

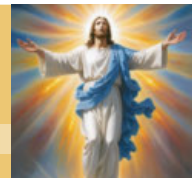


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May 18, 2025



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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

PRIESTS ON RETREAT
THIS WEEK.
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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 stmkcschool.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
- 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.

Congratulations TO ALL Graduates



Gracious and caring God, our source of light,
we ask for your almighty hand to be upon these graduates.

With their classes and grading now complete, may they **strive toward excellence** in all they do.
With the applause quieted, may they **celebrate and lift up** those around them.
With the speeches concluded, may they **speak up for peace and justice** in the world.
And may they **seek God and strive for holiness** in work and play, family and community.

TOMORROW'S PRIESTS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



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Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

As announced last weekend, many clergy changes are occurring over the next few weeks at STM. On July 1st, STM will welcome Father Matt Rotert (currently at Saint Peter's) and Father Sam Miloscia (currently at Saint Mark's) as the new pastor and parochial vicar.

Bishop Johnston has granted me a sabbatical to take a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit, in a hospital system in the Northwestern United States. I'll be there for the summer, and will return in the fall to resume my Vicar for Priest responsibilities and begin as the pastor of Saint Mary's in Higginsville.

Father Sappington will be the Parish Administrator through June. Both he and Father Pius will depart at the end of June. Father Sappington will head to Coronation in Grandview; Father Pius to Our Lady of the Presentation in Lee's Summit.

Next weekend will be my final weekend at the parish, with the 9AM Memorial Day being my last Mass on campus.

While I recognize the emotions that are stirred by these changes, I want to emphasize what a life-giving opportunity this is for me! CPE was immensely challenging and richly rewarding when I took my last unit 20 years ago, and I expect it to be equally renewing this go-around.

For the moment, your prayers for all the priests involved are much appreciated as we prepare for the transitions!

Father Justin

P.S. The priests of the diocese are away next week for their annual retreat at Conception Abbey. There will be **no daily Masses or confessions Tuesday through Friday**. Please see the list of Mass times across State Line, available to parishioners next week:

Cure of Ars: 6:30AM & 8:15AM

Nativity: 6:45AM & 8:15AM

St. Michael the Archangel: 6:40AM & 8:15AM

Holy Spirit: 6:45AM & 5:30PM

Ascension: 7AM & Noon

Tomorrow's Priests Collection

Sunday, May 18

Each May, the diocese takes up this special collection to offset the expense of seminarian education. The cost of educating a seminarian is about \$50,000 per year. This year, nineteen young men are in seminary studies for our diocese. Visit kcsj catholic.org and click on "Answering the Call" for more information and to contribute online. Our own parishioner, Jacob Duerr, will enter the Seminary this fall! Please be generous.

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.

Holy Hour/Trivia Night "Friendraiser"

Friday, May 23, 5:30-9:30pm

Celebrate our Seminarians and those to be ordained (including Dan Stump) A Holy Hour to pray for Vocations will be held 5:30-6:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: 416 W 12th St., KCMO. After the Holy Hour, walk on over to the Bishop Hogan Center for Trivia Night, beginning at 7:15pm. Cost for trivia is \$15/person or \$100/table of 8. Donations accepted for concessions and alcohol; BYOB not allowed. Raffle items available. Prize for best table decoration. Seminarians rotate among tables. Free parking (code given when you register). Visit kcpriest.org to register.

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
***No Masses May 20-23**, due

to diocesan priest retreat.

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

*No Confessions May 20 or 22, due to diocesan priest retreat.

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!

Be real with yourself. Holy hours are great, but if you don't have that much time, or if you aren't used to spending that long of a time in prayer, you might need to build up to it. Start with attending for fifteen minutes at a time. The quality of time you spend with our Lord and the frequency of times are often more meaningful than the length.

Perpetual National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is stopping in Kansas City on Tuesday, May 27. Join the pilgrims for Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Monica Catholic Church (1616 The Paseo, KCMO) at 4:30pm.

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

Pope Leo XIV: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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

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	Zachary Henry	Sarah Katz	Alycia Pouch	John P. Sullivan
Seth Gulsby	John Hylander	Brian Owara	Nathan Pouch	

...our parishioners who are sick:

Peggy Calhoun	Porter Hovey	Carol Katzer	Laura Rupp	Kathy Vervaecke
Carol Gretencord	Lola Jacobs	Patrick Miller	Bill Swartz	Bill Young
Iva Hamilton	Jack Jones	David Peterson	Nancy Swartz	

...our family and friends who are sick:

Duane Brown	Scott Caron	John Eidson	Julie Aguirre Johnson	Pat Wells
Melinda Brown	Alissa Carter	Glen Horton	Lester Wells	

...our family and friends who have died:

Monica Nelson

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.

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.

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

Help Wanted: Our Red Bridge Food Pantry

One of the couples who helps take food to this pantry is needing to step back. Coverage is needed the first Sunday of the months of June, September and November. After the 11am Mass on the STM food drive Sunday, folks pick up an SUV's worth of food and deliver it on Monday around 10 am to First Baptist. (The pantry coordinator helps with both loading and unloading.) If interested, call Tarah at 816-942-1751. Thanks!

"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 at greennewton.org, search for the film title.

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.

Hope Faith Ministries Receives \$20 for Lent Check

David Butel from the Faith in Action Team delivered a check for \$4,474.50 to Doug Langner and Katie Carlson of Hope Faith Ministries. This organization provides several services to people who are struggling with homelessness in an effort to help stabilize their situation. Our \$20 for Lent campaign this year raised \$8,949 which was divided between Hope Faith Ministries and St. Mary's Home for Mothers.



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 14:21–27
Revelation 21:1–5a
John 13:31–33a, 34–35

Ponder & Pray:

- * What hardships are you currently facing, and how can you approach them with trust in God's plan?
- * St. Paul said trials are necessary to enter God's Kingdom. How does this perspective change your view of difficulties?
- * What practical steps can you take to persevere in love, even on difficult days?

Preparing for Hardship

Life is filled with both blessings and hardships. While we often celebrate the idea that our best days are ahead, we must also prepare for the reality that trials are part of the journey. Scripture reminds us that difficulties are not interruptions in God's plan but essential elements of it. St. Paul encourages us today in the Acts of the Apostles: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

Problems shape us, transforming our character and preparing us for greater challenges ahead. Like marathon runners training for race day, we face today's difficulties in building the strength and faith needed for tomorrow. Jesus himself exemplified this in his Passion, facing the worst day of his life with unwavering love and purpose.

“ *My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.* ”
—John 13:33a, 34



Jesus Teaching, AI generated (Adobe Stock)

The Christian life calls us not to avoid troubles but to embrace them with trust in God's presence. In moments of difficulty, remember: You have not been abandoned. God is with you, using

even the hardest moments to transform you into the person he created you to be. With love as your guide, you can face each challenge, becoming your best self—even on the hardest days.

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 Give a teacher a thank you gift or note.
- ⑥ Pray the Rosary after Mass and offer it up for someone.
- ⑥ Share flowers from your yard with a neighbor or teacher.
- ⑥ Visit a local farmers' market.
- ⑥ Send a note of encouragement to a priest in your life.
- ⑥ Have a patio party for family or friends.
- ⑥ Let someone merge in traffic.
- ⑥ Find out if you can volunteer for Vacation Bible School.
- ⑥ Consider volunteering at Catholic Charities' new Serve and Lift Center on Longview Road or the new Blessings Abound store at 13637 Washington Street.
- ⑥ Mail a postcard to someone while you are on vacation.



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!**

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal
 816-942-5581 STMKCSCHOOL.ORG



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.

Summer Book Series - Birth - A Guide for Prayer

Two offerings: June 19 - August 7

Thursdays, 10-11am or Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm

This summer, Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate, is offering two group sessions for journeying with the book *Birth - A Guide for Prayer*. The book follows the format of daily reflections for six weeks:

"The meditations invite contemplation of the earthly life of Jesus, from his incarnation through his public ministry," with the intent to "know, love and follow Jesus more closely" in our daily lives. We will get together as a group to discuss our journey with the meditations.

Please RSVP to Peggy, peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210, or by Friday, June 6, so books can be ordered. Groups are limited to 12 members per session.

Parish Calendar of Events

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 20 - 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

Mon., May 26 - Memorial Day

Parish Office closed

Tue., May 27 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library

Thu., May 29 - Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Church

Sat., May 31 - 8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal, 9am

Sat.-Sun., May 31-June 1 - Monthly Food Drive

School Office Hours

May 21 (Wed.) - closed after 10:30am dismissal

May 22 (Thu.) - closed for training

May 23 (Fri.) - open 7:30-11:30am

May 27-29 (Tue.-Thu.) - open 7:30-11:30am

June 2-5 (Mon.-Thu.) - open 7:30-11:30am

June 9-12 (Mon.-Thu.) - open 7:30-11:30am

June 13-July 31 - closed

For assistance, email

steffens_christina@stmcyclones.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

Wed., May 21 - Students dismissed at 10:30am for the summer

Mon., June 2 - 8th Grade Confirmation, 7pm

Mon., June 9 - 6th Grade Confirmation, 7pm

Jerseys Available

Feeling nostalgic about the STM School days? Old jerseys are available at the parish office for whoever would like to have one: long ago grads, recent grads, current students. Come, pick one up! If not picked up soon, they will be taken away. Questions? Contact Tim Waris, tim@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x218.



News from St. Michael the Archangel (SMA) High School 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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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.

Diocesan Ombudsman

816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org

Victim Assistance Coordinator

816-714-2357 x516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org



WHERE: STM PARISH
WHEN: JUNE 23- 27. 9AM-NOON
WHO: CHILDREN AGES 6-11
COST: \$20 PER CHILD \$50 MAX PER FAMILY



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:

5/19

8:15AM Bernice Rosewicz†

Tues:

5/20

Wed:

5/21

Thur:

5/22

Fri:

5/23

Sat:

5/24

4:00PM Mary & Larry LeFebvre†

Sun:

5/25

7:30AM Edward Kruger†

9:00AM Our Parishioners

11:00AM Charles Palmentere†

† 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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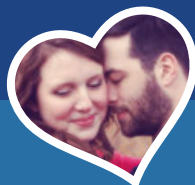


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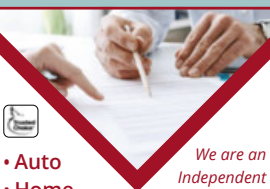
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