

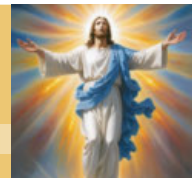


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May 11, 2025



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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

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Mon. & Wed. 8:45am-1pm, 2-3:30pm*

Tues. & Thurs. 8:45am-1pm, 2-5pm*

Friday 8:45am-1pm

* lunch hour 1-2pm

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Office directory at stmkc.com and p.9

AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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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
- 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.

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSINGS



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS





THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Next weekend is the annual second collection for Tomorrow's Priests, providing funding for the formation of our diocesan seminarians. It's an occasion to note some vocation-themed news at STM:

We received word last week that Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez, who was assigned to STM when he was newly ordained (2014), will be reassigned to STM beginning this week. He's spent the last several years working at Our Lady of Sorrows, Guardian Angels, and most recently at Holy Spirit. Dcn. Tyrone will help with a number of sacramental demands - baptisms, graveside, and Eucharistic reposition, along with assisting at Sunday Masses. Please join me in welcoming him back!

Next weekend is the ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for Seminarian Dan Stumpf, who was assigned to STM last summer. Dan's ordination will take place on Saturday, May 17th at 10AM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. In addition, the diocese will celebrate the priesthood ordination of Dcn. Ethan Osborn the following weekend, at the Cathedral in St. Joseph.

If you have not done so yet, I encourage our families to participate in our Vocation Committee's Easter offering of the Vocations Crucifix. A Crucifix is distributed at each of our weekend Masses, inviting participants to pray for a culture of Vocations at STM. (Participants can sign up online at stmkc.com).

Lastly, many are unaware that one of our parishioners, Jacob Duerr, has been accepted into our seminary system, beginning this fall. Know that your contributions to next weekend's second collection will help to find one of our own, along with the future priests who will be serving Saint Thomas More!

Father Justin

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, May 11

Please pray a Prayer for Vocations this week, for Vocations from our parish and within our diocese. The prayer below is from the back of our Breaking Bread hymnal.

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves. Mold us in the image of your Son, to respond to you call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

STM Traveling Vocations Crucifix - Easter Season

The STM Vocations Committee invites parishioners to sign up at stmkc.com to receive a traveling crucifix for a week during the Easter Season. Participants will bring up the gifts of bread and wine at a weekend Mass and receive at that time a crucifix and prayers to use during the week, seeking an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



See page 7 for an event supporting Seminarians!



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 or youtube.stmkc.com.

The Light is on for You - Confessions

Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room.

Tuesday, 5-6pm Thursday, 5-6pm
Saturday, 3-3:45pm First Saturday, 7:15-8am
and by appointment

Church Hours for Private Prayer

Mon.-Fri., 6am-9pm

Sat.-Sun., 7am-9pm

Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sundays, Noon-9pm in the Church

Regular time spent with the Lord in Adoration can be life changing!

Like anything else that is worthwhile in life, it takes a certain degree of discipline to become more eucharistic in your prayer life. Remember, however, that God is never outdone in generosity.

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.

May Prayer Intentions

For the Cardinals as they meet to elect our new pope, that the Holy Spirit will guide them.

Bishop Johnston: For all Veterans who carry wounds—physical, emotional, or spiritual—that they experience deep healing and renewed peace of soul.

Care & Support

Grief Peer Support Group

1st & 3rd Wed. (May 21), 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.

Retrouvaille (Retro-vi)

May 16-18 (Friday-Sunday), Kansas City

Not willing to let go of your marriage? There is hope! Retrouvaille is very different than other marriage programs. Some spouses resist the idea of attending out of concern that they will be required to expose their personal lives and their marital problems. That is not true! And most couples find that this program is the very thing that worked when all else failed.

Retrouvaille begins with an immersion weekend led by three couples. The couples then take part in 12 two-hour follow-up sessions that delve deeper into concepts introduced on the weekend.

For more information, visit helpourmarriage.org.

Turning Point Programs for People with Serious Illness

Turning Point educates and supports individuals, families and friends living with a wide variety of serious or chronic physical illnesses through classes, activities and education. They help participants increase resilience so they may live life to the fullest, even while experiencing chronic disease. Brochures for May-June 2025 can be found at the north end of the narthex.

They are highlighting their summer programs. One program of interest being provided in May by video is titled "Stress Reduction for Cancer Patients, Survivors and Caregivers." For more information you can also visit TurningPointKC.org or call 913-574-0900.

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:

Drew Belzer
Nathan Butcher

Logan Elrader-Effertz
TJ Francik

Luke Jokerst
Jonathan Kennaley

Zach Love

Christopher Yates

...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams
Roberta Aguirre
Rita Armstrong

Bill Cusick
Cricket Hill
Donna Johnson

Kathy Lawson
William Thomas Myers
Linda Neenan

Monica Nelson
Carol Turner

Anita Wagner
JoAnn Walton

...our family and friends who are sick:

Tom Bauer
Emma Beaver
Edward Dulle

Chris Frantze
Emily Kurek
Katherine Markes

Denise Adams Mehlo
Noel Mehlo

Carol Shelangouski
Stephanie Shaver

Peter Szumigala
Stephan Tafuro

Join the STM Prayer Chain and Pray for Others

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.

Catholic Cemeteries: Preparing for Memorial Day

Masses: Monday, May 26, at 10am at all cemeteries

Grounds crews for the Catholic cemeteries including Mount Olivet, Resurrection, and Mount Saint Mary's are cleaning up now. If work needs to be done on a grave or marker, email info@cemeterieskcsj.org or drop by the office with your request. A work order will be sent to the grounds department.

Decorations may now be placed on graves. All decorations will be removed on June 2 for mowing. Visit cemeterieskcsj.org for the Decorations Policy.

Email foreq@cemeterieskcsj.org now if you do not know or are unsure of a grave location.

A Love That Never Fails

Marriage Encounter: June 13-15 (Fri.-Sun.)

Every marriage has the capacity for enduring love. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience to discover the graces of your sacrament of matrimony and to explore the tools and daily practices that lead to enduring love.

This weekend does not include an overnight stay and will be held at the Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2120 Saint Gaspar Way. Visit wwme4youandme.org to apply. There is a \$125 application fee, and a free will donation will be accepted. Email greaterkc.wwme@gmail.com with any questions.

the shelters on Monday, May 26. **They will not be accepted after May 25!**

"We Are All Plastic People Now"

The STM Green Team showed this Emmy award winning documentary on the impact of plastic on our health and our bodies. For those who missed the offering, the film can also be viewed online. Visit greennewton.org and search for the film title.

St. Mary's Home for Mothers

As part of STM's "Pilgrims of Hope" service projects this year, five parishioners visited St. Mary's Home for Mothers on April 30. We attended the 9:30am Mass and then were given a tour of the facility. We also presented a check for \$4,474.50 to St. Mary's Home for Mothers that was collected in our \$20 for Lent campaign this year.

Thank you for your generous donation! This gift from the parishioners of Saint Thomas More Parish is greatly appreciated and will directly benefit St. Mary's Home for Mothers.
~ Deacon Kevin Cummings



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Interfaith Prayer Service

Thu., May 15, 7pm at Saint Francis Xavier Church

Meet at 1001 E 52nd St. KCMO 64110 to hear speaker Dan Margolies and to stand in solidarity with immigrants, migrants, and refugees. Questions? Call Tom Bradshaw, 816-316-9170, at The Neighborhood Justice Center.

Pill Bottle Collection

May 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday)

For the pet shelters, STM is collecting prescription pill bottles with the labels removed. They will be taken to

Walk for Life

Saturday, May 31; 8am Check-in

Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic (formerly Advice and Aid) is hosting this 2 mile walk. It will start at the clinic (near College and Roe, at 10901 Granada Lane) at 8:30am. There will be additional entertainment, food, games, and prizes. Visit unexpectedlovekc.com for more info and to register.

April Financials

Regular - \$213,537.36	Plate - \$5,599.76
Facilities - \$725.00	
Education Fund - \$2,330.00	School - \$958.95
\$20 for Lent - \$8,949.00	
Neighbors in Need - \$4,420.00	

Thank you for your continued contributions to STM!

Encountering THE SEASON

Easter for the Family

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 13:14, 43–52

Revelation 7:9, 14b–17

John 10:27–30

Ponder and Pray:

- * When stress or troubles arise, how do you typically respond?
- * Stress can reveal what we value most. What has recent stress in your life revealed about your priorities or trust in God?
- * Do you see stress as a crushing weight or as a way that God strengthens you? Surrender your struggles to God, to draw you closer to him.

You Are Not Alone

Life is filled with stress, challenges, and times of great trouble. From school finals to health battles to major transitions, the weight of these moments can feel overwhelming. Yet, today's readings remind us of a deeper truth: We are never abandoned. In Revelation, John sees a vision of the saints who have "survived the time of great distress." Their survival isn't just physical—it's spiritual. They remain in God's hands, held by his love and strengthened by his presence.

Stress has the power to reveal, clarify, and purify. It shows us what we truly value, in whom we trust, and it refines our hearts for God. Like the disciples in Acts who faced persecution with joy, we are called to interpret stress through the lens of faith. Jesus assures us, "No one can take them out of my hand" (John 10:28). Even in difficulty, we belong to him.

“ *My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.* ”
—John 10:27



He Lives by Mike Moyers

Whatever you're facing today—trials, uncertainty, or grief—remember: You are not abandoned, you are not alone, and you do not have to be afraid. Trust

in the Lord's presence, and keep moving forward, knowing that nothing given to God is ever wasted.

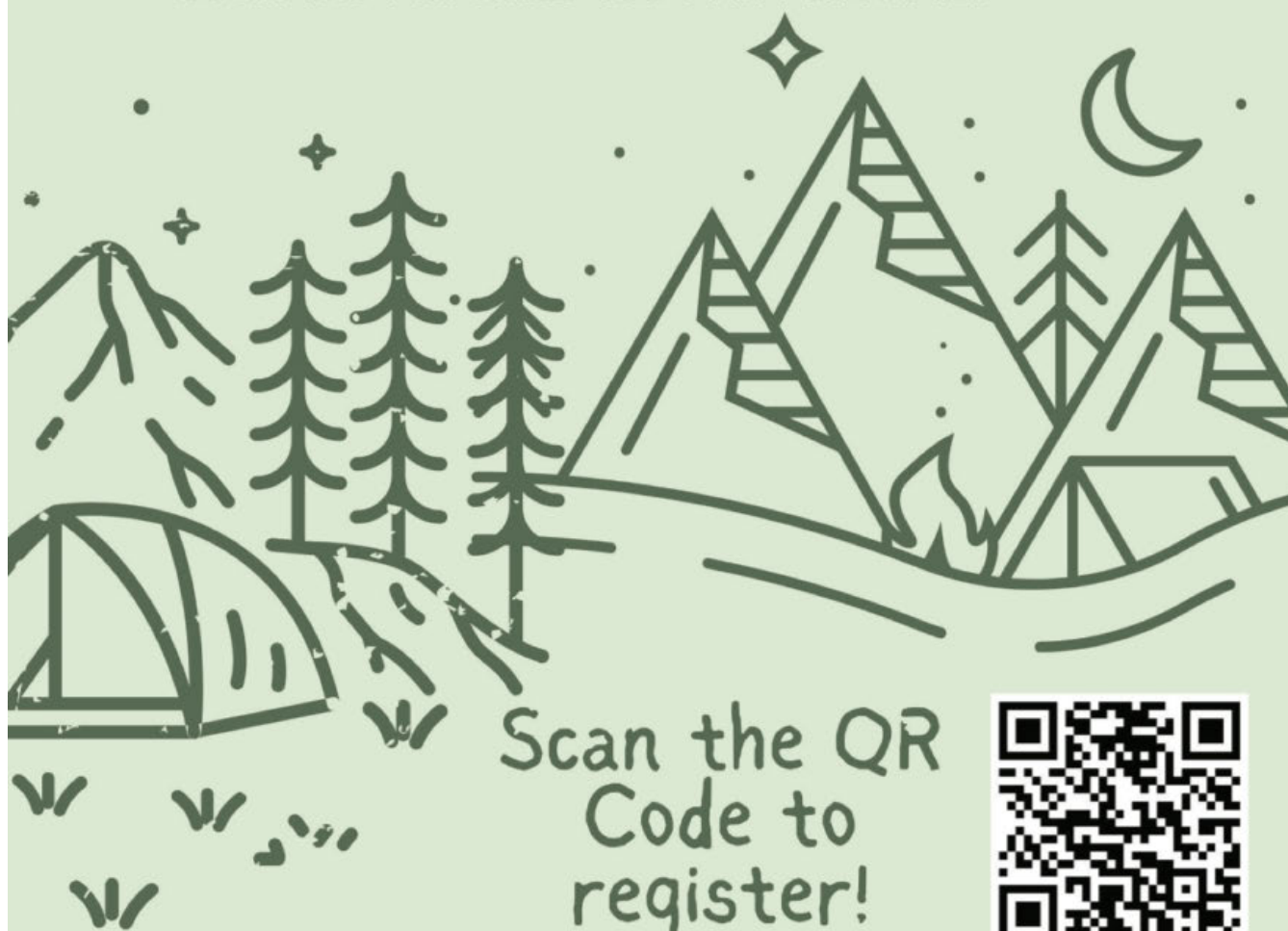


WHERE: STM PARISH

WHEN: JUNE 23- 27. 9AM-NOON

WHO: CHILDREN AGES 6-11

COST: \$20 PER CHILD \$50 MAX PER FAMILY



or visit: stmkc.com/vbs

CELEBRATING SEMINARIANS & THOSE TO BE ORDAINED



TRIVIA NIGHT "FRIENDRAISER" 6:30 - 9:30 PM BISHOP HOGAN CENTER (ATTACHED TO THE CATHEDRAL)

- Doors open at 6:30 pm, Trivia begins at 7:15
- Table of 8 for \$100 or \$15/person
- Concessions & alcohol by donation - outside alcohol not allowed
- Raffle items available
- Prize for best table decoration
- Seminarians rotate between tables
- Free parking! Garage code provided.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

5:30 - 6:30 PM
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AND THOSE TO BE ORDAINED**

MAY 23, 2025

**HOLY HOUR: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
SET-UP & CONCESSIONS: 6:30 PM
TRIVIA: 7:15 - 9:15 PM**

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT KCPRIEST.ORG

Those to be ordained:

Rev. Mr. Ethan Osborn - to the priesthood, May 24
Dan Stump - to the transitional diaconate, May 17

**Trivia Night will be complete with stories about
the soon to be ordained, and lots of fun!**

GIFT: Growing in Faith Together

Tuesdays, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library

Women gather each week to break open the Sunday readings. All are welcome to join in! Questions? Email Becky at bturner727@yahoo.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

May 18, at 9am Mass - Last one of the school year!

Children through 2nd grade are invited to participate in CLOW on 1st & 3rd Sundays in May. After the opening prayer, children are dismissed to hear the readings on their level. They rejoin their families after the homily. Questions? Contact Joan Sandford, 816-942-2492 x202 or joan@stmkc.com.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun., May 11 - Mother's Day

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tue., May 13 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library

Thu., May 15 - Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church

Sun., May 18 - Tomorrow's Priests Vocation Fund

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

May 20-23 (Tue.-Fri.) - Diocesan Priest Retreat

Tue., May 6 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library

Wed., May 21 - Last day for STM School

Uplift Casseroles due 1:30-3pm

Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman

Thu., May 22 - Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church

Sun., May 25 - Pill Bottle Collection, Narthex

Have you read "The Women" by Kristin Hannah?

Tues., May 13, 11:30am-1:15pm, Nativity Parish Hall

Have you met an Army nurse who served in the Vietnam War? Meet retired Army nurse, Lou Eisenbrandt, as she relates her life-altering experiences as a 24-year old nurse at the 91st Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai, South Vietnam.

Church of the Nativity is located at 3800 W. 119th Street, Leawood. Bring your lunch and a friend. Questions? Email kathleen.hintz@gmail.com.

Were You Married at Saint Peter's?

Or do you know someone who was? As part of its Centennial year celebrations, Saint Peter's Parish is having a special Mass and reception on Saturday, June 7, for all couples married there. To share info. please scan the QR code or call St. Peter's Parish office, 816-363-2320.

Saint Mary's All School Alumni Reunion

Saturday, June 21, 6-10pm

The reunion will be held at 622 N Main, Independence MO. No charge for entry, donations accepted at the door. BYOB and appetizer to share, along with ice and soft drinks. Questions? Contact Debbie at 660-473-4064 or debemo@gmail.com.

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 STMKSCHOOL.ORG



School Registration

New Families: Please email Jill Brennan for a tour and/or registration info: brennan_jill@stmcyclones.org. Register today! Grades are filling quickly!

School Dates

Tue., May 13 - School Adoration, 2-3pm

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

Fri., May 16 - Fun Day; 12:30pm Dismissal

Wed., May 21 - All school Mass at 9:30am

Students dismissed at 10:30am for the summer

8th Grade: Passing the Light



Last Wednesday, our 8th grade students passed the light of leadership to the 7th grade.



Thank You!

Thanks to the 109 men who enjoyed a game of golf while raising funds for STM School!



News from St. Michael the Archangel (SMA) High School Robotics Open House - Wed., May 14, 4-8pm

Check out the Robotics team who will be set up at Icon Machine Tool at 2315 NE Independence Ave., Lee's Summit MO 64064!

Summer Camps

Registration is open. Visit SMAcatholic.org and search 2025 Summer Camp to register children in grades 1-8. Camps are held through the month of June.

Guardian Golf Classic - Friday, May 30

Plan to be at the Winterstone Golf Course for the 8:30am Shotgun Start. It will be a day of contests, giveaways, food and beverages, and raffle prizes. Pricing is \$1,100/ Guardian sponsor, \$750/foursome, \$500 or \$250/hole sponsor; other opportunities also available. Proceeds benefit SMA athletics and activities. To register, visit smacatholic.org.

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F 8:45am-1pm

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Justin Hicks, Chair
Mark Meierhoffer
Bruce Gregg
Stefanie Bresette
Laura Christopherson
Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.
Questions? Email FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com.

Diocesan Ombudsman

816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org

Victim Assistance Coordinator

816-714-2357 x516 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 at ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org or 816-812-2500.

The diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org or 816-714-2357 x516.

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 Bernie Rupp[†]
5/12
Tues: **6:15AM Florence Kruger[†]**
5/13 8:15AM Carl & Linda Fiorella[†]
Wed: **6:15AM Thomas Sweeny[†]**
5/14 **8:15AM Carolyn Rasmussen[†]
Thur: **6:15AM Joan & Pat Hughes[†]**
5/15 8:15AM Joseph P Effertz[†]
Fri: **8:15AM Morris & Vivian Albers[†]**
5/16
Sat: 4:00PM Matthew McCullough[†]
5/17
Sun: **7:30AM Gus Oxler[†]**
5/18 9:00AM Our Parishioners
11:00AM Jane Keller[†]

[†] Deceased

**School Mass

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the daily readings, visit usccb.org/bible/reading. Have the readings sent to your email each day, hear the readings read to you, or watch a video with a reflection based on the readings.

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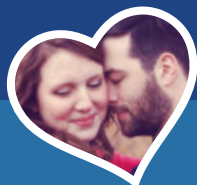


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