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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 Matt Rotert, Pastor  
Father Sam Miloscia, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez

## 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

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School Office 816-942-5581

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School email directory at stmkcscschool.org

SCHOOL TOURS: contact Andy Perkins  
at perkins\_andy@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.



## Catholic Home Missions & Black and Indian Missions Appeal

*Strengthening the church at home*

COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND



see p.3

NEXT WEEKEND

FFTP FOOD FOR THE POOR

www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."  
(Matthew 25:40, NIV)



## A Food For The Poor Clergy Speaker Will Be Visiting Your Church Next Week

Their powerful messages will bring the gospel to life in today's hurting world.

Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor works to end the suffering of impoverished children and families in the Caribbean and Latin America.

# 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, 11am

**Masses are recorded daily;** find them at [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com) or [youtube.stmkc.com](http://youtube.stmkc.com). There have been some issues that are yet to be resolved. Know that we are doing our best to return to recording Masses. Contact Joan at 816-942-2492 x202 or [joan@stmkc.com](mailto:joan@stmkc.com) for questions about the recordings.

## 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

## 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.

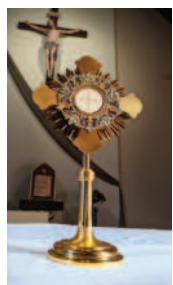
## Church Hours for Private Prayer

Mon.-Fri., 6am-9pm  
Sat.-Sun., 7am-9pm

## Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sunday, Noon-3pm; Friday, 9am-9pm

**Stay practical.** It might not be possible for you to get to your church whenever you feel like it. But maybe you can arrive early for Mass and spend time with Jesus. Or perhaps you could arrange your schedule so that you (and even a spouse, child, or friend with you) can stop in as you're driving past the church. Even a few minutes can change your week for the better.



**To sign up as a weekly Adore-er or as a substitute, visit [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com).**

## January Prayer Intentions

**Bishop Johnston:** For peace and reconciliation among estranged families, within our nation, and between nations.

**Pope Leo XIV:** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Care & Support

### Grief Peer Support Group

**1st & 3rd Wed. (Jan. 21), 4-5pm, Bauman Library**

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.

### Do the holidays have your marriage tangled up?

**Retrouvaille Weekend in KC: January 23-25**

For 47 years, Retrouvaille (retro-vi) has helped heal almost 200,000 hurting marriages. The program teaches practical communication techniques to bring understanding in your marriage and a place of warmth and understanding in your home and family. Call 800-470-2230 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) for more information or to sign up.

## Stewardship

### STM Parish Pledge Drive

**Goal: 100% Participation**

**Received by 12/22/25: 346 pledges (25%)**

### Why should I complete a pledge form?

- **Your pledge helps to set a realistic budget for STM.** So even if you have recurring gifts, your pledge lets us know you intend to continue that contribution through 2026.
- **Your completed form also helps the parish office keep our database current.** Have you changed a name, email address, street address or phone number?
- **Finally, your returned form tells us you are still an active member of STM.** Without a paper trail of some kind, it is difficult to know if YOU are still a member. If we at the parish office can mark in the database that **you have pledged or contributed even \$1 in your name, we will not remove you from our database.**

**If you have changed your pledge**, please be sure to make that change in your contribution, whether online or other method. STM should not keep your financial information. If you have questions about setting up or changing your giving method, contact Veronica, 816-942-2492 x218 or [veronica@stmkc.com](mailto:veronica@stmkc.com).

**STM is moving away from Venmo.** It was not intended to be used for organizations and there are difficulties with using it as we have. The diocese has also asked us to move away from it. If you have been contributing through Venmo, please move to a different method.

**If you contribute online**, please be sure to check your bank or card records to be sure the correct amount is coming to STM.

**Questions?** Contact Veronica Dean-Bonnichsen, 816-942-2492 x218 or [veronica@stmkc.com](mailto:veronica@stmkc.com).

### **Please help STM credit your contribution to YOU!**

Did you know that some bank and stock contributions arrive at STM with no name attached? Before you make a stock contribution, please contact Veronica (816-942-2492 x218 or [veronica@stmkc.com](mailto:veronica@stmkc.com)) or visit [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com). (Click on Stewardship and Alternative Giving to find the stock donation form.) If you contribute by having a bank send STM a check, please instruct your bank to include your name on the check. Thank you!

### **Friday Fish Fry Dinners for Lent**

Do you enjoy the fish dinners at STM? Do you remember the comraderie of parishioners working to provide meals for The Rescue Project, Columbus Day dinners, parish picnic meals, and other events? Do you enjoy serving at Morning Glory or One City Cafe? The Boy Scouts are seeking a little assistance for the Fish Fry dinners this year. If you are Virtus-compliant and want to jump in on the fun, contact Eric Gray at [ericgray@yahoo.com](mailto:ericgray@yahoo.com).

### **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

#### **January 17-18**

Did you know that almost half of the United States is considered mission territory? Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps provide seminary formation for the next generation of priests. Your generosity will also provide catechesis, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States. To learn more, visit [usccb.org/home-missions](http://usccb.org/home-missions).

### **We ALL need prayer!**

Right? Due to complications in tracking those on our sick list, whether parishioners, family members or friends, we are trying other opportunities to get word out about prayer needs.

#### **Privacy Consideration**

As always, whatever path is chosen to request prayers, please check with the person in need of prayer (assuming that is not you!) to be sure it is okay to circulate his/her name for prayer. We want to respect everyone's privacy.

#### **Parish Bulletin**

In the parish bulletin, we will list the names of those who have taken a turn, that things are different for them: an upcoming surgery, a new diagnosis, different symptoms, a fall, etc. Call 816-942-2492 x202 or email [bulletin@stmkc.com](mailto:bulletin@stmkc.com) to add the name for that weekend. They will be listed once. If things change again, submit the name again; it will not automatically be repeated. Those who are in the hospital or who have died will always be listed.

#### **Book for Prayers**

We now have a book in the narthex (on the credenza by the door to the choir loft) where you can list your friends and loved ones for prayers. Please feel free to add their names to the book, first names only, for privacy reasons.

#### **Email Chain**

Another option for prayers is to contact Peggy, Pastoral Associate, at [Peggy@stmkc.com](mailto:Peggy@stmkc.com) to ask for yourself, a friend or a loved one to be added to the prayer chain. If you are asking for someone else, please include that you have received permission for their names to be published in the prayer chain. You may also contact Peggy to be added to the list of pray-ers. Be sure to leave your email address!

### **Please hold in prayer**

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

Carol Schaeffer; Carol Miller

**Current STM families have received the letter below.  
In the spirit of transparency, we share this letter with all parishioners.**

Dear St. Thomas More Families,

As we continue planning thoughtfully for the future of St. Thomas More Catholic School, we would like to share important information regarding our move to a tuition-based model beginning with the 2026–2027 school year.

This decision has been made with great care, prayer, and discernment. Parish and school leadership are committed to moving forward responsibly—strengthening the long-term stability of our school while remaining faithful to our mission. Transitioning to tuition allows our budget to more fully support our students, our dedicated teachers and staff, and the building and school needs essential to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and effective learning environment.

As we prepare for this transition, we want to reassure you of several important points:

- The parish will continue to provide **30% of the Cost of Education (COE) for every student.**
- The parish will establish and support a **tiered system of need-based financial assistance** for families who require help.
- Our goal is a **stable and sustainable financial model** that strengthens programs, supports teachers, and ensures long-term vitality.
- We are committed to moving forward with **transparency, care, and ample time** for families to understand the new structure.
- Most importantly, **every family who desires a Catholic education for their children remains a valued part of STM.**

We understand that change can raise questions, and we are committed to walking through this process with you. We will communicate clearly, listen carefully, and keep our shared mission and Catholic values at the center of every decision.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and continued support of St. Thomas More Catholic School as we move forward together.

With gratitude and prayers,  
Fr. Matt Rotert, Pastor  
Veronica Dean-Bonnichsen, Director of Operations  
Tracy Stewart, Principal

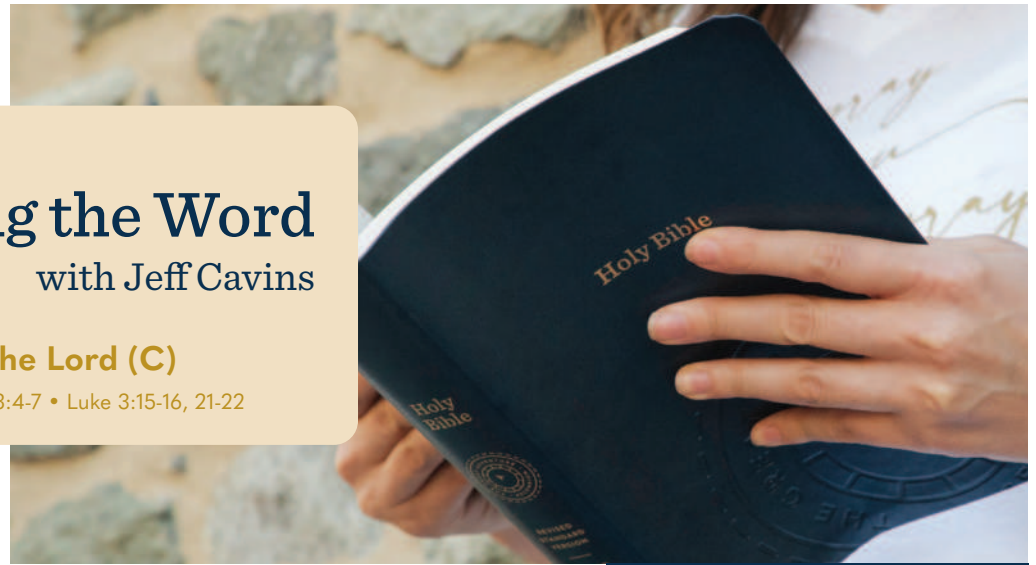
**Note:** Current parents also received a Tuition Information Sheet, which offers a clear overview of our tuition model, information about parish financial assistance, answers to frequently asked questions, and a MOScholars information sheet. More information will be posted in future parish bulletins, particularly for potential new parents and our parishioners who serve as STM School ambassadors.

# Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

## The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 • Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



## Ministry Begins at Baptism

The Gospel reading today describes Our Lord going to the Jordan River, being baptized, and praying, and then the Holy Spirit descending upon him. Then we hear the Father saying in a beautiful way in Luke 3, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Jesus lived for thirty years in a faithful, holy family. He grew in wisdom and stature in the power of the Word of God. To begin his ministry, he makes his way from Galilee to this remote area north of the Dead Sea that, geographically, is the lowest place on earth. It’s as if he’s saying, “I’m going to gather everything together and bring it to the Father,” and that’s what he does in his ministry.

Why does Jesus have to be baptized? Did he sin or need to repent? No. He was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. In his life, the entire story of the Bible is fulfilled. So, he is baptized. Then, while he is praying, the Holy Spirit descends upon him. This is how he started his public ministry. The reason this is so important to you and me is that this is the way we start our public ministry in proclaiming the Good News and living a life that shows people what the Trinity and God’s love are all about.

When we’re baptized, we are forgiven of original sin, brought into God’s family, and equipped with this new life. The Father looks at you and me, saying, “You are my son. You are my daughter.” Jesus went from that river and changed the world. Now, it’s our turn.



The Baptism of Christ by Juan de Flandes

## Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, “The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us in the very first paragraph that God has a plan of sheer goodness, and that plan involves going out and gathering everyone together and into his family. Maybe you don’t know exactly how to tell people about God. That’s where trusting in the Holy Spirit comes into play. Jesus says to simply open your mouth, and the Holy Spirit will give you the words.”

## Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



Or go to:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/feast-of-the-baptism-of-the-lord-c/>

# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

SPENDING TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD  
SUNDAYS FROM NOON TO 3:00 PM AND ON FRIDAYS FROM 9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



*"Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for communion with Christ and the rest of the Church."*

-US Conference of Catholic Bishops  
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion>

A note from parishioner, Bernie Hopfinger

Initially, Adoration is being offered on Sundays from noon to 3:00 PM and on Fridays from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

We currently have about 40 people that have indicated an intent to participate in this ministry. As the number of Adoration Ministry participants increases we will re-evaluate and offer expanded times and additional days each week.

Please spread the word.

When you sign up, you will receive more information and scheduling updates. We will use "We Adore Him" software to organize/schedule/manage our Adoration ministry. This is a very user-friendly tool. See [stmkc.weadorehim.com](http://stmkc.weadorehim.com).

Please let me know of any questions, concerns or suggestions as we move forward and please consider including prayers for religious vocations during your time in Adoration.

Peace,  
Bernie

## SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR

[STMKC.WEADOREHIM.COM](http://STMKC.WEADOREHIM.COM)  
OR CONTACT BERNIE AT 816-536-8313

**eucharisticrevival.org** resources for enriching your encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist  
see Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes Come to Me: How to Make an Hour of Adoration  
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/come-to-me-how-to-make-an-hour-of-adoration>

## Collection for Food for the Poor

January 17-18

Father Brad Smith, C.O. will be visiting next weekend, representing Food for the Poor. He is a member of the Port Antonio House situated in the Archdiocese of Kingston. As such, he is the pastor of Saint Agnes Parish in Portland, Jamaica.

Founded in 1982, Food for the Poor is an interdenominational Christian ministry empowering families and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean with sustainable solutions to break the cycle of poverty. Their work includes ten focus areas: hunger relief and food security; water, sanitation and hygiene; agriculture; community development; education; economic empowerment; health; emergency preparedness and response; outreach to vulnerable groups; child sponsorship. For more information or to make an online donation, visit [foodforthepoor.org](http://foodforthepoor.org).

## Thank You for Christmas!

To everyone at Saint Thomas More who contributed to the Giving Tree this year, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity went far beyond hats, scarves, gloves, comforter sets, gift cards, and thoughtful gifts. For the women we serve, this is often their first Christmas home, a time that can carry deep emotions, uncertainty, and reminders of loss alongside hope. Because of you, that heaviness was met with warmth, dignity, and care.

Your Giving Tree did more than create a beautiful Christmas morning. It wrapped each woman in a tangible reminder that she is seen, valued, and supported by a larger community that believes in her. The love poured into every gift offered a sense of belonging and connection that cannot be overstated. We are incredibly grateful for Saint Thomas More's compassion, generosity, and willingness to stand alongside the women on their journeys. You have made a lasting impact that will be felt far beyond the holiday season.

Samantha Pettus  
Director of Reentry Residences  
Journey to New Life



## Knights of Columbus Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Fri., Feb. 13; Register at 7pm, play begins at 7:30

All are welcome! Proceeds benefit Knights' charities.



Cash Prizes - 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100

Buy-in - \$30 pre-registered, \$35 walk-in.

To pre-register, call 816-213-9375 or email [kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net).

## STM Job Opportunities

STM has posted two parish positions online: Family Life Coordinator and Volunteer/Hospitality Coordinator. Both positions are full-time, with benefits. To apply, visit [kcsjatholic.org](http://kcsjatholic.org) and click on Employment Opportunities at the bottom of the page. Questions? Contact Veronica at 816-942-2492 x218.

## Growing God's Family

### Considering becoming Catholic or want to know more?

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

Topic for January 13: *Reconciliation/Confession - Do I really have to confess my sins to a priest?*

Sessions are open to adults and children, baptized and not, Catholic and not. Journey with other inquisitive individuals who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith! There is no commitment to become Catholic through these sessions. For more information or to sign up, call the parish office at 816-942-2492.

### G.I.F.T. Growing in Faith Together

Tuesdays, 9-10:30am, Bauman Room of More Hall

Men and women gather each week to break open the Sunday readings. All are welcome to join in! Questions? Email Becky at [btturner727@yahoo.com](mailto:btturner727@yahoo.com).

### SPRED

Mondays (Jan. 12), 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall

An adult group for the developmentally delayed meets about every other week to share their faith. Questions? Email [btturner727@yahoo.com](mailto:btturner727@yahoo.com).

### First Reconciliation, First Communion, & Confirmation

If you are seeking to have your child/ren prepared for any of these sacraments and they do not attend STM School, please contact Hayley Shaver at 816-942-2492 x223 or [hayley@stmkc.com](mailto:hayley@stmkc.com).

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

1st & 2nd Sundays (January 11), at 9am Mass

Children through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. For questions or to join the team of adult volunteers, contact Joan Sandford, [joan@stmkc.com](mailto:joan@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x202.

## Living Waters at Saint Thomas More

### Mondays (Jan. 17-May 19), 7-9:30pm, Church

How does Jesus transform our brokenness into a gift to His Church? We can begin by applying His mercy to the ways we fail to love well: our sexual sin, sins against us, giving too much, or withholding ourselves altogether. We will seek wholeness through honest admission of our brokenness. This confidential, in-depth prayer/healing group is for men and women, marrieds, and singles. Email Katie at [kcomiskey@desertstream.org](mailto:kcomiskey@desertstream.org) for more info or to apply.

## Bishop Johnston Interviewed

Check out the interview with Bishop Johnston by The Catholic World Report! (The interview can be found at [catholicworkreport.com](http://catholicworkreport.com), search "Bishop Johnston.") He reflects on the priesthood, his father's late-life conversion, evangelization, Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, and more.

## City On a Hill for Young Adults

**Link:** [kansascityonahill.org](http://kansascityonahill.org)

*City on a Hill is the Catholic young adult apostolate that provides community, inspiration, and formation for young adults in the Kansas City metro area.*

**Tuesdays at the Boulevard**, January 20 - Open door for confessions at 5:30pm, Mass at 6:30. Sacred Heart Guadalupe Parish, 2544 Madison Ave, 64108. Pizza and beer across the street after, for \$20 at Boulevard Brewery.

**KC Underground**, February 19, 7pm at Saint Peter's Parish, 815 E Meyer Blvd, 64131. Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration and reconciliation.

## Parish Calendar of Events

Sun., Jan. 11 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

Mon., Jan. 12 - Children's Choir, 3:15-4:30pm, Choir Loft  
SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D

Green Team mtg., 6:30pm, Huhmann Room

Auction mtg., 7pm, More Hall C

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

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

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

Wed., Jan. 14 - reStart Sack Lunches

STM Serves at Morning Glory Ministries

1st & 2nd Grade Girl Scouts, 3:30pm, More Hall

Fri., Jan. 16 - Men of STM: donuts, 5:45; program, 6:15am

Sat., Jan. 17 - Living Waters, 9am-1pm, Church

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 17-18 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Food for the Poor Collection

Mon., Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Parish Office closed

Auction mtg., 7pm, More Hall C

Living Waters, 7-9pm, Church

Tue., Jan. 20 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library  
OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A

Wed., Jan. 21 - reStart Sack Lunches

Uplift Casseroles, 1:30-3pm, More Hall Kitchen

Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman Library

Thu., Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

3rd Grade Boy Scouts, 6-7pm, Flanagan Hall

Fri., Jan. 23 - Men of STM: donuts, 5:45; program, 6:15am

Sat., Jan. 24 - KC Hospice Breakfast Ministry

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Noon-3pm, More Hall

Sun., Jan. 25 - Catholic Schools Week begins



## STM School

Tracy Stewart, Principal

816-942-5581 [STMKSCHOOL.ORG](http://STMKSCHOOL.ORG)

## School Office Hours

Mon.-Thu., 7:30am-4pm; Fri., 7:30am-3:45pm

## School Dates

Mon., Jan. 12 - Auction mtg., 7pm, More Hall

Tue., Jan. 13 - Home & School mtg., 6:30-8:30pm

Mon., Jan. 25 - Auction mtg., 7pm, More Hall

Tue., Jan. 13 - Home & School mtg., 6:30pm, More Hall

Mon., Jan. 19 - No School

Sun., Jan. 25 - Catholic Schools Week begins

Fri., Jan. 30 - No School

Sat., Jan. 31 - Auction

## STM School Registration: Grades K-8

**MOScholars applications** are available now and can be completed on [brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org). Funds for these scholarships are provided by MO residents who designate their MO tax dollars for private school scholarships.

**In addition**, applications for scholarships awarded from STM sources are expected to be on FACTS January 12-30. (Please contact STM School for web and log-in information.) The application fee is \$45.

*Families are encouraged to complete both applications.*

**Enrollment** is March 2-15 for current students; March 23-31 for new students.

**The registration fee** is \$500/student, non-refundable.

**For more information**, call the school office.

## Football Frenzy Winners

### Week 16 (Dec. 21)

\$500 (131) - Eric Gaughan

\$250 (130) - Amanda Quintanilla

\$100 (127) - Jillian Moore

\$50 (123) - Steven Neppel

\$25 (122) - David Ludwikoski; Josh

\$50 (31) - Dawn Hiatt  
 \$25 (32) - Broderick Hallinan

**Week 17 (Dec. 28)**

\$500 (122) - Jillian Moore  
 \$400 (121) - Tom Mullane; Kathy Smith; Jenny Sterner;  
 Brian Miller

\$25 (120) - Brian Miller; Maria Miliazzo  
 \$50 (26) - Maria Miliazzo; Amanda Quintanilla; Jeremy  
 Allen; Ryan Forret; Jami Pizzichino

**Week 18 (Jan. 4)**

\$500 (116) - Brian LaForge  
 \$350 (114) - Chris Cucar; Anne Alexiou  
 \$75 (113) - Mary Ludwikoski; Millie Mercer; Megan Vo-  
 epel; Anne Alexiou  
 \$75 (13) - Veronica Dean-Bonnichsen; Amanda Quinta-  
 nilla

**STM Annual Auction – Tickets Available Now!**

Our annual STM Auction is fast approaching, and our parish community is invited to join in on this fun and meaningful evening in support of our students and school programs.

Tickets are available now at [stmauction.org](http://stmauction.org). Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 21. We hope to see you there! Let's pack the room and make this year's auction one to remember!



**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.

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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

**Parish Finance Council**  
 Mark Meierhoffer                      Stefanie Bresette  
 Bruce Gregg                              Laura Christopherson

Questions? Email [FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com](mailto:FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com).

**Diocesan Ombudsman** - David Noordeloos  
 816-213-6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org)

**Victim Advocate**  
 816-714-2357 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org)

## 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 David Noordeloos, Ombudsman, at 816-213-6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 816-714-2357 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  
**Dan Garrison**, School Safe Environment Coordinator, [garrison\\_dan@stmcyclones.org](mailto:garrison_dan@stmcyclones.org) or 816-942-5581.

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Mon: 8:15AM Monica Nelson†  
 1/12  
 Tues: **6:15AM Jack McCarthy†**  
 1/13 8:15AM Tom & Margaret Hodes†  
 Wed: **6:15AM Jim Gleeson†**  
 1/14 8:15AM Rosella Yoksh†  
 Thur: **6:15AM Sandy Price†**  
 1/15 8:15AM Anita Wagner†  
 Fri: **8:15AM Andy, LaVonne & Pat Klein†**  
 1/16  
 Sat: 4:00PM Mick Effertz†  
 1/17  
 Sun: **7:30AM Tom Rogers†**  
 1/18 9:00AM Our Parishioners  
**11:00AM Michael Bua†**









† 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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