



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

February 9, 2025



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

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

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@stmcydones.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.

# Called by Name Sunday

2024



2025

## SEMINARIANS

Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph



REV. MR. ETHAN OSBORN  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, SJ



DANIEL STUMPF  
St. Thomas, North



XAVIER SCHMIDT  
St. Thomas, North



JACOB KNOTT  
St. Andrew the Apostle



NICHOLAS JONES  
Our Lady of Good Counsel



SAMUEL OUSLEY  
St. Andrew the Apostle



BRAEDEN CONNELLY  
Our Lady of Good Counsel



GABRIEL SAPPINGTON  
Our Lady of Lourdes



ERIC WAGHIRA  
St. Andrew the Apostle



BRETT ZAGAR  
St. Robert Bellarmine



EZRA MWaura  
St. Andrew the Apostle



JACK OXLEY  
Christ the King



ORION RADFORD  
St. John LaSalle



MARK ROPER  
St. Andrew the Apostle



CALEB STONER  
St. Andrew the Apostle



WESTON WARNER  
St. Patrick, Holden



PETER GOULD  
Holy Spirit



NATHAN GENTRY  
St. Mark



LUIS HARO  
St. John Francis Regis

Are you called?



The Shrine Club of Kansas City proudly supports our seminarians.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. | John 6:56



## O Good Shepherd,

we lift up to you the men and women from our parish and throughout our diocese whom you are calling to serve as priests and religious.

May you grant them the grace to hear, the courage to act, and the support of family, friends, and parishioners as they answer your call.

See page 2 for more



Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

We welcome Father Pius back from Uganda this week!

Thank you to the 22 parishioners who offered Holy Hours last Sunday for the two religious communities living and working in our area. They were appreciative of the postcards of prayers, and for the barbeque meals delivered by members of our STM Vocations Committee.

This weekend, Called by Name Sunday is being celebrated throughout the diocese. We ask parishioners to consider the names of young men and women in their lives who you believe might be called to the priesthood or religious life. Cards are available in the pews, and QR codes (in this bulletin, website and also in our pews) give us a chance to submit those names to the diocese.

For the weekend, we are asking parishioners to use our Sunday Adoration to pray for any of the 19 seminarians currently studying for the diocese. (See the cover of the bulletin for their names/faces.) As last week, simply sign a card located on the table in the main aisle during Adoration, and we will deliver. **Note:** Adoration **concludes at 5PM** this weekend (as there is a BIG game for the city Sunday evening)!

Thanks to the volunteers and benefactors who made our annual auction possible last weekend. While we're still waiting on final totals (and the payment of all expenses), we're happy to report that the evening netted over \$131K for our Fund-a-Need goal to provide a new playground for our school. This investment comes out of last year's accreditation process. If you would like to help bridge the gap toward our goal, please visit STMAUCTION.ORG and make your gift to Fund-a-Need.

Father Justin

P.S. Two weeks remain to bring back old palms to the narthex, so that we might burn them down to the ashes we'll use on Ash Wednesday.

## Called by Name Sunday - February 8-9

*This weekend, our diocese recognizes our first Called by Name Sunday. The Sunday readings center on the theme of vocation. Bishop Johnston invites everyone to consider the following:*

- *If discerning your life's vocation, be open to God's call to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift; be courageous and open to His call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full - do not be afraid! If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy.*
- *Please think of the men and women you know and believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, he often uses our voices. Visit [kcsjatholic.org](http://kcsjatholic.org) and click on "Get started," then on "Priestly Vocations." The bishop will then send a letter of encouragement.*

*May all of us listen to God's call and follow where He leads as we continue to build a culture of vocations in our diocese.*

Submit the names of young men and women who you believe might be **CALLED BY NAME** to the priesthood or religious life.



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).

### 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

## Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sundays, Noon-9pm in the Church

(Noon-5pm on February 9)

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

## Church Hours for Private Prayer

Mon.-Fri., 6am-9pm

Sat.-Sun., 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.

## Fresh Fire Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays (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.

## 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.

## February Prayer Intentions

**Pope Francis:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community

might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**Bishop Johnston:** Let us pray for those suffering from the effects of a stroke or other debilitating illness, that they find strength and encouragement to live in a deeper communion with Christ.

## Hymn and Word - on this weekend's music

In this weekend's Gospel reading, Luke 5:1-11, the men whom Jesus would call to be apostles have fished all night and caught nothing until Jesus sends them out and "they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing." Peter's "astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him." And Jesus called to them, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

In our gathering song, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Peter's fear at witnessing Jesus divinity ("Depart from me, Lord") has matured to worship inspired by awe at the grandeur, and - gratitude for the mercy - of God. The offertory hymn, *Here I Am Lord*, is our first response to the Gospel: offering ourselves by listening for God's call for us. The first communion song, *Bread of Angels*, takes us deeper into Jesus' gift of himself that empowers us to live his call. The second communion song, *These Alone*, is a response to the Gospel and the Eucharist. We resolve to make the most of what we have been given by focusing our attention on what is essential. As we prepare to go out to be fishers of people, the song, *You Have Called Us*, is an opportunity to encourage each other by adding our voices to the sound of a community of faith embracing God's call.

~ Bob Sandford, Music Director

# 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  
Seth Gulsby

Zacchary Henry  
John Hylander

Steve Janner  
Sarah Katz

Brian Owara  
Alycia Pouch

Nathan Pouch  
John P. Sullivan

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

Patrick Adams  
Peggy Calhoun  
Beth Dierks

Joe Dyche  
Carol Gretencord  
Iva Hamilton

Lola Jacobs  
Carol Katzer  
Laura Rupp

Bill Swartz  
Nancy Swartz  
Ed Thomas

Kathy Vervaecke  
Leonardo Viril  
Anita Wagner

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

Duane Brown  
Melinda Brown

Alissa Carter  
Joy Davie

Charles Haster  
Glen Horton

Julie Aguirre Johnson  
Richard Layton

Brian Robinson  
Lester Wells

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

Joan Cody



**Girl Scout Cookies on sale now!**

**February 8-9, after Masses, in the Narthex**

Don't know a Girl Scout? We can connect you! The Girl Scouts have yummy cookies available after each Mass, selling their delicious cookies for \$6/box. Grab some sweet treats just in time for the big game!

**SOUPer Bowl Food Collection**

**February 8-9, Narthex**

In connection with the Super Bowl, soups, stews, chilis, canned pastas, and saltines will be accepted for the Red Bridge Food Pantry located at Red Bridge & Wornall. **Food will be picked up on Sunday at noon** to be taken to the pantry. Thanks for your support. Go, Chiefs!

**Return Palms**

Please bring back your palms this month to be burned for Ash Wednesday ashes. Baskets to return old palms are in the narthex. **The deadline for returning old palms is Sunday, February 23.** Questions? Email Sharon Arnett at sharon@stmkc.com.

**Pilgrims of Hope – Make a Difference Activity**

Pope Francis has decreed 2025 a Jubilee Year with the theme, *"Pilgrims of Hope."* In his statement, the pope encourages Catholics to be "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind" – including prisoners, the sick, the young, migrants and refugees, the elderly, the poor and the hungry.

In response, the Faith in Action Team is organizing one activity a month to help others in need and invite STM parishioners to get involved with the projects. In February, we are providing dinner around Valentine's Day to the residents at Butterfly Haven, a residential care facility a few blocks from the parish. In addition, we will provide blankets for their nine residents. To help by purchasing a twin blanket, please contact Peggy Lucas, 816-942-2492 x202 or peggy@stmkc.com, by Thursday, February 13. Blankets need to be delivered to the parish office by 1pm on Friday, February 14. Valentine's cards will be in the narthex February 8-9 to be signed.

**Thank you!**

The sisters would like to express our gratitude to Father Justin Hoye, the Vocations Committee, and the parishioners of STM for your kindness and thoughtfulness on the occasion of World Day of Consecrated Life, especially for your prayers offered during Eucharistic Adora-

tion and for the special BBQ dinner! We are so thankful to journey with you in faith. Be assured of our prayers for everyone in the STM family.

God bless,  
 Sisters of the Congregation of Mary, Queen

**Saint Michael the Archangel High School Thanks You**

The Saint Michael the Archangel Guardians of Life group want to thank you, the STM parishioners for your generous support that helped us go to Washington DC to participate in the national March for Life 2025.

It was a wonderful trip filled with life changing experiences for the 31 students and 14 adults who attended. We feel so a part of the March for of thousands of other end abortion and protect

students and 14 adults blessed to have been Life as we joined tens people in the fight to the unborn.

Thank you!



**January Neighbors in Need Report**

In January, STM helped seven families with rent and utility bills through our Neighbors in Need program, totaling \$3,596.01 in assistance. The main need continues to be single mothers with young and/or special needs children, and they are struggling to make ends meet from employment or medical issues.

Thank you to all who contribute to the fund. STM couldn't provide assistance without your generous donations! Please consider continued donations in order to support our neighbors who are grateful for how we can help even in the smallest of ways possible.

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.

**December Financials**

Regular - \$278,513.12	Plate - \$2,724.65
Facilities - \$2,130.00	Christmas - \$10,363.00
Education Fund - \$1,535.00	School - \$1,868.00
Solemnity of Mary - \$1,748.00	
Home Missions - \$3,319.66	

**Thank you** for your continued contributions to STM!

### **SPRED Class**

**Monday, February 10, 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**

**Feb. 11: Sacraments of Healing: Confession/Reconciliation**

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.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**1st & 3rd Sundays (Feb. 16), at 9am Mass**

We have expanded this semester to two Sundays per month! Children through 2nd grade are invited to participate! Questions? Contact Joan Sandford, 816-942-2492 x202 or joan@stmkc.com.

### **Holy Face Conference**

**Feb. 28/Mar. 1 (Fri., 5:15-8:30pm; Sat., 7:15am-2pm)**

This conference is in preparation for Lent and will be held at Saint Mary's Church, 600 N Liberty, Independence. Learn about the Holy Face Devotion: its origin, its attention on making reparation to honor the Holy Name of Jesus, and for the restoration of Sundays and Holy Days.

The conference is free, but **registration is required**

**by Tuesday, February 18.** Seating is limited. To register, email smoffice@saintmarysparish.org. Vendors will be available and there will be a book signing with Father Carney. Visit saintmarysparish.org, scroll down to "Upcoming Events" and click on "Next Events" for a detailed schedule.

### **Cursillo Retreat Weekends**

**Men: March 6-9; Women: March 20-23**

**Location: Sisters of St. Francis**

Cursillo is a lay movement of the Catholic Church originating in Spain in the 1940's. A "short course" in Christianity, the Cursillo is an encounter with oneself, Christ, and our brothers and sisters. It enables Catholics to: deepen their relationship with Christ; grow in their understanding and appreciation for the Catholic faith; share their faith with family, friends, and others; and sustain a much deeper faith life for the rest of their lives.

To learn more about this lay movement, please visit Cursillo.net For questions or to register, please contact Judy, 816-806-1997 or jknewkirk65@gmail.com, or James, 816-807-7700 or luckybuck3@gmail.com. See cursillo.net for more information.

### **Come, let us Adore: Monastic Experience**

**March 8-13 (Saturday-Thursday)**

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to their monastery in Clyde, MO. Experience the daily rhythm of monastic life: pray the divine office with the Sisters, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost. See details at benedictinesisters.org. To register, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 x127 or vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

### **Ladies of Charity (LOC) Lenten Prayer Breakfast**

**Thursday, March 13, at Church of the Nativity**

All women are invited to Leawood, KS to hear Mary Sweat, a nurse in Vietnam in the 1970s. Mary will reflect on her experience there and give an encouraging message for Lenten prayer and meditation. There is no charge but an RSVP is encouraged for the breakfast count. Email signupforLOCevents@gmail.com to sign up. The mission of LOC is to provide opportunities for faith-filled women working together to assist people living in poverty and at risk through humility, simplicity, and charity.

STM Respect Life

# Baby Shower

February 22-23  
(Saturday-Sunday)



Benefiting

Saint Mary's Home  
for Unwed Mothers  
in Liberty Missouri

## Wish List

- #5 baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Cloud Island changing pad liner (gray edge)
- Diaper Genie Complete Pail (white)
- Dr. Brown's narrow baby bottle nipples level 4 fast flow (9-month)
- Dapple bottle soap
- Seventh Generation tub and tile cleaner
- All brand free clear liquid laundry detergent with OXI stain remover
- Bounty paper towels
- Vicks Vape pads refill, soothing menthol
- Infant Tylenol pain & fever reducer liquid, dye-free
- Homedics sound machine
- Shea moisture Jamaican Black castor oil strengthen & restore conditioner
- Suave professional Keratin infusion soothing shampoo and conditioner



Items may be left in the play pens set up in the narthex.  
St. Mary's is also [registered at target.com](https://www.target.com).

Enter "St. Mary's Home for Mothers, Liberty, MO" under "Organizations."

# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

## WHAT WE WERE MADE FOR

### What do our hearts want the most?

What have you been made for? What would satisfy you deeply, to your core? Some days, a power nap or a good snack might seem to be enough. During our more ambitious moments, we may yearn for something bigger, maybe success or even greatness. But even the most enjoyable pleasures—a project well done or winning a championship—eventually fade, and another quest for more begins.

We are both satisfied too easily and insatiable. We tend to settle for little bits of satisfaction that are just enough to keep us at ease briefly. Yet we always hunger for more. The question remains: “What have we been made for?” Why do we long for more?

#### If Only

How frequently do we think, *If only ... If only I had a different house, a different job, a different spouse. If only I had more money or recognition. If only I had more friends.* The list goes on. While anything might deliver a little satisfaction, everyone—even the rich and famous—are restless and aching because people have been created for something this world cannot offer. We have been made for heaven.

#### “What Do You Seek?”

In the Gospel of John, Jesus dispenses with small talk when he calls the first apostles. No icebreakers, no cocktail party introductions. He went right to the heart, asking, “What do you seek?” (John 1:38). In response, two disciples left everything behind to follow Jesus. They perceived in Jesus the answer to what they truly sought—God himself, in the flesh, the One through whom all things exist, the Living Bread come down from heaven, the Living Water, the Good Shepherd, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Like us, they were made for him and destined to be with him in heaven forever.

---

*“Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to him and if they were to allow his grace to mold them accordingly.”*

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

---



## New Justice for Immigrants Webpage, via USCCB

Visit [justiceforimmigrants.org](http://justiceforimmigrants.org) to explore longstanding policy positions staked out by the Church on this issue and updated responses to emergent policy issues. Provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

## 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, February 20, 7pm

Meet at Sacred Heart Parish, 5501 Monticello Road, Shawnee, KS 66226 for candlelight Eucharistic Adoration and reconciliation. To receive the weekly email, The Loop, visit [kansascityonahill.org/get-connected](http://kansascityonahill.org/get-connected).

## Undivided Retreat 2025

### March 7-9 (Friday-Sunday) at Prairie Star Ranch

Join COAH as we seek a life in Christ, wholly and undivided! The core of this year's retreat will not only help you recognize the beauty of living well, but the tools and next steps for living a happy, fulfilled life. This retreat is for anyone searching for meaning, yearning for change, or simply looking for the way forward. Questions? Email Moses & Kate Tinio, retreat coordinators, at [encounter@kansascityonahill.org](mailto:encounter@kansascityonahill.org).

## 2025 Guatemala Mission Trip & Pilgrimage

### July 19-25, 2025 • San Andres Itzapa, Guatemala

Enjoy a spiritual retreat and mission! Fill out the Interest Form (on the website) and come to the Info Session on Sunday, February 16, 2pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church. For more information and to contact the leadership team, visit [kansascityonahill.org/guatemala](http://kansascityonahill.org/guatemala).

## Parish Calendar of Events

Sat., Feb. 8 - Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, 1:30pm

Sat.Sun., Feb. 8-9 - SOUPERbowl Collection, **until Noon on Sunday**

Girl Scout Cookie Booth, after Masses, Narthex  
Sign Valentine's Day cards for Butterfly Haven

Sun., Feb. 9 - Called by Name Sunday

Adoration, Noon-**5pm** (Please note ending time!)

Mon., Feb. 10 - SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D

Living Waters, 7-9:30pm, Church

Tue., Feb. 11 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

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

Wed., Feb. 12 - School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

Thu., Feb. 13 - Isaiah 49, 1-2:30pm, More Hall

Isaiah 49, 7-8:30pm, More Hall

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church

Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm, More Hall

Sun., Feb. 16 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

Mon., Feb. 17 - Living Waters, 7-9:30pm, Church

Tue., Feb. 18 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Room

No OCIA

Wed., Feb. 19 - STM Casseroles for Uplift, 1:30-3pm

Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman

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

Thu., Feb. 20 - Isaiah 49, 1-2:30pm, More Hall

Isaiah 49, 7-8:30pm, More Hall

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 22-23 - Baby Shower for St. Mary's Home for Mothers, Liberty, MO - in the Narthex

## STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal



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

## School Dates

Sat., Feb. 8 - Father/Daughter Dance, 6:30-8pm

Tue., Feb. 11 - Adoration, 2-3pm

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

Fri., Feb. 14 - No School; Professional Development Day

Mon., Feb. 17 - No School; President's Day

## Father/Daughter Dance

### Saturday, February 8, 6:30-8pm, Flanagan Hall

Cost is \$25 for father & daughter and \$5 more for each additional daughter. Register at [shorturl.at/YyV5f](http://shorturl.at/YyV5f). Questions? Email [brautman\\_suzie@stmcyclones.org](mailto:brautman_suzie@stmcyclones.org). Don't forget cash for raffle prizes!

## CYO: Girls' Flag Football This Spring - Grades 3-8

Welcomes you to the CYO/PLKC League! Families will pay and register for Girls Flag Football directly from our website: [cyojwa.org/current-programs](http://cyojwa.org/current-programs).

Regular Registration: Now-Mar 28

Late Registration: Mar 29-Apr 11

Program Duration: Mar 10-May 24

Season runs Apr 5-May 24

Games played on weekdays as needed and available Saturdays. 6 game season (5 game guarantee). Divisions dependent on registration totals/grade.

## PLKC Spring Sports Sign-ups

### Now through Saturday, March 8

Visit [plkc.org](http://plkc.org) to sign up for the spring sports.

**Boys Volleyball** is open for grades 4-8. Register early so we can secure coaches. Coaches are needed for 4th and 8th grades. Please reach out to Jenny Smith. If try-outs are needed, the grade will be notified.



**Track and Field** is open to grades 3-8. Email Cathy with any questions: [ccisetti@bsd124.org](mailto:ccisetti@bsd124.org).

## It's Bags Tournament Time!

**Friday, February 22, in STM School Gym**

Get ready to toss, spin, and maybe even dance your way to glory—our annual Bags Tournament is back and better than ever! This year, we're mixing it up because teams need to be CO-ED—grab your best guy/gal pal and show us your bean bag skills! Pods will be assigned at check-in so if you want to be in the same or close pods as friends, arrive at the same time.

- Cost: \$30 (bringing your own bags? \$33, want to come watch and drink beers \$15)
- Prizes: Bragging rights (and actual prizes too)!

Spots fill up fast, so don't delay—sign up today! Whether you're a cornhole champ or just here for the snacks and laughs, we can't wait to see you there. To register, visit [givebutter.com/2025Bags](http://givebutter.com/2025Bags).

## 16th Annual School Bell Breakfast | April 3

**Thursday, April 3, 7:30-9am**

Save the date for this Bright Futures Fund's breakfast, to be held at the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. Information about guest speakers, event details and more will be shared at [brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org) leading up to the event. Become an event sponsor or register there to attend.

## STM Vacation Bible School



**June 23- 27 (Monday-Friday), 9am-Noon, More Hall**

Come to the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, *True North VBS* shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Participation is open to children ages 6-11. Middle/high schoolers and parents are encouraged to volunteer! Service hours will be given. Registration is coming soon! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Hayley Shaver at [Hayley@stmkc.com](mailto:Hayley@stmkc.com).

## 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>
	Jyllan Hudson Funeral & Wedding Liturgist <a href="mailto:jyllan@stmkc.com">jyllan@stmkc.com</a>		Tim Waris Business Manager x218 <a href="mailto:tim@stmkc.com">tim@stmkc.com</a>
	Becky Johnson Finance Coordinator x224 <a href="mailto:becky@stmkc.com">becky@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 x 210 <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

**Victim Advocate**  
816-392-0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org)

## 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...if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph report suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org).

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: 8:15AM Bill Waris†  
 2/10  
 Tues: **6:15AM James Wayne Bruce†**  
 2/11 8:15AM Norman & Jean Ott†  
 Wed: **6:15AM Mary Kate Hughes†**  
 2/12 **\*\*8:15AM Carl & Linda Fiorella†**  
 Thur: **6:15AM Bill & Helen Krause†**  
 2/13 8:15AM Nino Gurera†  
 Fri: **8:15AM Lee Sbisa†**  
 2/14  
 Sat: 4:00PM Joseph P Effertz†  
 2/15  
 Sun: **7:30AM John Helgesen**  
 2/16 9:00AM Our Parishioners  
**11:00AM Cheryl Steffens†**

† 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.

  <p><b>TJ BRENNAN</b> - Parishioner          816.394.2224          • HOME • AUTO • BUSINESS • LIFE  <a href="mailto:tjbrennan@cekinsurance.com">tjbrennan@cekinsurance.com</a>  <a href="http://www.cekinsurance.com">www.cekinsurance.com</a></p>	<p>WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!</p>	<p>The Genuine. The Original.            Overhead Door Company of Kansas City™          A SPACER Company</p>
 <p>SUPPORT OUR PARISH</p>	 <p><b>FREE AD DESIGN</b>          with purchase of this space          CALL 800-477-4574</p>	 <p>REPAIR + REPLACE GARAGE DOORS AND OPENERS          RESIDENTIAL DOORS  <b>FREE ESTIMATES • 816-320-5430</b>  <a href="http://OverheadDoorKansasCity.com">OverheadDoorKansasCity.com</a></p>
  <p><b>Brady Crawford</b>          Insurance &amp; Financial Services  <b>816.333.5853</b>  <a href="http://coveredbycrawford.com">coveredbycrawford.com</a>          Locations in Waldo &amp; Martin City          RENTERS HOMEOWNERS CONDO AUTO PET PERSONAL ARTICLES BUSINESS LIFE HEALTH</p>	<p><b>SHORT STAFFED?</b>          Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.            CALL 800-477-4574</p>	  <p>Office: 913-722-6200          Cell: 913-269-7124  <a href="mailto:julie@juliestoll.com">julie@juliestoll.com</a>  <b>Julie Stoll</b>          State Farm Agent</p>
<p><b>IF YOU LIVE ALONE</b>  <b>MDMedAlert!</b>™ As Low As \$19<sup>95</sup> mo.          ✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire          ✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS &amp; Fall Alert  <b>CALL NOW! 800.808.9294</b> <a href="http://md-medalert.com">md-medalert.com</a></p>		





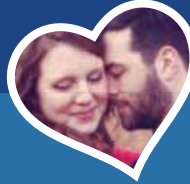


A Fresh and Polished Approach to Oral Health

4851 WEST 134TH STREET • LEAWOOD • KANSAS 66209-7803  
913.681.8300 • WWW.JEFFTHOMPSONORTHO.COM

JEFFREY J. THOMPSON, D.D.S., M.S.  
DIPLOMATE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS

catholicmatch®  
Missouri



CatholicMatch.com/MO



**WALK-IN CLINIC**  
for sports injury or fractures

M-F: 9am -11am, 1pm - 3pm. Ages 0 -16

**Pediatric Orthopaedic  
Surgery Associates**

5250 W. 94th Terrace, Prairie Village, KS 66207

**913-451-0000**

www.pedorthokc.com

Like a good neighbor State Farm  
State Farm is there.®



13012 Fuller  
P.O. Box 230  
Grandview, MO 64030

STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES  
HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

**Larry B. Langford,**  
CLU CHFC

Bus.: 816-761-8711  
Res.: 816 217 8112

larry.langford.b5u9@statefarm.com



**RE/MAX**®

State Line Real Estate



**Tina R. Gaughan**  
REALTOR®, SRES

Direct Line: (913) 312-3630

Mobile: (816) 835-3230

TinaGaughan@gmail.com

TinaGaughan.com

11251 Nall Ave. • Leawood, KS 66211

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



**WILLS & TRUSTS • ESTATE PLANNING**

**Christopher Gaughan, Parishioner**  
ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY

- Estate Planning
- Business Succession
- Wills & Living Trusts
- Powers of Attorney
- Farm & Ranch Planning
- Special Needs Trusts

CALL FOR A FREE CONSULTATION!



**GAUGHAN & CONNEALY**  
ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEYS  
4400 College Blvd., Suite 190 | Overland Park, KS 66211  
(913) 262-2000 | www.MidwestEstatePlan.com



Spring savings!  
11% OFF wood rot  
repair services

913-393-3934

www.odysseypainting.com

Exterior/Interior Painting - Home/Deck/Fence Repair - Exterior Door/Garage Door Replacement



**FREE  
AD DESIGN**

with purchase  
of this space

CALL  
800-950-9952

learn.  
grow.  
soar.

FORMING MEN AT  
**THE ROCK**

ROCKHURST HIGH SCHOOL

WWW.ROCKHURSTHS.EDU/ADMISSIONS



**Catholic Family  
CREDIT UNION**

Full Service For All Your Needs  
816-444-7440

9237 Ward Parkway, Ste 114

www.catholicfamilycu.com

Savings Insured by the NCUA up to \$250,000



**PILEGGI PAINTING**

Exterior - Interior - Decks - Residential & Commercial

**Frank Pileggi - Owner**

www.PileggiPainting.com

frank@pileggipainting.com | 913-558-5204



**NEW THEATRE  
& Restaurant**

**Vicki  
Lewis**

from **NEWSRADIO**  
starring in

**NunSense**

One of the longest-running  
musicals in Off-Broadway  
history!

**Family friendly fun for  
Everyone!**

NUNSENSE is an outrageous comedy about a  
nun-fun-raiser to get 4 Frozen nuns out of the  
freezer and on their way to heaven!

Book your group to see one of the  
longest-running off-Broadway comedies in  
New York History!

**NOV 20 - FEB 2**

Visit [newtheatre.com](http://newtheatre.com) for tickets!

**URGENT CARE  
AT HOME**

In home evaluations and  
treatments helps you skip the  
wait and get the care you need,  
when and where you need it.

**Meghan Macy**

FNP-BC, APRN, NE

(816) 223-7638

www.urgentcareathomekc.com



**Mary Owens Boesen**  
Parishioner  
Life & Health Insurance Sales

**MEDICARE**

Let me help you! 30 years experience

**816-942-0666 • mboesen@kc.rr.com**



**Tran Tax**

13035 B Holmes Rd.  
(816) 575.7725 | [trantax.com](http://trantax.com)

STRATEGY » ADVANTAGES » EXPERIENCE

**Old Mill Grooming**

Let us pamper your pet

(816) 941.8484 | 13031 Holmes Rd.



mind • body • spirit

**Thai Spring Massage**

913-279-8824

13035 Holmes Rd, Suite C, Kansas City, MO 64145

10am - 9pm • Walk-in Welcome



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

St. Thomas More, Kansas City, MO

B 4C 02-0710





Buy one Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Combo meal  
and get one of equal or lesser value **FREE**

Limit one coupon per customer per visit. Please present coupon when ordering.  
Not valid with any other offer. Expires April 30, 2025  
Code 0710

24 Highway McDonald's  
11700 East US Highway 24  
Independence, MO

Eastland McDonald's  
18910 East US Highway 40  
Independence, MO

Susuehanna McDonald's  
16235 East US Highway 24  
Independence, MO

BR Crossing McDonald's  
11801 East US Highway 40  
Independence, MO

40 Highway McDonald's  
920 SW US Highway 40  
Blue Springs, MO

North 7 McDonald's  
814 NW State Route 7  
Blue Springs, MO

REDEEMABLE ONLY AT:

Woods Chapel McDonald's  
1515 NW Woods Chapel Rd  
Blue Springs, MO

South 7 McDonald's  
3116 South 7 Highway  
Blue Springs, MO

Chouteau McDonald's  
4400 N Chouteau Traffic Way  
Kansas City, MO

Broadway McDonald's  
3741 Broadway Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO

Red Bridge McDonald's  
11001 Hickman Mills Drive  
Kansas City, MO

Blue Ridge McDonald's  
5260 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Raytown, MO

Carpets | Area Rugs | Upholstery  
Hardwood Floors | Air Ducts  
Tile & Grout | Residential/Commercial

**GREEN zerorez**

(816) 425-3655  
www.zerorezkc.com Steven Phelps

**Better Homes**  
KANSAS CITY HOMES

Judy Sheaman, ABR

Sales Executive  
with 26 Yrs. Experience

Parishioner  
Licensed in Kansas & Missouri

Office: 913-981-2827  
Cell: 816-304-2888  
KC Magazine  
"Five Star Real Estate Agent"  
for overall customer satisfaction since 2005

**Owen LUMBER CO.**

KC's Leading Decking & Andersen Window Supplier

Mike McGlinn  
Parishioner

816-331-2211 OwenLumber.com

**ALLIED CONCRETE PRODUCTS**

RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE TREATMENT COMPANY, INC.

12800 2nd St. Grandview  
816-966-8836  
Judy, Pale, & Amparo Furey  
Parishioners

816-966-8885  
Kathy Maguire & Tom Fritts  
Parishioners

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS  
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Jon Becker

jbecker@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2536

**MCGILLEY MEMORIAL CHAPELS** SINCE 1899

Funerals | Cremations | Receptions | Celebrations

"Celebrating Lives"

Patrick McGilley | Joe Haster | 816-942-6180 | www.mcgilleystatelinechapel.com

**The Madison** SENIOR LIVING

Learn more about life at The Madison!

Schedule a Tour | (816) 327-1726

**Muehlebach Funeral Care & Cremation Services**

Parishioners:  
Steve & Nicole Pierce

Jordan Pierce  
STM Class of 2011

Jenny Mertes

Tom Reagan

816-444-2060  
www.muehlebachchapel.com  
"Our Family Dedicated to Serving Yours."

**LINC** Local Investment Commission

Part-time Child Care Jobs  
Now Hiring!

Apply at: [kclinc.org/parttimejobs](http://kclinc.org/parttimejobs)

LINC Caring Communities Sites  
North Kansas City - Kansas City Public Schools  
Center - Hickman Mills - Grandview

**Malachy Connor** DESIGN & LANDSCAPING

Landscape Design & Installation

Let me design your dream landscape now!

Book now  
913-515-4166  
MALACHY@CONNORLANDSCAPING.COM

ACCESS YOUR POTENTIAL

**AVILA UNIVERSITY**

Avila.edu/catholic

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

Your financial partner throughout your life.

**Matthew Pomianek, AAMS\***, Financial Advisor, Parishioner  
5000 W 95th St Ste 103  
Prairie Village, KS 66207  
913-648-6084  
matthew.pomianek@edwardjones.com

Member SIPC  
**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**John Sweeney CCIM**  
**Reece Commercial**  
Commercial Real Estate

(913) 945-3718 (913) 461-6326 mobile  
John@ReeceCommercial.com  
Brokerage Investment Development Consulting

We are an Independent Agency With Over 30 Years of Experience

- Auto
- Home
- Life
- Commercial

**NESTEL** INSURANCE AGENCY  
Mary Nestel  
816-361-6442  
9233 Ward Parkway Ste 124  
Kansas City, MO 64114  
www.nestelinsurance.com  
info@nestelinsurance.com

**JOE & MAGGIE TULIPANA**

SHAWNEE  
13214 W 62ND TERR, SHAWNEE, KS 66216

VILLAGE WEST (INSIDE NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART)  
1601 VILLAGE WEST PKWY, KANSAS CITY, KS 66111

WE CATER! 913.268.488Q  
catering@blindboxbbq.com

**BLIND BOX** BBQ

BURIAL • ENTOMBMENT • CREMATION • TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES • CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

**CULLEN** FUNERAL HOME, INC.<sup>CS</sup>

612 W Foxwood Dr  
Raymore, MO 64083  
(816) 322-5278

PLAN AHEAD  
WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST STEP WITH YOU.