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## 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

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Tracy Stewart Assistant Principal

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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@stmcydones.org](mailto: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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BLESSED.

LUKE 6:20

**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.** Psalm 1

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STM Respect Life

## Baby Shower

February 22-23  
(Saturday-Sunday)



Registered at [target.com](http://target.com)

Benefiting Saint Mary's Home for Unwed Mothers in Liberty Missouri





## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Thank you to those who have made additional contributions to our Fund-a-Need efforts to build a new playground for our community.

Next weekend, our STM Respect Life Committee will be holding a baby shower for St. Mary's Home for Mothers in Liberty. Details are on page 6.

The following weekend, Catholic Charities will be in the Narthex to share info on all of the services they provide in south Kansas City from their newly opened Serve & Lift Center.

If you have not returned your palms to the Narthex, please do so this week as we draw closer to Ash Wednesday! We will have an overview of all Lenten offerings next weekend.

Father Justin



### 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).



## 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**

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

**Go out of your way.** How can you make Adoration a regular part of your weekly rhythm of prayer? It may mean sacrificing other things, such as time online or watching TV. Start searching for more opportunities to sacrifice other things for that prayer time with Jesus -and watch how he blesses you.

### 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 (Mar. 28., Apr. 25),  
7-9pm**

Looking for a wonderful experience of prayer with others? Fresh Fire is an evening of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration with praise



and worship music, personal testimony, and prayer teams. Experience the power of Jesus' healing presence!

### 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](mailto: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.

### Final week to return Palms!

Please bring back your palms this month to be burned for Ash Wednesday ashes. A basket to return old palms is in the narthex. **The deadline for returning old palms is Sunday, February 23.** Questions? Email Sharon Arnett at [sharon@stmkc.com](mailto:sharon@stmkc.com).

## Care & Support

### Grief Peer Support Group

1st & 3rd Wed. (Feb. 19), 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.

### Adoption Assistance Fund

A fund has been set up to assist STM members with the legal expenses of adopting a child. To request assistance or to offer a gift to the fund, send your name and phone number to [Adoption@stmkc.com](mailto:Adoption@stmkc.com) and you will be contacted.



### Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all who donated to the SOUPER Bowl Drive for our Red Bridge food pantry! Combined with food other churches contributed, the pantry filled up quickly.



## Please hold in prayer

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

### ...our family and friends in the military:

Nick Alder Drew Belzer	Nathan Butcher Logan Elrader-Effertz	TJ Francik Luke Jokerst	Jonathan Kennaley Zach Love	Christopher Yates
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### ...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams Roberta Aguirre Rita Armstrong	Bill Cusick Cricket Hill Donna Johnson	Kathy Lawson Linda Neenan Monica Nelson	Susie Reardon Cathy Terwelp Carol Turner	JoAnn Walton Bill Young
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### ...our family and friends who are sick:

Tom Bauer Emma Beaver Scott Caron	Marie Dooley Edward Dulle Chris Frantze	Emily Kurek Denise Adams Mehlo Noel Mehlo	Carol Shelangouski Stephanie Shaver Peter Szumigala	Stephan Tafuro Pat Wells
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### ...our family and friends who have died:

Joe Dyche

## Adult Choir Newly Forming

### Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7-8:30pm in the Church

A choir with singers high school age and up has begun and is open to new members. Our focus is on living the church's call to "full, conscious and active participation" of the faithful in the Mass by supporting and adding beauty to the sung prayer of all. What we add to that prayer and any additional repertoire will be according to the gifts of those who come forward and the intentions of the Mass.

For those who are blessed by singing from the pews, including our parish "pew choir section leaders," this can be an opportunity for fellowship, renewal, and enriching your prayer.

This choir serves at the 9am Mass except for Saturday of the second weekend of the month. To be closer to our brothers and sisters in the pews (to be able to see and hear and encourage them), we will be serving up front.

We look forward to welcoming, praying and serving alongside you. Questions? Contact Bob Sandford, Music Director, at bob@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x212.

## Jewelry & Other Accessories Sale

### Feb. 27-28 (Thu., 7:30am-5pm; Fri., 7:30am-3pm)

St. Joseph's Volunteer Services is hosting this popular event in the lower level of the atrium at St. Joseph Medical Center (SJMC), located at 1000 Carondelet Dr., KCMO 64114. Net proceeds will be donated to various charities whose mission and values are consistent with theirs. Come to find some great deals while supporting worthwhile causes! Call Fred O'Dwyer at 816-812-1198 for more details.

## January 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!



## 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.

## Considering becoming Catholic?

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

**Feb. 18:** No Session

### Feb. 25: Sacraments of Vocation: Marriage & Holy Orders

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, February 24, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# To Commemorate Saint Thomas More's 60th Anniversary

*The Faith in Action Team  
invites every parishioner  
to engage in*

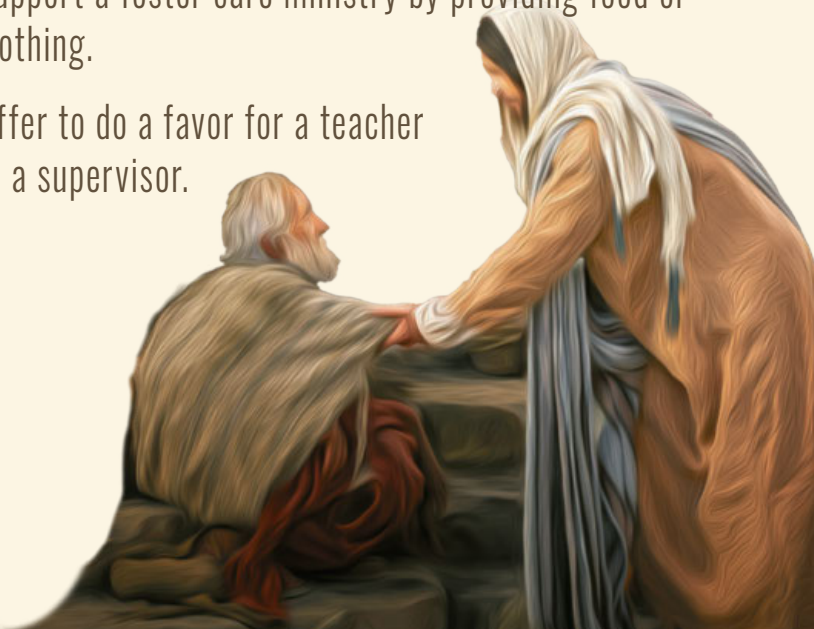


## ACTS OF KINDNESS

*Each month, between  
October 2024 and June  
2025, we will feature  
suggested small acts of  
kindness for you and your  
family to try,*



- ⑥ Offer to get the mail for a neighbor who is on vacation.
- ⑥ Donate leftover flowers from a social event to a nursing home.
- ⑥ Invite the neighbors for Sunday sundaes.
- ⑥ Volunteer at a fundraising event.
- ⑥ Learn how to say hello in a different language.
- ⑥ Bring donuts to the fire or police station.
- ⑥ Call a friend on their birthday.
- ⑥ Introduce yourself to a neighbor.
- ⑥ Share a skill with someone like baking, sewing, or painting.
- ⑥ Pray the rosary for a special intention.
- ⑥ Attend a gathering at church.
- ⑥ Give up your seat for someone standing.
- ⑥ Support a foster care ministry by providing food or clothing.
- ⑥ Offer to do a favor for a teacher or a supervisor.



*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.*

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





# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

## TAKE THESE MASS TIPS TO HEART

### How do I make the most of the Mass?

#### Receiving Is the Key

In the Eucharist, God gives us the gift of Himself. Once we realize it, it's natural to ask, "What should we do to make the most of it?" Peter was asked a similar question right after Pentecost: "What do I do? How do I move now? How do we enter into this gift?" He answered with a three-step program: Repent, believe, and receive the Holy Spirit. The emphasis was on receiving, which we can only prepare for so much.

The question of receiving is significant because our whole life is about receiving salvation, not achieving it. That's exactly what the Mass is about—letting ourselves receive the salvation God wants to give us. It's like telling God, "I need you. I can't make sense of my life without you." In the Mass, we encounter the God who can make sense of everything in our lives, but receiving is the key.

### Words of Wisdom

The Sisters of Life, drawing from the wisdom of saints and other spiritual writers, give us a list of tips on how to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of God in the Mass. Take their tips to heart and appreciate the graces of the Mass more fully. Start today!

- Frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation to make a way in your heart for grace to enter.
- Try to get to Mass a few minutes early to slow down your mind and heart before Mass begins.
- Stay in your pew after Mass for a few minutes and allow yourself to be still with God.
- Don't worry if you experience distractions during Mass; it's natural. You can offer those distractions to the Lord. If you struggle with many distractions during Mass, make an intentional effort to focus on two parts of the Mass: the Gospel and the Consecration.
- In Mass, we are invited to participate in the offering of the Son to the Father. Come to Mass ready to offer something to the Father. No intention is too insignificant for God. Bring your fears, worries, sorrows, desires, and hopes, knowing that God cares about all the details of your life.
- Wait for a word from God. Ask God to speak to you in a particular way at Mass, and let him surprise you.

## 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

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

Mon., Feb. 24 - SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D  
Living Waters, 7-9:30pm, Church

Tue., Feb. 25 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Room  
OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A

Wed., Feb. 26 - School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm

Thu., Feb. 27 - Isaiah 49, 1-2:30pm, More Hall  
Isaiah 49, 7-8:30pm, More Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church

Sat.-Sun., Mar. 1-2 - Catholic Charities in the Narthex  
Monthly Food Drive

Sun., Mar. 2 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

## STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal



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

### School Dates

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

Sat., Feb. 22 - Bags Tournament

Sun., Feb. 23 - 1st Grade Class Party, 1:30-3pm

Sun., Mar. 2 - PreK Experience, 1-2:30pm

### It's Bags Tournament Time!

#### Saturday, 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).

### Thank You!

Alongside funds raised to support our parish's largest ministry, the STM School auction brought in over \$131,000 for a new playground. Check out our (very funny) video ([stmauction.org](http://stmauction.org)), interviewing our students on their playground aspirations, and make a donation to support our Fund-a-Need goal!



### 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.

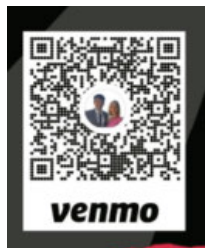
**Boys Volleyball** is open for grades 4-8. Register early so we can secure coaches. Coaches are needed for 4th and 8th grades. Please reach out to Jenny Smith. If try-outs are needed, the grade will be notified.

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

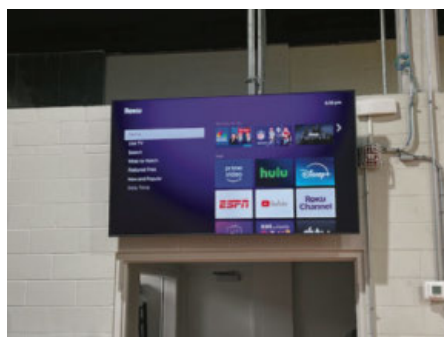
## Trivia Night: STM-for-All Fundraiser

Saturday, March 1, 7pm, Flanagan Hall (STM School)

Join STM School parents for this Trivia Night benefiting STM-for-All and the BMA Foundation. Get your teams or buy your tickets now. The cost of \$35/person, \$50/couple, or \$250/team of 8 includes beer, wine and soda. Show up with your favorite snack to share, additional cocktails, and trivia skills.



To register, venmo @Tim-Heather-Reidy or email Tim at [treidy@rockhursths.edu](mailto:treidy@rockhursths.edu). Bring cash for raffles, muligans, and games. This is an event you don't want to miss!



*Installation of advertising monitors, including this one, mark the completion of the gymnasium project.*

## 16th Annual School Bell Breakfast

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. Come for a morning of inspiration and celebration, including an insightful fireside chat between Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. and special guest, Dr. Jonathan Doyle, a devout Catholic and physicist. Learn more about Dr. Doyle in the current issue of Catholic Key magazine, [catholickey.org](http://catholickey.org).

Rita and Lamar Hunt, through their charitable organization, the Loretto Foundation, will match every School Bell Breakfast donation up to \$200,000. Please visit [brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org) for details, to become an event sponsor, or to register to attend.

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## 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)  
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 Mary Sue Karl†  
 2/17  
 Tues: **6:15AM Joan & Pat Hughes†**  
 2/18 8:15AM Benedict & Alice Spalding†  
 Wed: **6:15AM Larry & Mary LeFebvre†**  
 2/19 **\*\*8:15AM Brian Anselmo†**  
 Thur: **6:15AM Mary Edith Burns†**  
 2/20 8:15AM Barney & Rosemarie Maguire†  
 Fri: **8:15AM Matthew McCullough†**  
 2/21  
 Sat: 4:00PM Dan Kennaley & his deceased sons†  
 2/22  
 Sun: **7:30AM Bill Cusick**  
 2/23 9:00AM Our Parishioners  
**11:00AM Dec'd members of Charles Palmentere family†**

† Deceased

\*\*School Mass

*To request a Mass intention, stop by the parish office or call 816-942-2492. Suggested donation per Mass is \$10.*

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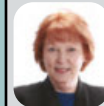
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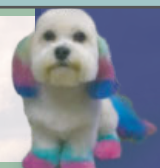
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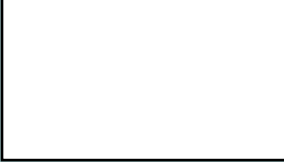
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