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MASSES IN LENT

WEEKDAY: Mon-Sat, Fri 8:15am,
Tues, Wed, Thu 6:15am
WEEKEND: Sat 4pm, Sun, 7:30am, 9am & 11am
MASS ONLINE CONTINUES

RECONCILIATION IN LENT

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

OUR CLERGY

Father Justin Hoye, Pastor
Father Pius Wesonga, AJ, Associate Pastor
In Residence: Father Paul Sappington

AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:
Mon. & Wed. 8:45am-1pm, 2-3:30pm*
Tues. & Thurs. 8:45am-1pm, 2-5pm*
Friday 8:45am-1pm
* lunch hour 1-2pm

Parish Office 816-942-2492
Office directory at stmkc.com and p.9

AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Linda Crosthwait Principal
Tracy Stewart Assistant Principal
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8am-3:45pm;
Fri., 8:30am-3:30pm

School Office 816-942-5581
School fax 816-941-2450
School email directory at stmkcschool.org

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All employees and volunteers working with minors are required to:

- Create an account at virtus.org
- Attend a Protecting God's Children workshop
- Complete a mandated reporter training
- Submit to a background check
- Read the online Policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry

For more Safe Environment information, including reporting and victim resources, see page 10.



ASH WEDNESDAY

MASSES 6:15AM 8:15AM 6:00PM

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see pages 6 & 7



Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

A number of updates on projects:

+ This week we picked out new shingles to be installed on the church. The re-shingling of the entire church comes after hail damage that has provided a perennial leak in our church during heavy rains. Access to the church will not be disrupted during this replacement, and workers will work around our liturgy schedule, BUT know that it might get noisy "up above" if you come to the church to pray during off hours. We've been waiting for the weather to improve to begin work, and expect this project to take up the majority of the Lenten Season.

+ The full \$100K was raised to install 35 smart-boards in our classrooms, beginning over spring break. I am grateful for the donors who have enabled this major upgrade to our classroom capabilities!

+ Over \$360K was raised through this year's Auction activities, with \$140K of that earmarked for our Fund-a-Need project to build a new playground on campus. We are still pursuing donors to help us bring this project to completion.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 6:15am, 8:15am and 6pm. (A separate Mass for the STM School community will be held too.) We are also adding a Saturday morning 8:15 AM Mass & 7:15AM Confession time to all the Saturdays of Lent.

Among the Lenten activities beginning this week...

- + Friday Fish Frys and Stations of the Cross
- + 5 Weekly Small Groups Exploring Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections
- + A Lenten Series on Forgiveness
- + \$20 for Lent, raising funds for two local ministries assisting pregnant mothers and those battling poverty

May we all allow the season to deepen our hunger for the life that the Lord desires for us.

Father Justin

P.S. A reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend (Mar 8-9). Clocks spring ahead one hour before going to bed next Saturday night.

P.P.S. As a secondary reminder:

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent: Obligatory day of Abstinence from meat (Obligatory from age 14 onward).

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Obligatory Days of Fasting (obligatory for those aged 18 until age 59, meaning one full meal permitted, and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal).



Come Home to Communion

Daily Masses in Lent



- Monday, 8:15am
- Tuesday, 6:15 & 8:15am
- Wednesday, 6:15 & 8:15am
- Thursday, 6:15 & 8:15am
- Friday, 8:15am
- Saturday, 8:15am
- Sign Interpreted services:** 2nd

Sundays at 11am

Masses are recorded daily; find them at stmkc.com or youtube.stmkc.com.

The Light is on for You - Confessions in Lent

Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room.

- Tuesday, 5-6pm
- Thursday, 5-6pm
- Saturday, 7:15-8am & 3-3:45pm
- 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.

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.

March Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Bishop Johnston: For custodial and janitorial staffs, security guards, and maintenance workers who help to keep our lives clean, safe, and functioning. That they be enriched in their work and acknowledged by those whom they serve, often in hidden ways.

Care & Support

Grief Peer Support Group

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

Grief is difficult and can be experienced as a result of any kind of loss. In addition to supporting each other, we use various resources to better understand our grief. Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate, facilitates these groups. Attend as you are able. For more info, contact her at peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210.

One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION



Using Resources Wisely

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

Catholic Charities

A representative from Catholic Charities will be in the narthex this weekend with information about the many services they provide.

They reach out to the poor, the hungry, and the vulnerable, serving and lifting families in need. Their mission is to help people move to a better life through hope-filled care, services, and advocacy.

Several STM parishioners volunteer at their new Serve & Lift Center, located on Longview Road in the former Saint Matthew's church. There, Catholic Charities provides "one-stop shopping" for those in need of many kinds of services.

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund

Second Collection: March 8-9

Kindly consider making a gift to Catholic Charities to support their efforts. In the past year, with volunteer assistance, Catholic Charities has provided:

- 1100 homes for veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities
- 13,5000 pounds of food for families each week
- 1,000,000 in rent and utilities to keep families stable
- support & mentoring to 350 moms

Hope Ball

Saturday, March 29

Get ready for an unforgettable night of elegance, joy, and purpose at Hope Ball 2025! Purchase your tickets, tables or sponsor at catholiccharitiesgala.com or email jbreyer@ccharities.com.

Please hold in prayer

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

...our family and friends in the military:

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:

Paula Vohs

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

St. Luke's Hospice Midtown: Dolores "Merle" Pace

Food Drive This Weekend

March 1-2, in the Narthex

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

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

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

Red Bridge Pantry - Special Requests for March

- Canned veggies: especially peas, mixed veg, carrots, beets, mushrooms, potatoes, peas and carrots, sauerkraut
- Tomato sauce and paste
- Facial tissue (regular size boxes)

A grateful mother wrote a note to the pantry, "Please know how special you are and what a blessing you are!" And that includes all of YOU who make the pantry possible!

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	
Catholic Home Missions - \$3,319.66	

Thank you for your continued contributions to STM!



Children's Liturgy of the Word

1st & 3rd Sundays (Mar. 2), 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

Mar. 4: Fat Tuesday/Preparation for Purification & Enlightenment Sessions

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.

School of Love presents a special Date Night: Panel of Catholic Experts in a Public Forum Q & A Event

Saturday, March 8, 6-7:30pm in Westport

We ALL have marriage questions. Come and ask yours! Discussion can include love, church teachings, hot topics, divorce, in vitro, communication, sex, morality, annulment, conception, etc. We will be at the Chesterton Academy in the St. Faustina Building, 500 W 40th St, KCMO 64111. More info at schoolofloveusa.com.

SPRED Class

Monday, March 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.

Protecting God's Children (PGC) Training

Monday, March 10, 6-9pm, in More Hall

Our diocese and parish are both committed to having a safe environment for children. To this end, all adults and teens who work with minors are required to take this training and fulfill other requirements.

To sign up for the training, create an account at virtus.org. Choose the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph, then St. Thomas More Parish. You will be directed through the requirements to be safe environment-compliant. These requirements include a background check, reading the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, and taking Mandated Reporter training.

Questions? Contact Joan Sandford at 816-942-2492 x202 or joan@stmkc.com.

Ladies of Charity (LOC) Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, March 13, at Church of the Nativity

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.

Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus



USA'S ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Who Are Some of the Saints We Celebrate in March?

Each month, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast days of several saints, each with their unique significance and stories. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, the saints give us important examples to follow. Their lives provide us with moments of reflection and inspiration as we honor them at Mass. These men and women offer believers opportunities for spiritual growth, communal fellowship, and gratitude. There are many feast days that every Catholic should know. Here is one who is on the calendar for Monday.

St. Katharine Drexel: A Life of Service

FEAST DAY: MARCH 3

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858. Growing up in a devout Catholic family, Katharine had a strong sense of social responsibility and compassion for the less fortunate. Her parents modeled a life of service, regularly using the

wealth they had accumulated to support various charitable causes. In 1887, during a trip to the Western United States with her family, Katharine noticed the poverty and deprivation experienced by Native Americans and African Americans. This experience deeply affected her and led her to dedicate her life to serving marginalized communities.

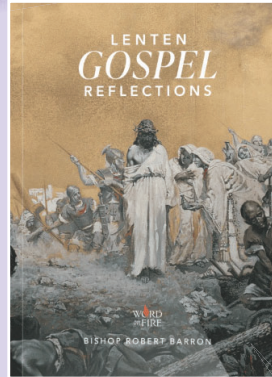
Katharine entered religious life and joined the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament with the approval of Pope Leo XIII. Katharine used her considerable inheritance to fund the establishment of schools, missions, and institutions for struggling communities across the United States. Among her most notable achievements was the founding of Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans.

Katharine's dedication to serving others earned her widespread admiration and respect. She died in 1955 at the age of ninety-six. In 2000, St. John Paul II canonized St. Katharine Drexel, making her the second American-born saint.

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Small Group Studies

Starting March 9, STM is hosting multiple small group studies of Bishop Barron's *Lenten Gospel Reflections*. Groups will meet for an hour and a half weekly through Holy Week.



Day, time and leader

Sundays, 2-3:30pm - Mike McFarland
 Mondays, 4-5:30pm - Hayley Shaver
 Tuesdays, 9-10:30am - Becky Turner
 Thursdays, 2-3:30pm - Hayley Shaver
 Evening Session pending - Ray & Patty Jo Williams

Registration and information

Hayley Shaver: hayley@stmkc.com
 or 816-942-2492 x202.

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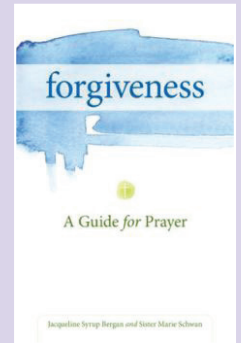
About Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections

For Christians, Lent is an important time of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus so as to enter into the joy of his Resurrection. In this devotional booklet, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. Lenten Gospel Reflections features the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions, and more!

Six Week Lenten Prayer Series

Wednesdays (March 5-April 16), 1-2pm, Bauman Room

To honor the Jubilee Year of "Pilgrims of Hope" as proclaimed by Pope Francis, Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate is offering this guided prayer group opportunity using the book *Forgiveness - A Guide for Prayer* by Jacqueline Syrup Bergan and Sister Marie Schwan.



Pope Francis writes in his letter on the Jubilee, asking us to pray in a way, "...that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart." Exploring forgiveness can be a way to turn to the one God and find hope in forgiveness.

This is an opportunity to grow deeper in relationship with God and with others "through a prayerful focus on forgiveness." Every week the book will provide scripture to pray with and suggested approaches to pray for that day. Then, to support and help each other grow in forgiveness and hope, there will be an opportunity for sharing our journeys in the weekly group sessions.

The group is limited to 12 and the book will be provided. Please RSVP by Monday, March 3rd, so books can be handed out at the first session. To RSVP or ask questions, contact Peggy at 816-942-2492 x210 or Peggy@stmkc.com.

Ash Wednesday Masses - March 5

6:15am, 8:15am, 6pm
 (There will be a separate school Mass.)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 5pm in the Church

Stations of the Cross will be led by a different STM ministry each week. You are also welcome to walk the journey with Jesus when the church is open, using the texts found by each station.



The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ
Friday, April 18,
at noon in the church

Parish ministries leading Stations of the Cross *Special thanks to...*

March 7	The Women of STM
March 14	SPRED
March 21	OCIA participants (preparing to become Catholic)
March 28	The Vocations Committee
April 4	STM School Children
April 11	The Seven Sisters

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Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day

March 30, 3pm, More Hall

An inspiring one-woman dramatic portrait of one of the most outspoken and influential American Catholics of the 20th century. The production incorporates all the wit and prophetic grit of Dorothy's own words about war, peace, American society, compassion, and protest in the Spirit of Jesus.

More information

Contact Peggy at 816-942-2492 x210 or peggy@stmkc.com.

About the actor

*Lisa Wagner is the founder and director of Still Point Theatre Collective. She founded the company in 1993, motivated by a strong desire to combine ministry and theatre. For over fifteen years, she has toured the country and overseas with *Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day*.*

While researching the play, she looked into the Catholic Worker Movement founded by Dorothy Day and met the St. Catherine of Genoa Catholic Worker community. After volunteering in the house for six months, she became a full-time Catholic Worker, and lived in the community for two years.

Materials available in the narthex

Lenten Lighthouse CDs

- The Woman at the Foot of the Cross (Part 1) by Dr. Ben Akers
- Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross by Msgr. James P Shea
- The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin by Fr. Francis Peffley
- The True Meaning of Easter by Venerable Fulton Sheen

Care Notes

- The Season of Lent: From Ashes to Easter
- 40 Ways to Enrich Your Lenten Prayer
- Longing for God: The Grace of Lent
- A Lenten Journey Through Grief
- Lent – A Time to Pray for Others

Lenten Bulletin Feature Pages

The pages, based on the Sunday readings, have discussion questions and activities for families, friends or individuals to do together or individually.

2nd Collections

- March 9 Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund
- March 30 Catholic Relief Services
- April 18 (Good Friday) For the Holy Land

\$20 For Lent

This year benefiting St. Mary's Home for Mothers and Hope Faith Ministries.

For more information or to give, go to stmkc.com/20forlent.

READ MORE



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ALMSGIVING

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!

Fish Fry Fridays

**March 7, 14, (Not 21), 28 and
April 4 & 11, 5-7pm in More Hall**

Dine in or get to-go! Menu: Baked and fried fish, fried shrimp, potatoes, corn, green beans, cole slaw and rolls. Cheese pizza and mac 'n cheese available for the kids. Cost: \$12/senior, \$15/adult, \$40/family. Desserts: \$2 each, provided by Girl Scouts.

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES FOR LENT ARE ON THE COVER

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sat.-Sun., Mar. 1-2 - Catholic Charities in the Narthex
Monthly Food Drive
- Sun., Mar. 2 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass
- Mon., Mar. 3 - STM Serves at One City Cafe
Living Waters, 7-9:30pm, Church
- Tue., Mar. 4 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Room
OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
- Wed., Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday
Masses at 6:15am, 8:15am, 6pm
Forgiveness Prayer Series, 1-2pm, Bauman Room
Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman
No School of Religion
- Thu., Mar. 6 - Isaiah 49, 1-2:30pm, More Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church
Knights Officer mtg., 7pm, More Hall
- Fri., Mar. 7 - Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church
Scout Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall
- Sat., Mar. 8 - OCIA Rite of Election
- Sun., Mar. 9 - 1st Sunday of Lent
Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
Lenten Small Group, 2-3:30pm, Bauman Room
- Mon., Mar. 10 - Lenten Small Group, 4-5:30pm, Bauman
Protecting God's Children, 6-9pm, More Hall
SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D
Living Waters, 7-9:30pm, Church
- Tue., Mar. 11 - Lenten Small Group, 9-10:30am
OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
- Wed., Mar. 12 - Forgiveness Series, 1-2pm, Bauman
School of Religion, 6:15-7:30pm
- Thu., Mar. 13 - Lenten Small Group, 2-3:30pm, Bauman
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church
Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm, More Hall
- Fri., Mar. 14 - Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church
Scout Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall
- Sun., Mar. 16 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass
Lenten Small Group, 2-3:30pm, Bauman Room

STM Vacation Bible School

June 23-27 (Mon.-Fri.), 9am-Noon in More Hall



Plan to come to the ultimate Alaskan adventure! 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. If interested in volunteering, email Hayley Shaver at hayley@stmkc.com.

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 STMKSCHOOL.ORG



School Registration

Current families should have received an email with registration instructions. New families will need to contact the school to set up a tour before registration information is sent to them.

Now through Monday, March 24

Grades K-8

Registration Fee - \$2,200/student, capped at 4 children
Fundraising Fee - \$500/family (Football Frenzy)
Tithing - Registered parishioners with 2025 pledge
Tuition (non-parishioners) - \$7400/student

Pre-school/Pre-K (ages 3-4)

Registration Fee - \$450/student
Tuition - 3-day: \$5,000; 5-day: \$7,400

Financial Portion of Registration

For your school registration to be complete, you must also take care of the financial portion. The remaining appointment time is Fri., Mar. 14, 9am-2pm at the parish office. If that is not an option for you, contact Becky or Tim at the parish office to set an appointment.

MO Scholars Scholarships

Your student could be eligible for up to \$6,375 in scholarships! The Bright Futures Fund is a certified Educational Assistance Organization. Scholarship applications for the 2025-26 school year are available NOW at brightfuturesfund.org.

Donors to this fund are able to receive MO tax credits for contributions. Visit brightfuturesfund.org for more information.

School Dates

- Sat., Mar. 1 - Music Trivia, 7pm, Flanagan Hall
Sun., Mar. 2 - PreK Experience, 1-2:30pm
Wed., Mar. 5 - Papa John's Dine-Out Night for STM
Thu., Mar. 6 - Bingo for Books, 6:30-8pm, Flanagan Hall
Tue., Mar. 11 - Adoration, 2-3pm
Home & School mtg., 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall C
Fri., Mar. 14 - No School; Professional Development Day
Mon.-Fri., Mar. 17-21 - No School; Spring Break

Over \$100K in Gifts for Technology Improvements

Last month, our STM School teachers sampled Smart Board options they could use in our school. We recently received over \$100K in donations, including a \$50K gift from The McDonnell Foundation, to help place Smart Board technology in all of our classrooms, beginning this Spring Break.

Trivia Night: STM-for-All Fundraiser

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

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. Bring cash for raffles, mulligans, and games. This is an event you don't want to miss!



STM School Principal Position Open for 2025-26 Year

If you - or someone you know - would be interested in applying as the next Principal at STM School, please visit kcsjatholic.org and click on "Employment Opportunities" at the bottom.

Save The Date: Bingo for Books!

Thursday, March 6, 6:30-8pm in Flanagan Hall

Home and School is hosting this 3rd annual event. The cost is \$20/family and \$5 for extra cards OR bring in gently used or new book(s) for the prize table and receive an extra card(s).

We will also accept gently used and new board game donations for indoor recess! Teacher game wish lists will also be available.

Popsicles for the highest class attendance! BYOB and a dessert or snack to share. Look forward to seeing all of you there! Email kdavis7915@gmail.com for questions or donations.

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

Pay and register at cyojwa.org/current-programs.

Regular Registration: Now-Mar 28

Late Registration: Mar 29-Apr 11

PLKC Spring Sports Sign-ups

Now through Saturday, March 8

Visit plkc.org to sign up for the spring sports.

Boys Volleyball is open for grades 4-8. Coaches are needed for 4th and 8th grades; reach out to Jenny Smith. If tryouts are needed, the grade will be notified.

Track and Field is open to grades 3-8. Email Cathy with any questions: ccisetti@bsd124.org.

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. Please visit brightfuturesfund.org for details.

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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

Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.

Questions? Email FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com.

Stefanie Bresette

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Diocesan Ombudsman

Joe Crayon crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org or
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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...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.

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:

Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202, OR

Tracy Stewart, School Safe Environment Coordinator, stewart_tracy@stmcyclones.org or 816-942-5581.

Mass Intentions

- Mon: 8:15AM Bill Waris[†]
3/3
- Tues: **6:15AM Mary Kate Hughes[†]**
8:15AM Michael Rhoades[†]
3/4
- Wed: **6:15AM Isabel Kunselman[†]**
8:15AM Bernie Rupp[†]
(Separate Mass for STM School)
6:00PM Dec'd members of Arnett/McKenzie family
3/5
- Thur: **6:15AM Michelle Buechter**
8:15AM William Heft[†]
3/6
- Fri: **8:15AM Pat, Andy & LaVonne Klein[†]**
3/7
- Sat: **8:15AM Father Justin Hoye**
4:00PM Grace Herrera[†]
3/8
- Sun: **7:30AM Our Parishioners**
9:00AM Patricia Neal[†]
11:00AM Nino Gurera[†]
3/9

[†] Deceased

**School Mass

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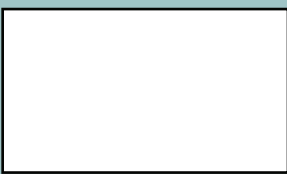
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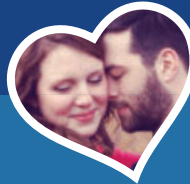



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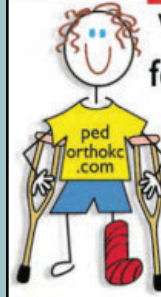
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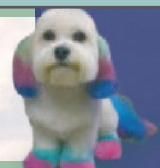
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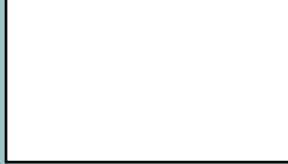
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