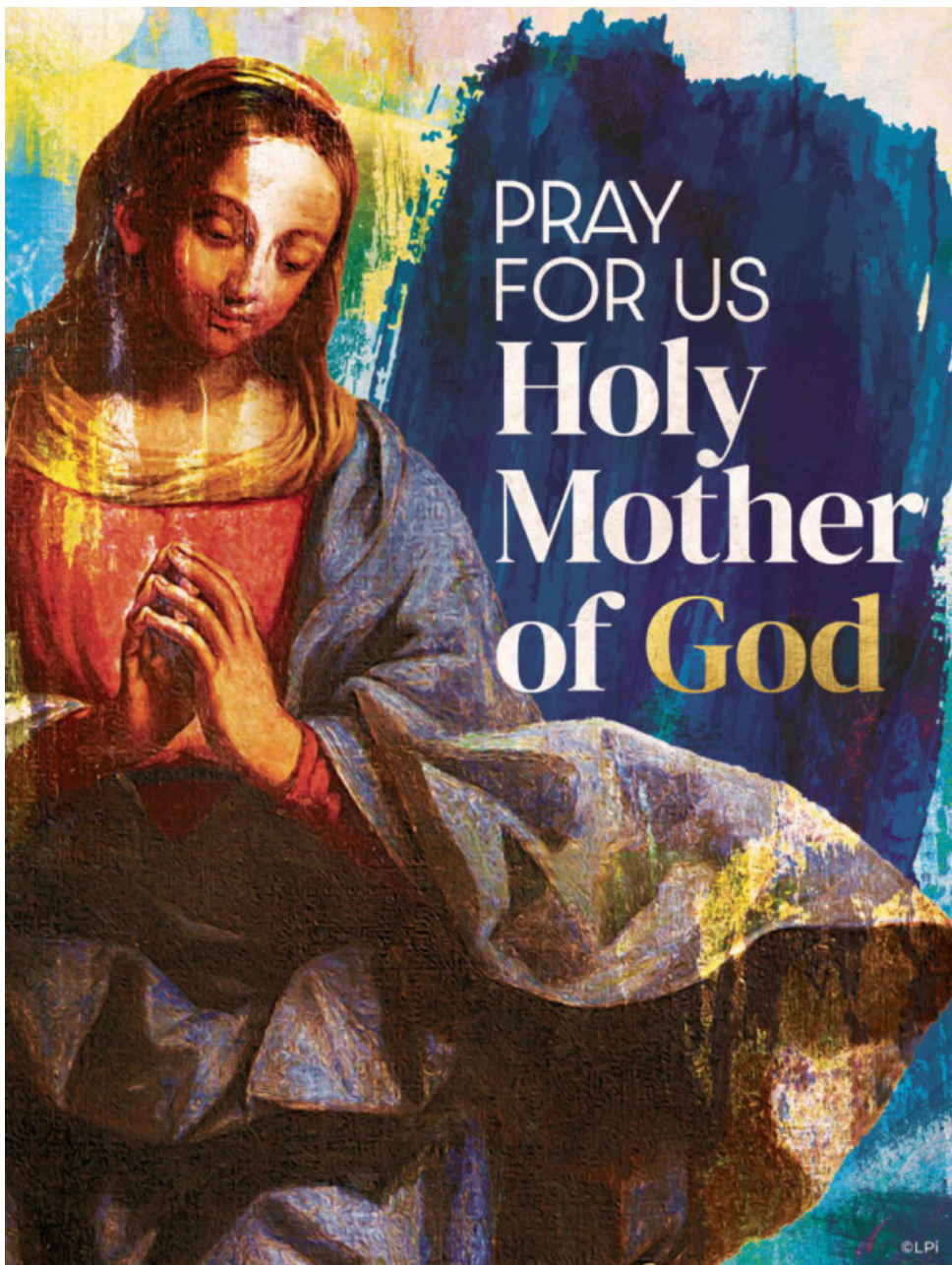
**SCHOOL TOURS: contact Principal Linda Crosthwait at 816-942-5581 or [crosthwait\\_linda@stmcyclones.org](mailto:crosthwait_linda@stmcyclones.org)**

## 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.



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1  
Masses at 9am and 6pm



Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

As we continue our Christmas celebrations this weekend, and our school and parish employees take some well-deserved downtime, we still have developments happening during the break:

+ Our replacement of old carpet in the school - part of last year's, fully funded, Fund-a-Need project - continues this Christmas break. New carpet is being installed for the classroom of one of our specials teachers, and three kindergarten rooms.

+ Judy Kashka, who has been helping our parishioners plan funerals and weddings for over a decade at STM, hands off the ministry this week to Jylian Hudson. I am so grateful for Judy's dedication to this ministry that asks the Church to walk with people during critical moments in their life. She has been a compassionate and steady walking partner to these parties, and our parish is the better for her offering. Her talents will be missed. I am also thankful that Jylian - a parishioner here with her husband and four children - has accepted these responsibilities. Jylian's background in music therapy and ministry as a cantor are great foundations for this ministry.

+ Father Pius leaves this Thursday to visit family in Uganda. Father Pius is usually only able to return home every other year, so to make the most of the occasion, he will be gone for several weeks. While Father Pius is away, I've cobbled together a number of different priests to come in on occasion to help me with the sacramental demands of the parish. Please be ever-gracious to these men who have their own responsibilities and parishes, and are lending me a hand into February.

+ Our Children's Liturgy of the Word offerings are expanding to twice a month, beginning next weekend. At the 9AM Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, the youngest parishioners are invited to leave Mass with several catechists, who break open the Gospel in an age-appropriate way. This ministry is only possible through the generosity of volunteers, and the robust response from parents with young children participating.

+ Our Sacrament of Confirmation preparation sessions begin in January. As noted earlier, the

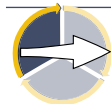
diocese is moving the Confirmation age to 6th grade, so for the next two years we will be running parallel preparation programs for 6th graders and 8th graders. Affected STM School families have already been preparing, but if you or someone you know is in the 6th or 8th grade and in a public school or home-school environment, and would like to celebrate the sacrament this June, please contact Hayley Shaver in the parish office.

Father Justin

P.S. Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating Mary, Mother of God. Mass times will be 9AM & 6PM.

P.P.S. A word of thanks to our Art and Environment team who made continued tweaks to our sanctuary decorations during Advent, building up our senses for the celebration of the Christmas Season. These volunteers provide art not simply around the altar, but in the narthex, the entrances to the church, and even some curb appeal for the rectory!

*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

- \*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

**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).

\*Daily Masses Mon.-Wed., Dec. 30-Jan. 1, are at 9am.

### 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.

### Mon.-Fri., after the 8:15am Mass

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.

**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.

## Fresh Fire Eucharistic Adoration

### Fridays (Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 28., Apr. 25), 7-9pm

Fresh Fire is a prayer experience crafted to open hearts to experience Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist by combining candlelit Eucharistic Adoration throughout, with praise and worship music, a speaker offering personal witness, and opportunities to come to the altar for a blessing and intercessory prayer.

## Care & Support

### Grief Peer Support Group

#### 1st\* & 3rd Wed. (Jan. 15), 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](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x210.

\*The group will NOT meet January 1.

### Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples

#### January 27-29, 2023, Kansas City

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. It is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For more information, visit [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com) or call 800-470-2230.

## 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  
Seth Gulsby

John Hylander  
Steve Janner

Sarah Katz  
Brian Owara

Alycia Pouch  
Nathan Pouch

John P. Sullivan

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

Patrick Adams  
Roberta Aguirre  
David Belzer

Bill Cusick  
Beth Dierks  
Carol Gretencord

Iva Hamilton  
Lola Jacobs  
Carol Katzer

Kathy Lawson  
Laura Rupp  
Ed Thomas

Kathy Vervaecke  
Anita Wagner

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

Duane & Melinda Brown  
Alissa Carter  
Rachel Casady

Joy Davie  
Charles Haster  
Glen Horton

Jerry Job  
Julie Aguirre Johnson  
Richard Layton

Brian Robinson  
Missy Seaman

Glnny Torchia  
Lester Wells

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

Mary Helen Cooper, mother-in-law of Mike Day; John Redmond



## Food Drive Next Weekend

### January 4-5, 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](http://setonkc.org) and click on the donate tab.

### Red Bridge Pantry

19 families with 64 individuals were served in December. Thank you! You have shown the true meaning of the season in caring for others.

### Red Bridge Special Requests for January

- low sodium items, vegetable & vegetable beef soups, jelly, dry beans, spaghetti, pasta sauce
- boxed meals (out!), white rice (1 pound size) (out!)
- canned: fruit, peas, mixed veggies, spinach, beets, mushrooms, chicken (small), tomatoes (sauce, paste, diced), chili /stews/Manwich
- dish soap, laundry detergent (small bottles), shampoo/conditioner, deodorant (men's and women's), facial tissues (larger size)

## Thank You

Thank you, STM, for the kind support celebrating our son Andy's birthday recently at One City Cafe. With your help, we were able to serve about 175 of our neighbors that evening. Because of your efforts toiletries, fruit, dental care items, and socks were available in addition to a warm meal. We are so grateful that with your help we continue to follow Andy's example of service to others. Our hope is you will make screening for Colon Cancer a priority for your family.

~ Charlie & Louann Huffman

## 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](mailto:tim@stmkc.com)) or visit [stmkc.com](http://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.

## End of Year Look Back & New Year's Resolutions

'Tis the season for resolutions. Before considering a resolution for your faith life, take the next few days to review your 2024 year. Where were your ups and downs in your relationship with God?

The parishioners going through the Kerygma series have been encouraged to take some practical steps to grow in their relationship with God. They include:

- Talk to God every day at least 20 minutes.
- Get involved in your parish.
- Share your faith with others, (even one other).
- Celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday.
- Go to Confession on a regular basis.
- Get to know the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Introduce yourself at Mass to someone you don't know.

### Some additional suggestions for STM specifically:

- Choose some of the acts of kindness listed in the bulletin each month and do them.
- Spend time in Adoration: Sundays, Noon-9pm.
- Sign up to help with Sunday Masses.
- Invite someone to attend an STM event - like Fresh Fire - with you.
- Attend the Isaiah 49 series. (See page 5.)
- Make a retreat (See the list of centers below).

How is God calling you to come closer?

## Retreats & Formation Days Available

There are many retreats to enjoy, held at:

- **Sophia Spirituality Center, Atchison KS:** 913-360-6151, [sophia@mountosb.org](mailto:sophia@mountosb.org) or visit [sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://sophiaspiritualitycenter.org)
- **Conception Abbey, Conception MO:** 660-944-2809, [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu) or visit [conceptionabbey.org/guests](http://conceptionabbey.org/guests)
- **Precious Blood Renewal Center, Liberty MO:** 816-781-4344, [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org) or visit [pbrenewalcenter.org](http://pbrenewalcenter.org)
- **Timber Creek, Drexel MO:** [timbercreekretreat.org](http://timbercreekretreat.org), 816-619-3399, email [tom@timbercreekretreat.org](mailto:tom@timbercreekretreat.org)
- **Christ's Peace House, Easton KS:** 913-773-8255 or visit [ChristsPeace.com](http://ChristsPeace.com)
- **Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City:** [rsantana@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto:rsantana@ignatiancenterkc.org) or visit [ignatiancenterkc.org/events](http://ignatiancenterkc.org/events)
- **Marillac Retreat & Spirituality Center, Leavenworth, KS:** visit [scls.org](http://scls.org), email [retreats@scls.org](mailto:retreats@scls.org), call 913-758-6552

You can also book personal stays at these centers.

# Isaiah 49



Feed my sheep

**6-WEEK SERIES**

**Thursdays**

7-8:30PM Jan 16–Feb 20 or  
1:30-3PM Jan. 23–Feb 27

**Sign Up**

Contact Hayley Shaver  
Evangelization & Discipleship Coordinator  
hayley@stmkc.com  
816-942-2492 x 223

## Becoming Missionary Disciples in our local community

A 6-week series on Isaiah 49 that will equip you to share your faith with others and help our parish community grow into a community of missionary disciples.

### Topics

**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.



Offered throughout our diocese by the Office of Catechesis and Faith Formation



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

Saturdays (9a-1p):

Jan 18th, Feb 1, Mar 22

Cost: \$200

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above to apply



# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

Feast of the Holy Family, Year C



## LOVE THEM BACK TO CHRIST

### What do I do when someone I love walks away from God?

One of the great pains in life is when family members walk away from the Church. What do we do when that happens? Here are four straightforward ideas that Fr. Mike Schmitz offers. As he says, these ideas are not magical solutions, but they can help us daily in doing what we can for our loved ones.

#### 1. Keep communication lines open.

In our divided culture, this is vitally important. It can be difficult to love someone and observe that person making choices you don't love. You may be tempted to avoid contact and drift apart. But staying away won't help. You might need to establish boundaries, but keeping communication lines open is a must.

#### 3. Stay realistic.

You may hold yourself to a standard of perfection that not even God could match. Parents may lament when their children leave the Faith and think they should have been better witnesses, better parents, or better Christians or Catholics. Even if you were perfect, your child or friend could still walk away. That's because we are imperfect. I still walk away. You still walk away. Through Christ, we return.

#### 2. Keep praying.

Come before the Lord regularly and intercede on the person's behalf. When God moves in people's lives, often someone has been praying or fasting for them to help lift them up before God. Keep communication lines open with the person *and* God.

#### 4. Realize this decision is part of someone's story.

We are unable to change someone else. But if the person is still alive, the story is not over. Hope remains eternal. God still works.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

**1st & 3rd Sundays (Jan. 5 & 19), at 9am Mass**

We are expanding this semester to offer two Sundays per month! 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.

## 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**

**Jan. 7: An Overview of the Sacraments**

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.

## SPRED Class

**Monday, January 13, 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.

## Encounter Regional Conference

**January 16-18 (Thursday evening-Saturday night)**

Ignite your faith and encounter God's transformative power at the Encounter Regional Conference! at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in KCMO. We seek to gather leaders in the Church to encounter God's refreshment, encouragement and impartation of greater anointing for ministry. Expect to experience

the presence of God through the celebration of the sacraments, Eucharistic adoration, Spirit-led worship, inspiring keynote speakers, healing service, prophetic ministry, and fellowship. Visit [encounterministries.us](http://encounterministries.us) for more information and tickets.

## Parish Calendar of Events

Mon., Dec. 30 - Parish Office open 9:30am-3:30pm

Tue., Dec. 31 - Parish Office open 9:30am-1pm

Wed., Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary

Parish Office closed

Thu., Jan. 2 - Parish Office resumes to usual hours

Knights Officer mtg., 7pm, More Hall

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 4-5 - Monthly Food Drive, Narthex

Sun., Jan. 5 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

Mon., Jan. 6 - STM Serves at One City Cafe

Tue., Jan. 7 - OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A

Wed., Jan. 8 - School of Religion, 5:15-7:30pm, More Hall

Thu., Jan. 9 - Knights of Columbus, 7:15pm, More Hall

Fri., Jan. 10 - Fresh Fire, 7-9pm, Church

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 11-12 - Collection for Catholic Home Missions and Black & Indian Missions

Mon., Jan. 13 - SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D

Tue., Jan. 14 - OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A

## STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal



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

## School Dates

Mon., Jan. 6 - No School; Teacher Development Day

Tue., Jan. 7 - STM School resumes

Tue., Jan. 14 - Home & School mtg., 6:30pm, More Hall C

Mon., Jan. 20 - No School

Sun., Jan. 26 - Catholic Schools Week begins

STM School Open House, 10am-1pm

## Holiday Pop-up Bar

STM Community, thank you to all who showed up for our inaugural Miracle on Holmes Rd. pop-up bar event. It was a huge success and an event we look forward to hosting for years to come. Thank you to all who donated to staff bonuses this year. We are so lucky to have each and every one of our staff members. Between the pop-up bar, donations and a match from Booster Club,



we have raised \$19,767!

Thank you Saint Thomas More Community, we couldn't do any of this without you!

### 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!



### Football Frenzy Winners Week 15

- \$750 (160) - Stefanie Callahan; Megan Paone
- \$100 (155) - Jay Raccuglia
- \$50 (152) - Jeff Falk
- \$25 (150) - PJ Murphy
- \$50 (34) - Andrea Johnson
- \$25 (40) - Andrea Cummings; Annette Whited

### St. Michael the Archangel High School presents... Information Night at STM!

**Tuesday, January 21, 6:30pm, More Hall**

Curious about what St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School (SMA) has to offer?

SMA is hosting this social event for parents and students of all grade levels. We invite you to come meet senior leadership at SMA, as well as several STM parents whose children attend SMA, to learn about SMA's mission, academics, faith formation, athletics, and inclusive education program.

A dessert station will be set up for students, and adult beverages for parents. Please RSVP to Julie Hyde at jhyde@smacatholic.org so that we have a headcount for food and drinks.

### Parish Office Staff

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	Father Justin Hoyer Pastor x204 frjhoye@stmkc.com		Hayley Shaver Evangelization & Discipleship x223 hayley@stmkc.com
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	Becky Johnson Finance Coordinator x224 becky@stmkc.com		Father Pius Wesonga, AJ Associate Pastor x203 frpwesonga@stmkc.com
	Peggy Lucas Pastoral Associate/Outreach x 210 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                      Stefanie Bresette  
Mark Meierhoffer                      Laura Christopherson  
Bruce Gregg  
*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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org).

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**, contact:  
**Joan Sandford**, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, [safety@stmkc.com](mailto:safety@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x202, OR  
**Tracy Stewart**, School Safe Environment Coordinator, [stewart\\_tracy@stmcyclones.org](mailto:stewart_tracy@stmcyclones.org) or 816-942-5581.

## Mass Intentions

- Mon: **9:00AM BJ Spalding<sup>†</sup>**  
12/30
- Tues: **9:00AM Mark Sorrentino<sup>†</sup>**  
12/31
- Wed: **9:00AM George & Peggy Davidson<sup>†</sup>**  
1/1  
6:00AM Yvonne Duerr<sup>†</sup>
- Thur: **6:15AM Fred Hess<sup>†</sup>**  
1/2  
8:15AM Carolyn Rasmussen<sup>†</sup>
- Fri: **8:15AM Pat, Andy & LaVonne Klein<sup>†</sup>**  
1/3
- Sat: **8:15AM Jerry & Helen Cooke<sup>†</sup>** Anniversary  
1/4  
4:00PM Matthew McCullough<sup>†</sup>
- Sun: **7:30AM Bob & Kathleen Sullivan<sup>†</sup>**  
1/5  
9:00AM Our Parishioners  
**11:00AM Linda Verstraete<sup>†</sup>**











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<sup>\*\*</sup> School Mass

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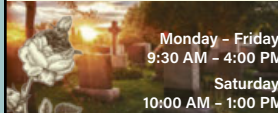
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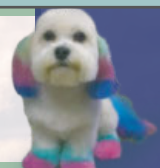
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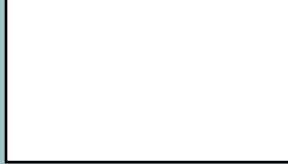
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